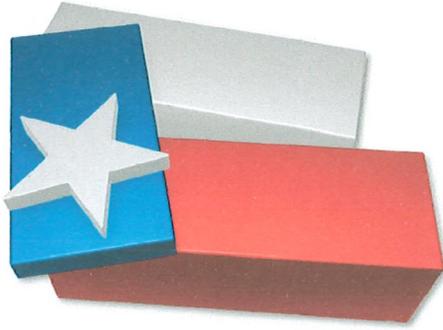


## 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session: An Insider's Perspective

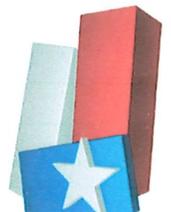


# TML LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

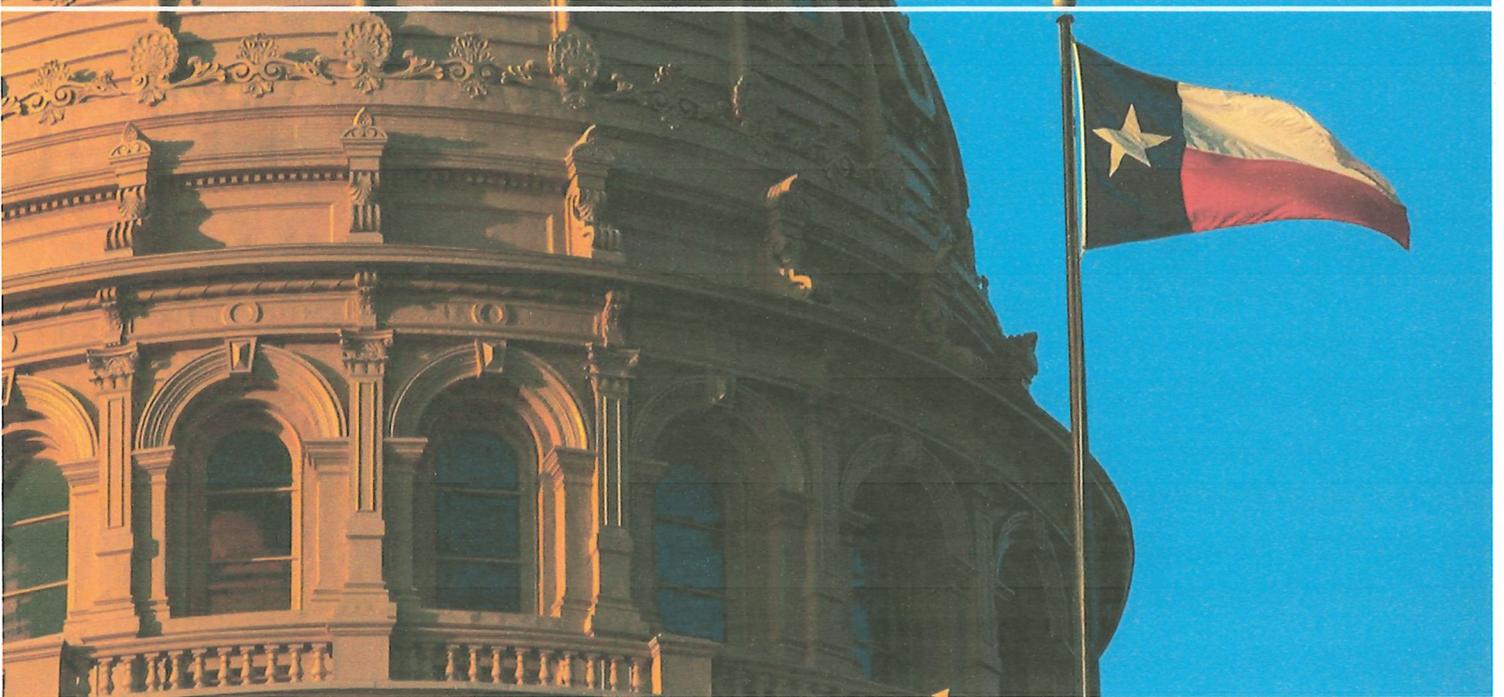
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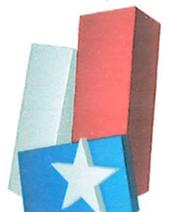


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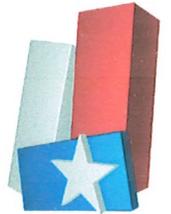
## 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session – By the Numbers

- 9,014 bills and joint resolutions filed - 2,189 tracked bills (24%)
- 1,231 bills passed - 262 tracked bills passed



# Leadership Priorities

- [S.B. 1](#) – Budget
- [S.B. 2](#) – Education Savings Accounts
- [H.B. 2](#) – Public School Funding
- [S.B. 4/S.B. 23/H.B. 9](#) – Property Tax Relief
- [S.B. 7/H.J.R. 7](#) – Water Funding
- [S.B. 9](#) – Bail Reform



## Special Session



# Cutting Room Floor

## **Property/Sales Taxes**

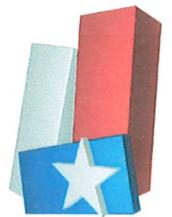
- Lowering Voter Approval Rate
- Super Majority Approval of Tax Rate Increases
- Local Sales Tax Sourcing Changes

## **City Finance**

- Expenditure Caps
- Debt Limitations
- 380 Agreement Changes

## **Land Use/Development**

- ETJ Elimination
- Third-Party Review
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Residential Uses on Religious-Owned Land
- Nonconforming Use



# Cutting Room Floor (Cont.)

## **Super Preemption**

- Expanding H.B. 2127 (2023)
- AG Investigation of City Ordinances

## **Open Government**

- Expanding Public Information Act
- Online Public Notices

## **City Administration**

- Community Censorship



# Cutting Room Floor (Cont.)

## Public Safety

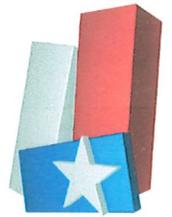
- Firearms on Publicly-Owned Property
- Camping Ban Penalties

## Elections

- Eliminating May Uniform Election Date
- Moving All Debt Elections to November

## Utilities

- Making Cities Responsible for Utility Relocation Costs



## City Finance

# City Finance

## Property Taxes

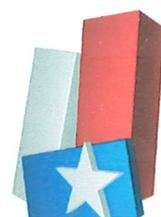
- [H.B. 9/H.J.R. 1](#) – Increases business personal property tax exemption
- [H.B. 30](#) – Disaster tax rate elections
- [H.B. 2894](#) – Disabled veteran tax exemption grant expansion
- [S.B. 1023](#) – Property tax rate calculation forms
- [S.B. 1453](#) – Debt service tax rate calculations

## Debt

- [H.B. 103/H.B. 3526](#) – Local debt databases

## Audit

- [S.B. 1851](#) – Penalties for failure to complete audit

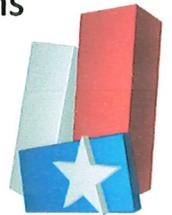


# Land Use



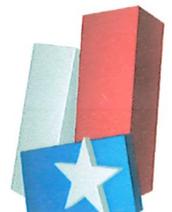
## Land Use – Density

- [S.B. 15](#) – Tiny lots in undeveloped areas
- [S.B. 840](#) – Mixed-use and multifamily residential buildings in non-residential areas
- [S.B. 2477](#) – Converting offices to mixed-use or multifamily residential buildings
- [S.B. 1567](#) – No relationship-based occupancy limit restrictions in certain cities
- [S.B. 2835](#) – Single staircase multistory residential building regulations



## Land Use – Zoning

- [H.B. 24](#) – Zoning protest threshold changes
- [H.B. 4506](#) – Electronic zoning notices, if requested
- [S.B. 785](#) – Clarifying that cities must allow HUD-Code manufactured homes in at least one residential or HUD-Code manufactured home-specific zoning district
- [S.B. 1341](#) – Updating definition of HUD-Code manufactured home to track federal law



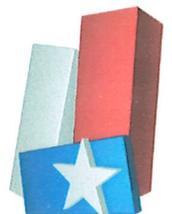
# Land Use – Development

- [H.B. 21](#) – Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) reforms
- [H.B. 2559](#) – Development moratorium limitations
- [H.B. 4753](#) – Duplicate certificates of occupancy
- [S.B. 783](#) – Energy Code exception to building material restrictions
- [S.B. 1106](#) – Publishing PID service plans on city website
- [S.B. 1883](#) – Impact fee limitations
- [S.B. 1948](#) – No agricultural facility fire sprinkler requirements



# Land Use – ETJ/Annexation/Disannexation

- [H.B. 2512](#) – Modifications to S.B. 2038 (2023)
- [S.B. 250](#) – Consent annexation across railroad tracks
- [S.B. 1844](#) – Disannexation of certain areas for lack of city water and sewer service
- [S.B. 2965](#) – Consent annexation of areas within an ESD

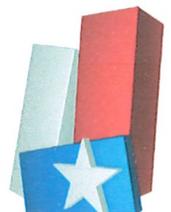


# Public Safety



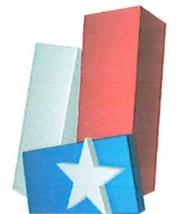
# Public Safety

- [H.B. 33](#) – Uvalde Strong Act
- [H.B. 75/S.B. 9](#) – Magistrate bail requirements
- [H.B. 1261](#) – Unclaimed/abandoned property seized by peace officer
- [H.B. 1950](#) – Municipal court building security/technology funds
- [H.B. 3053](#) – No municipal or county gun buyback programs
- [H.B. 3595](#) – Assisted living facilities emergency preparedness plans
- [H.B. 3611](#) – Increased penalties for bandit signs



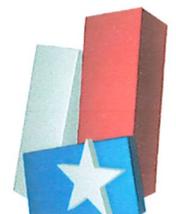
## Public Safety (Cont.)

- [H.B. 3732](#) – Allow FD extension to comply with state fire prevention standards
- [H.B. 5238](#) – Disrupting public meeting or procession offenses
- [H.B. 5509](#) – Suspending hotel COs for suspected human trafficking
- [S.B. 305](#) – Expanding unlawful passing of vehicle offenses
- [S.B. 482](#) – Increased penalties for harassing utility workers
- [S.B. 1957](#) – Civilian oversight board membership requirements
- [S.B. 2284](#) – Archery equipment regulations



## Public Safety – Code Enforcement

- [H.B. 4765](#) – Code enforcement officer licensing requirements
- [S.B. 1376](#) – Code enforcement officers in training
- [S.B. 304](#) – Municipal court jurisdiction over civil code enforcement efforts



## Public Safety - Personnel

- [H.B. 35](#) – First responder peer support network services
- [H.B. 198](#) – Periodic cancer screenings for firefighters
- [H.B. 331](#) – Expanding first responder disease presumption
- [H.B. 2713](#) – Civil service repeal limitations
- [H.B. 4144](#) – Expanded disease benefits for retired first responders
- [H.B. 5424](#) – Voluntary firefighter pay caps
- [S.B. 777](#) – Municipal collective bargaining process
- [S.B. 1637](#) – Peace officer liability for deadly conduct
- [S.B. 2570](#) – Peace officer liability for less-lethal conduct



## Public Safety – New Funding

- [H.B. 2217](#) – Grants for bullet-resistant police vehicles/equipment
- [H.B. 4264](#) – Grants for peace officers with master proficiency certificate
- [S.B. 868](#) – Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program
- [S.B. 2177](#) – Grants for violent/sexual offense case assistance



# Open Government and Elections



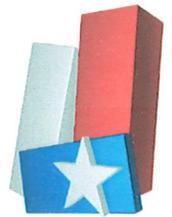
## Open Government – Open Meetings Act

- [H.B. 1522](#) – Public meeting notice requirements
- [H.B. 3112](#) – Confidentiality of cybersecurity discussions
- [H.B. 3711](#) – Open Meetings Act offenses
- [S.B. 710](#) – P&Z can use electronic message board
- [S.B. 1062](#) – Digital newspaper for public notices



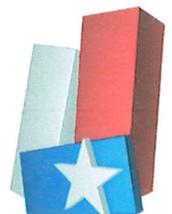
# Open Government – Public Information Act

- [H.B. 1893](#) – License plate video not confidential
- [H.B. 2788/S.B. 765](#) – Fraud detection and deterrence exceptions
- [H.B. 4214](#) – PIA address reporting requirements
- [H.B. 4219](#) – PIA response requirements
- [H.B. 4310](#) – Councilmember right of access to public information
- [H.B. 5081](#) – Judicial employee personal information is confidential
- [S.B. 1540](#) – Election worker personal information is confidential



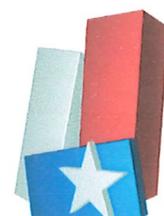
## Elections

- [H.B. 640](#) – Election authority hours
- [H.B. 2253](#) – Canceling bond elections
- [S.B. 506](#) – SOS ballot language review
- [S.B. 1025](#) – “THIS IS A TAX INCREASE” ballot language
- [S.B. 1494](#) – Changing from May to November election date

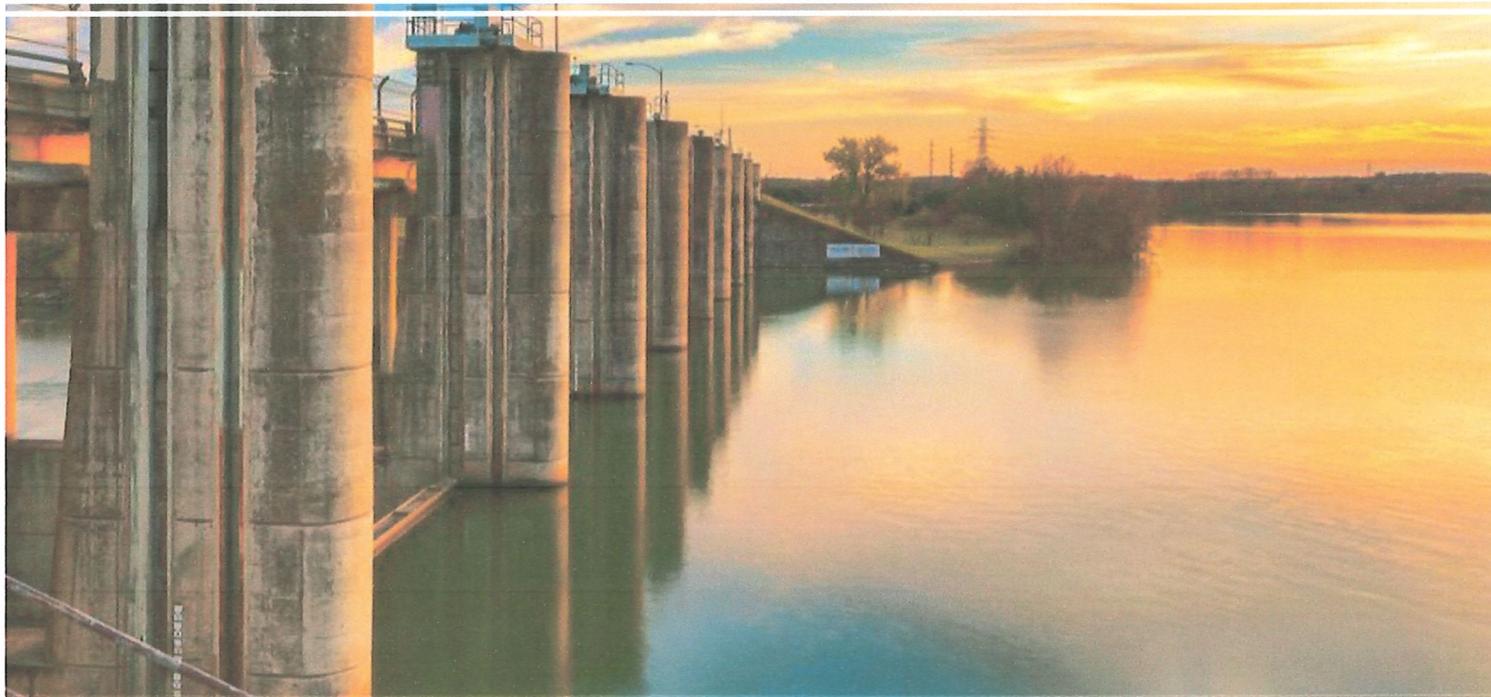


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- [S.B. 2166](#) – Electronic voting machine testing
- [S.B. 2216](#) – Securing electronic voting machines/equipment
- [S.B. 2217](#) – Post-election reporting requirements
- [S.B. 2753](#) – Election time, place, and manner regulations
- [S.B. 2964](#) – Opportunity to cure early voting ballot defects



## Utilities and Environment



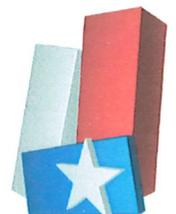
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- [H.B. 29](#) – Water loss reporting requirements
- [H.B. 685](#) – Water/sewer rates for tax-exempt entities
- [H.B. 1318](#) – CCNs in annexed areas
- [H.B. 1584](#) – Electric utility priority facility list
- [H.B. 1690](#) – Transferring groundwater requirements
- [H.B. 3010](#) – Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Program
- [H.B. 3866](#) – Bulk recycling facility site limitations
- [H.B. 4341](#) – Critical infrastructure facility emergency response maps



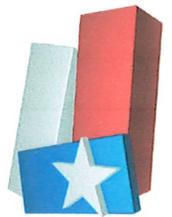
## Utilities and Environment (cont.)

- [S.B. 7/H.J.R. 7](#) – Texas Water Fund
- [S.B. 480](#) – Water planning interlocal agreements
- [S.B. 763](#) – Concrete batch plant permit review and renewal
- [S.B. 924](#) – Franchise fees and streaming services
- [S.B. 1202](#) – Third-party backup power system review
- [S.B. 1252](#) – Local backup power system regulations



## Utilities and Environment (cont.)

- [S.B. 1261](#) – Financing water supply projects
- [S.B. 1566](#) – Connecting utilities in ETJ release areas
- [S.B. 1662](#) – Public drinking water testing notice
- [S.B. 1664](#) – Electric utility rate change notice
- [S.B. 1789](#) – Repairing electric service facilities after disaster
- [S.B. 2351](#) – Limitations on expanding concrete batch plant permits

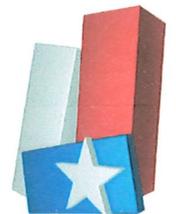


## City Administration



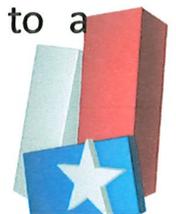
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- [H.B. 149](#) – AI regulations
- [H.B. 150](#) – Cybersecurity training requirements
- [H.B. 223](#) – City lobbying services subject to competitive bidding requirements
- [H.B. 303](#) – Changing from a Type A/B city to a Type C city
- [H.B. 762/S.B. 2237](#) – Severance pay limitations
- [H.B. 2464](#) – Home-based business regulations
- [S.B. 541](#) – Cottage food production regulations
- [H.B. 2731](#) – Roadside vendor regulations in certain counties
- [H.B. 2844](#) – Food truck regulations



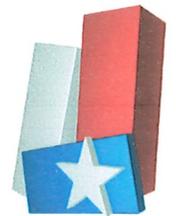
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- [H.B. 3005](#) – Public construction contract disputes
- [H.B. 3512](#) – AI training requirements
- [H.B. 4163](#) – No ROW mowing requirements for agricultural operations
- [H.B. 4215](#) – Delivery network company regulations
- [H.B. 5057](#) – Solid waste franchise agreement limitations
- [S.B. 541](#) – Cottage food production regulations
- [S.B. 599](#) – Local child-care facility regulation limitations
- [S.B. 617](#) – Public hearing requirement to convert property to a homeless shelter
- [S.B. 687](#) – Liability in public land surveyor contracts



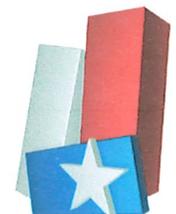
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- [S.B. 1035](#) – Injunctive relief for agricultural operation violations
- [S.B. 1119](#) – Water park liability
- [S.B. 1173](#) – Competitive bidding threshold raised to \$100,000
- [S.B. 1188](#) – Electronic health records requirements
- [S.B. 1555](#) – Railroad grade separation project grant funding
- [S.B. 1901](#) – Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund requirements
- [S.B. 1964](#) – Governmental AI data management requirements



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