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**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
**STATE BAR OF TEXAS**  
**TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**March 6, 2015**

The Legislature welcomed three new State Representatives and one Senator this week as a result of a slew of special elections to fill seats vacated by members who sought other offices.

Former State Representative Jose Menendez (D-San Antonio) was sworn into the Senate, taking the place of Leticia Van de Putte, who resigned to run for mayor of San Antonio. She will face former State Representative Mike Villarreal, who also resigned to run for mayor. After winning the special election for Villarreal's former seat, Rep. Diego Bernal (D-San Antonio) took the oath of office in the House of Representatives, along with Rep. John Cryrier (R-Lockhart) who took the place of Tim Kleinschmidt, now at the Agriculture Commission, and Rep. Leighton Schubert (R-Caldwell), who won the special election for Senator Lois Kolkhorst's House seat. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) ran and won the Senate seat of Comptroller Glen Hegar.

The Senate passed the first bill of the session, which addressed transportation funding by dedicating a portion of the motor vehicle sales tax to road construction and maintenance.

Discussions on tax relief continue as the Senate Finance committee held marathon hearings on more than 30 bills addressing mostly property tax relief and the franchise tax.

The 60-day cut off for bill filing is next Friday.

*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.

[HB 2142](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 860](#) (Eltime)—Filed in both the House and the Senate. A committee substitute with minor corrections is being prepared by TLC. Senate B&C is set to hear SB 860 on March 10 at 9 a.m. Lori Ann Fox and Greg Odegaard are expected to appear as witnesses on behalf of TBLF. Carmen Flores will appear on behalf of the Secretary of State's office.

### **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.

[HB 2144](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 859](#) (Eltime)—Filed in both the House and the Senate. A committee substitute with minor corrections is being prepared by TLC. Senate B&C is set to hear SB 859 on March 10 at 9 a.m. Lori Ann Fox, Greg Odegaard and Carmen Flores are expected to provide testimony on this bill as well.

### **Uniform Commercial Code**

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a “particular series of an entity” which, after numerous discussions with Legislative Council, will be changed to “particular series of a for-profit entity” in Chapter 1 of the Business and Commerce Code. The legislation should be forwarded to our sponsors and filed early next week.

## **B -- Business Courts**

### **Chancery Court**

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. Discussions with various interested industry groups and 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. Referred to Senate B&C.

### **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. Hernandez agreed to accept TBLF language in a committee substitute to better mirror existing state law. Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. Hearing set for March 10.

## **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 continue.

## **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. Referred to Senate Finance and heard on March 3 and 4.

[SB 8](#) (Schwertner)—Would increase the franchise tax exemption to businesses earning \$4 million or less in total annual revenue. Referred to Senate Finance and heard on March 3 and 4.

## Occupation Tax

[HB 2089](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltife)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. The Senate Bill was referred to Senate Finance and was heard on March 3 and 4. TBLF registered in support of this legislation.

## 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

HB 2142

Oliveira, Rene(D)

Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

### Companions:

[SB 860](#)

Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate Business and Commerce

### Bill History:

03-02-15 H Filed

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HB 2144

Oliveira, Rene(D)

Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

### Companions:

[SB 859](#)

Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate Business and Commerce

### Bill History:

03-02-15 H Filed

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SB 859	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 2144</a> Oliveira, Rene (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Filed		
<b>Bill History:</b> 03-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016 Senate Business and Commerce		

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SB 860	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.
<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 2142</a> Oliveira, Rene (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Filed		
<b>Bill History:</b> 03-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016 Senate Business and Commerce		

<b>B - Business Courts</b>
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HB 1603	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.
<b>Bill History:</b> 02-18-15 H Filed		

<b>C - Business Entities</b>
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HB 1029	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to trusts.
<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 387</a> Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 2- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs		
<b>Bill History:</b> 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence		

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HB 1120	Sanford, Scott(R)	Relating to creation of entities affiliated with a church organized as a nonprofit corporation.
<b>Bill History:</b> 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry		

HB 1806	Tinderholt, Tony (F)(R)	Relating to service of process in this state.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-23-15 H Filed
SB 387	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to trusts.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 1029</div> <div>Wray, John (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 433	Burton, Konni (F)(R)	Relating to a membership interest in a limited liability company subject to a charging order.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 500	Burton, Konni (F)(R)	Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
<div>D - UCC</div>		
<div>E - Securities</div>		
HB 870	Smith, Wayne(R)	Relating to the investment training requirement for certain local government officers.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	02-18-15 H Filed
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<b>F - Financial Institutions</b>
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HB 146	Menendez, Jose(D)	Relating to requiring photo identification for certain credit card purchases.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	03-10-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.016 House Business and Industry
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HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
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<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
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**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:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Transparency and Operation

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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:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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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:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 1333      Naishtat, Elliott(D)      Relating to a request for a customer record of a financial institution for guardianship purposes.

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

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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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HB 2166      Flynn, Dan(R)      Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Filed

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HB 2273      Turner, Chris(D)      Relating to a contract or other agreement between certain governmental entities and a credit services organization or credit access business.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Filed

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HB 2394      Darby, Drew(R)      Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.

**Companions:** SB 926      Creighton, Brandon (F)      (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Filed

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 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:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility

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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)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**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:** 03-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016 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:** 03-10-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.016 Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 875      Eltife, Kevin(R)      Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

**Companions:** [HB 2534](#)      Parker, Tan      (Identical)  
3- 6-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 899      Eltife, Kevin(R)      Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Filed

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SB 926      Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)      Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.

**Companions:** [HB 2394](#)      Darby, Drew      (Identical)  
3- 5-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 S Filed

**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)  
3- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**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:** 03-10-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.016 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:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 610	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to the statute of limitations for an action on a credit card account.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 H Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 968	Hernandez, Ana(D)	Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-10-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.026 House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-17-15 H Filed
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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-23-15 H Filed
HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-23-15 H Filed
HB 2183	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 H Filed
SB 65	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 187</div> <div>Thompson, Senfronia</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-10-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.016, House Business and Industry</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
SB 152	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 162</a>	Gonzalez, Mary	(Identical)
		2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry	
<b>Bill History:</b>	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.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 94	Gonzalez, Mary	(Identical)
		2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry	
<b>Bill History:</b>	03-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop		

<b>H - Real Estate/Related Topics</b>
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[HB 703](#)      [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#)      Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.

<b>Companions:</b>	SB 462	Huffman, Joan	(Identical)
		3- 9-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Senate Chamber, Senate State Affairs	
<b>Bill History:</b>	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:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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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:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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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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HB 2207 Keffer, Jim(R)

Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Filed

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HB 2418 Wray, John (F)(R)

Relating to decedents' estates.

**Companions:** SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
3- 5-15 S Filed

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Filed

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HB 2428 Wray, John (F)(R)

Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.

**Companions:** SB 994 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
3- 5-15 S Filed

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 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:** 03-09-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m.,  
Senate Chamber Senate State Affairs

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SB 994      Rodriguez, Jose(D)      Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.

**Companions:**   [HB 2428](#)   Wray, John (F)      (Identical)  
3- 5-15 H Filed

**Bill History:**   03-05-15 S Filed

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SB 995      Rodriguez, Jose(D)      Relating to decedents' estates.

**Companions:**   [HB 2418](#)   Wray, John (F)      (Identical)  
3- 5-15 H Filed

**Bill History:**   03-05-15 S Filed

<b>I - Taxation/Related Topics</b>
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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- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance  
[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

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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- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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- 3-15 S Committee action pending 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

HB 2089 Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

**Companions:** SB 765 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending  
Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 02-27-15 H Filed

HB 2111 Sheets, Kenneth(R)

Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Filed

HB 2114 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.

**Companions:** SB 752 Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending  
Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Filed

HB 2331 Metcalf, Will (F)(R)

Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** SB 330 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending  
Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 H Filed

HB 2456 Schubert, Leighton (F)(R)

Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Filed

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:** 03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility

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- 3-15 S Committee action pending  
Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Appropriations

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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:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending  
Senate Finance

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

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending  
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)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means  
SB 175 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending  
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)  
3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending 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)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
SB 105      Estes, Craig      (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending 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:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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

**Companions:** HB 2331      Metcalf, Will (F)      (Identical)  
3- 4-15 H Filed

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending 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.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 1134 Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending 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.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2114 Murphy, Jim (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Filed
<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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SB 756 Taylor, Van (F)(R) Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.

<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
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SB 765 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2089 Darby, Drew (Identical) 2-27-15 H Filed
<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending 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.

<b>Companions:</b>	HJR 80 Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

<b>J - Choice of Law</b>
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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

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