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## **BUSINESS LAW SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**February 27, 2015**

The Republican leadership this week showed an intent to follow up on promises to cut taxes through measures decreasing both property and franchise taxes. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson announced that the chamber's plan would cut taxes by \$4.6 billion, by a combination of property and business tax slashes. The plan would increase the homestead exemption to 25 percent (incorporating future adjustments based on median home values), a permanent franchise tax reduction of 15 percent, as well as lifting the franchise tax exemption from \$1 million in revenue to \$4 million. The Senate Finance Committee intends to hear tax-related bills next week.

*The BLS is tracking legislation in ten (10) general subject-matter categories. Periodic updates will come in two parts, the first part, below, is a summary of the categories. The second part contains a detailed list of all bills being tracked within the categories.*

### **A -- Section Prepared Bills**

Bills in this category are proposed by the Texas Business Law Foundation ("TBLF"). The TBLF's suggested support legislative package includes legislation in the following areas:

#### **Business Organization Code – Corporations**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting corporations and fundamental business transactions developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee. The legislation remains in the TLC formatting stage.

#### **Business Organization Code – Partnerships and LLCs**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting partnerships and limited liabilities companies developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee. The TLC filing packet was received and bills will be filed in the House by Rep. Oliviera and in the Senate by Sen. Eltife.

#### **Uniform Commercial Code**

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a “particular series of an entity” in Chapter 1 of the Business and Commerce Code. The legislation remains in the TLC formatting stage.

## **B -- Business Courts**

### **Chancery Court**

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. Discussions with prospective Senate sponsors continue.

## **C -- Business Entities**

### **LLCs Charging Order**

[SB 433](#) (Burton) – Amends the BOC code to make section 101.112, relating to member’s membership interest subject to a charging order, applicable to both single-member limited liability companies and multiple-member limited liability companies.

### **Business Trusts**

Rep. Gary Elkins has asked for TBLF assistance in drafting legislation regarding business purpose trusts. The current draft of the bill prepared by the Legislative Council would amend Section 101.003 of the Property Code to permit a settlor of an express trust to designate the trust as a “business purpose trust” in the trust instrument so that the trust can be considered a “legal organization” for all purposes. Discussions continue with Rep. Elkins.

## **D -- UCC**

Awaiting the filing of additional bills and identification as to relevancy.

## **E -- Securities**

Awaiting the filing of additional bills and identification as to relevancy.

## **F -- Financial Institutions**

Awaiting the filing of additional bills and identification as to relevancy.

## **G -- Business Liability**

### **Human Trafficking**

[HB 968](#) (Hernandez) – Applies to certain legal entities under the BOC and would make a shareholder or member of an entity jointly liable under Sec. 98.002 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code for damages arising from trafficking of a person if the shareholder or member caused or had knowledge of the entity to be used for trafficking. The bill is modeled after Section 21.223 (b) of the Business and Commerce Code regarding existing lawsuit liability for shareholders in fraud cases. The bill’s sponsor has indicated a willingness to consider revisions to the language of the bill and communications continue to address concerns.

## H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

### **Power of Attorney**

We anticipate that a package of POA amendments prepared by the REPTL section will be filed. Discussions with REPTL representatives are underway.

## I -- Taxation and Related Topics

Reducing business taxes is one of the top issues of the Republican leadership.

### **Franchise Tax**

[SB 7](#) (Nelson)—would permanently reduce the franchise tax rate to 0.85 percent for most taxpayers and 0.425 percent for retailers and wholesalers.

[SB 8](#) (Schwertner)—would increase the franchise tax exemption to businesses earning \$4 million or less in total annual revenue.

### **Occupation Tax**

[SB 765](#) (Eltife)—repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys.

## J -- Choice of Law



### **Application of Foreign and International Law**

Efforts to restrict the impact in Texas courts of certain perceived repugnant foreign laws or doctrines, or so called “Anti-Sharia” laws, continue. Several bills have been filed impacting foreign judgment enforcement, and contractual choice of law and venue provisions.

[HB 562](#) (Leach)/ [SB 531](#) (Campbell)—narrows the application to marriages, suits for dissolution of a marriage and suits relating to a parent-child relationship. The House bill has been referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee and the Senate bill has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

# **SBOT BUSINESS LAW SECTION LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT**

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**A - Section Prepared**

**B - Business Courts**

HB 1603 Villalba, Jason(R) Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Filed

**C - Business Entities**

HB 1029 Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
2- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 01-28-15 H Filed

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HB 1120 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to creation of entities affiliated with a church organized as a nonprofit corporation.

**Bill History:** 02-04-15 H Filed

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HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F)(R) Relating to service of process in this state.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Filed

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SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** HB 1029 Wray, John (F) (Identical)  
1-28-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 433 Burton, Konni (F)(R) Relating to a membership interest in a limited liability company subject to a charging order.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 500 Burton, Konni (F)(R) Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**D - UCC**

**E - Securities**

HB 870 Smith, Wayne(R) Relating to the investment training requirement for certain local government officers.

**Bill History:** 01-22-15 H Filed

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HB 1539 Meyer, Morgan (F)(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalties in certain circumstances for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

**Bill History:** 02-17-15 H Filed

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HB 1560 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to investment options for property recovered in a suit by a next friend or guardian ad litem on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Filed

**F - Financial Institutions**

HB 146 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to requiring photo identification for certain credit card purchases.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 149 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 371 McClendon, Ruth Jones(D) Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by a credit access business for certain military personnel or their dependents.

**Bill History:** 02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 411 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to prohibiting telemarketing calls by a credit access business.

**Bill History:** 02-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 483 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.

**Bill History:** 02-25-15 H Rereferred to Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 704 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 705 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 852 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study and make recommendations regarding the storage of biometric identifiers.

**Bill History:** 01-21-15 H Filed

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HB 1020 Giddings, Helen(D) Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

**Companions:** SB 121 West, Royce (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 01-28-15 H Filed

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HB 1208 Bell, Cecil(R) Relating to lender notice to contractors regarding a construction loan or financing agreement for the improvement of real property and related procedures for

suspending contractors' and subcontractors' performance.

**Bill History:** 02-06-15 H Filed

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HB 1626 Johnson, Eric(D)

Relating to the designation of certain areas as banking development districts to encourage the establishment of financial institution branches in those areas.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Filed

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HB 1628 Johnson, Eric(D)

Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Filed

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HCR 26 Flynn, Dan(R)

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

**Bill History:** 11-10-14 H Filed

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SB 91 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to a restriction on charges charged for certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 92 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to regulation of certain credit services organizations and to certain extensions of consumer credit the organizations obtain for a consumer or assist a consumer in obtaining.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 121 West, Royce(D)

Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

**Companions:** [HB 1020](#) Giddings, Helen (Identical)  
1-28-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 641 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

**Bill History:** 02-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 657 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.

**Bill History:** 02-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**G - Business Liability**

HB 94 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.

**Companions:** SB 753 Garcia, Sylvia (Identical)  
2-24-15 S Filed

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 162 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

**Companions:** SB 152 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 187 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

**Companions:** SB 65 Ellis, Rodney (Identical)  
1-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop



**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 247      Raymond, Richard(D)      Relating to limits on certain actions arising out of attorney's fee agreements.

**Bill History:** 11-12-14 H Filed

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HB 610      Davis, Sarah(R)      Relating to the statute of limitations for an action on a credit card account.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.026 House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 968      Hernandez, Ana(D)      Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 H Filed

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HB 1515      Canales, Terry(D)      Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports or other credit information of employees and applicants for employment.

**Bill History:** 02-17-15 H Filed

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HB 1777      Giddings, Helen(D)      Relating to prohibiting an employer from accessing the personal online accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Filed

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HB 1799      Thompson, Senfronia(D)      Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Filed

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SB 65      Ellis, Rodney(D)      Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

**Companions:** [HB 187](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)  
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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SB 152 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

**Companions:** [HB 162](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)  
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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SB 753 Garcia, Sylvia(D) Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.

**Companions:** [HB 94](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)  
2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 02-24-15 S Filed

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#### H - Real Estate/Related Topics

HB 703 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.

**Companions:** [SB 462](#) Huffman, Joan (Identical)  
2-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 971 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to requirements governing officers and directors of condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 H Filed

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HB 1239 Walle, Amando(D) Relating to the provision of accounting statements by mortgage servicers for certain

loans secured by a lien on residential real property.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Filed

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HB 1726 Oliveira, Rene(D)

Relating to a study by the consumer credit commissioner regarding payment by mortgage lenders of property tax loans.

**Bill History:** 02-20-15 H Filed

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HB 1936 Oliveira, Rene(D)

Relating to notice by a property owner to a mortgage servicer that the owner intends to enter into a contract with a property tax lender.

**Bill History:** 02-25-15 H Filed

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SB 462 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.

**Companions:** [HB 703](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)  
2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 02-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

### I - Taxation/Related Topics

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HB 79 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in the state.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 193 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 250 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 552](#) Huberty, Dan (Identical)  
2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 321](#) Keough, Mark (F)(R) A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 358](#) Button, Angie(R) Relating to the inclusion of the costs of accepting credit and debit cards in the cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 419](#) Wu, Gene(D) Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 525](#) Riddle, Debbie(R) Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 552](#) Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 250](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)  
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 668](#) Farney, Marsha(R) Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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[HB 850](#) Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [SB 105](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 01-21-15 H Filed

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[HB 1001](#) Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to restrictions on tax and fee benefits for certain private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.

**Bill History:** 01-28-15 H Filed

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[HB 1134](#) Metcalf, Will (F)(R) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

**Companions:** [SB 331](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 02-04-15 H Filed

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[HB 1152](#) Turner, Scott(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [SB 138](#) Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 02-05-15 H Filed

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[HB 1314](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Filed

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[HB 1315](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to temporary permissive alternate rates for the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Filed

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[HB 1316](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Filed

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[HB 1962](#) Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.

**Companions:** [SB 186](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Filed

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[HB 1974](#) Keffer, Jim(R) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to phase out the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Filed

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[HCR 27](#) Stephenson, Phil(R) Urging the U.S. Congress to abolish the current income-based system of taxation and to enact a national retail sales tax, and urging repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment.

**Bill History:** 11-10-14 H Filed

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[HJR 19](#) Meyer, Morgan (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a rate of the franchise tax be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

**Bill History:** 02-17-15 H Filed

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[HJR 80](#) Metcalf, Will (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

**Companions:** [SJR 23](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 02-04-15 H Filed

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[HJR 95](#) Meyer, Morgan (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a franchise tax rate to be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Filed

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[SB 7](#) Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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[SB 8](#) Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 52 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 105 Estes, Craig(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** HB 850 Goldman, Craig (Identical)  
1-21-15 H Filed  
SB 175 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 134 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 138 Perry, Charles (F)(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** HB 1152 Turner, Scott (Identical)  
2- 5-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 175 Huffines, Donald (F)(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** HB 850 Goldman, Craig (Identical)  
1-21-15 H Filed  
SB 105 Estes, Craig (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036, Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 186 Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.

**Companions:** HB 1962 Parker, Tan (Identical)

2-26-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 330      Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)      Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 331      Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)      Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

**Companions:** [HB 1134](#) Metcalf, Will (F)      (Identical)  
2- 4-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 752      Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)      Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SB 765      Eltife, Kevin(R)      Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

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SJR 23      Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)      Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

**Companions:** [HJR 80](#) Metcalf, Will (F)      (Identical)  
2- 4-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
E1.036 Senate Finance

**J - Choice of Law**

HB 562      Leach, Jeff(R)      Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a



marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

**Companions:** [SB 531](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 670](#) Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 828](#) Zedler, Bill(R)

Relating to the application of foreign and international laws and doctrines in this state and requiring a court of this state to uphold and apply certain laws, including the doctrine requiring courts to refrain.

**Bill History:** 02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 899](#) Fallon, Pat(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in certain family law proceedings.

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[SB 531](#) Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

**Companions:** [HB 562](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)  
2-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs