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**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
**STATE BAR OF TEXAS**  
**TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
April 3, 2015

After 18 hours of straight debate and more than 350 amendments, the House of Representatives passed [HB 1](#) the two-year \$210 billion budget plan with a vote count of 141-5. The House leadership did a great job in moving the process forward and keeping the package intact.

The House also passed the supplemental budget, [HB 2](#) by House Appropriations Committee Chairman [John Otto](#), (R-Dayton) which covers more than \$1 billion in gaps from the previous two-year budget that ends in August with surplus revenue.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to vote out its version of the budget to the full Senate this coming week. This will trigger a conference committee comprised of members from both chambers who will meet to reach a compromise version, which both chambers must then approve.

*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”).

**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)—House B&I voted out the committee substitute addressing minor corrections and requested non-profit amendments from the AG.

Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testified for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate B&C previously voted out the substitute.

**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](#) (Eltife)— House B&I voted out the committee substitute addressing minor corrections. Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testifying for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate B&C previously voted out the committee substitute.

### **Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1**

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a series LLC.

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife)— House bill has been referred to B&I and we anticipate a hearing on April 14. Senate B&C voted out the bill as filed.

## **B -- Business Courts**

### **Chancery Court**

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. B&I heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Byron Egan testified on behalf of the TBLF. Former Chief Justice Tom Phillips also testified in support, along with James Sullivan of King & Spalding and Brian Walters of the Walters Law Firm in Austin. Numerous entities registered in support of the bill, including various financial and business associations. Fifteen trial lawyer generated witnesses testified against the bill and continue to wage a strong campaign to defeat the bill. Also opposed are the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Family Law Foundation. The bill remains pending in committee. Support efforts and communications continue.

## **C -- Business Entities**

### **Trusts**

[HB 3762](#) (Elkins)—Amends 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 and treated as a business trust. Referred to B&I.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltife)—Enforces State Banking Commissioner regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments Committee. Senate Bill passed B&C.

### **LLC Charging Orders**

[SB 433](#) (Burton) – Amends the BOC 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.

### **LP & PA Filing Requirements**

[HB 2891](#) (Otto)/ [SB 1541](#) (Perry)—Adds limited partnerships and professional associations to Comptroller public information report filing requirements currently applicable to corporations and LLCs. Provides a corresponding exemption from SOS report or statement filing requirements. House bill referred to Ways and Means. Senate bill referred to B&C.

### **Service of Process**

[HB 241](#) (Leach)—Provides a method of substituted service of citation through a “social media presence.” Pending in House Judiciary.

### **Business Names**

[HB 2753](#) (Villalba)—Amends Section 5.053 of the BOC to adopt a “distinguishable” business name standard rather than the current “deceptively similar” standard. Conforms to the trend in most states and the MCBA. Supported by the SOS. A committee substitute makes drafting changes and amends Section 5.102, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of reservations of certain names, and Section 5.153, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of certain registrations. Lori Ann Fox testified. Voted out of B&I.

[SB 1973](#) (V. Taylor)—Intended to be Senate companion of HB 2753, but not considered an official companion due to drafting error. Referred to B&C.

[SB 1313](#) (Watson)—Amends section 5.053 of the BOC to permit the use of a notarized consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Referred to B&C.

### **Non-profit Corporations**

[HB 3479](#) (Oliveira)/ [SB 1233](#) (L. Taylor)—Adds new provisions to Chapter 22 of the BOC authorizing distributions of income to non-profit corporation members. House bill referred to B&I. Senate bill referred to B&C.

## **D -- UCC**

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

## **E -- Securities**

### **Crowdfunding**

[HB 1629](#) (Johnson)—Directs the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating crowdfunding in connection with non-profit and government loans for small business and community development purposes. Heard in Investments and Financial Services on April 1.

[HB 2580](#) (Johnson)—Requires the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating online intrastate crowdfunding. Provides numerous restrictions and qualifications. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes an intrastate exchange in which crowdfunding and other federal exempted offerings can be traded. Heard in Investments and Financial Services on April 1 with Carol Mattick testifying.

### **Insider Trading by Public Officials**

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Referred to General Investigating and Ethics.

[SB 111](#) (V. Taylor)—Identical to HB 1539, but not an official companion. Referred to State Affairs.

### **Securities Licenses**

[HB 2484](#) (Schaefer)—Amends Title 2 of the Occupations Code to require state agencies to waive education, training, experience and examination requirements for obtaining an occupational license if an applicant holds a substantially equivalent license in another state. Applies to securities licenses. Referred to Licensing.

[HB 3981](#) (Darby)—Would allow an occupational license holder the choice to have an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings render the final decision in a contested case instead of the head of the agency granting the occupational license. Referred to Licensing.

### **State Securities Board**

[HB 2493](#) (Parker)—Provides for the SDSI status for the State Securities Board as state agency, and adds internal operating requirements and powers. Heard in Investments and Financial Services on April 1.

## **F -- Financial Institutions**

### **Dodd-Frank**

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Set for a hearing on April 9 in the Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

### **Consumer Credit Transactions**

[HB 3094](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1282](#) (Eltife)—Finance Code amendments relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. The OCCC is preparing language to address TBLF and other concerns. House bill referred to Investments Committee. Senate bill referred to B&C.

## **G -- Business Liability**

### **Human Trafficking**

[HB 968](#) (Hernandez)/ [SB 1848](#) (Garcia) – 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 accepted TBLF language in a committee substitute to better mirror existing state law. House Judiciary voted out the bill as amended. Senate bill referred to State Affairs.

## Shareholder Oppression

[HB 3168](#) (Simmons)— Amends Chapter 21 of the BOC to provide remedies for shareholder oppression in closely held corporations, apparently overturning the Supreme Court's decision in *Ritchie v. Rupe*. Referred to B&I.

## H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

### Power of Attorney

[HB 3095](#) (Thompson) –The REPTL POA bill. A committee substitute will contain the addition of a Certification of Power of Attorney, and clean up language regarding the termination of an agent's authority due to dissolution of marriage by divorce/annulment or being declared void. Conversations with REPTL continue. Referred to Judiciary.

## I -- Taxation and Related Topics

Reducing business taxes is a primary issue for the Republican leadership.

### Property Tax

[SB 1](#)/[SJR 1](#) (Nelson)—Increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to 25 percent of Texas home median market value. Also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. Passed the Senate.

### 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 and modifies the “easy file” process by increasing application from \$10 million in total revenue to \$20 million, and by lowering the calculation rate from .575% to .331%. Passed the Senate.

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

### Occupation Tax

[HB 2089](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltife)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. House Bill is pending in Licensing. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in both committees.

## 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 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. House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Leach

indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. 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)  
3-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

**Companions:** [SB 859](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** [SB 1077](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

SB 859 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

**Companions:** [HB 2144](#) Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
4- 1-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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SB 860 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

**Companions:** HB 2142 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
4- 1-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)  
3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**B - Business Courts**

HB 1091 Schofield, Mike (F)(R) Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.

**Companions:** SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
2- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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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.

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.

**Companions:** [HB 1091](#) Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical)  
3- 4-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

### C - Business Entities

[HB 241](#) Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to substituted service of citation through a social media presence.

**Bill History:** 03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 590](#) Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to the creation of research technology corporations by institutions of higher education.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Government Transparency and Operation

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

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[HB 1151](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to sexual harassment protection for unpaid interns.

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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

**Companions:** [HB 3459](#) Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical)  
3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2207 Keffer, Jim(R) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

**Companions:** SB 1384 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Bill History:** 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources

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HB 2534 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

**Companions:** SB 875 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 2753 Villalba, Jason(R) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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HB 2891 Otto, John(R) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

**Companions:** SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 3308 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3459 Schofield, Mike (F)(R) Relating to service of process in this state.

**Companions:** HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 3479 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

**Companions:** SB 1233 Taylor, Larry (Identical)  
3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 3762 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to the designation of a trust as a business purpose trust.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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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

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

**Companions:** HB 2534 Parker, Tan (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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SB 1233 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

**Companions:** [HB 3479](#) Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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[SB 1313](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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[SB 1384](#) [Eltife, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

**Companions:** [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)  
3-30-15 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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[SB 1541](#) [Perry, Charles \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

**Companions:** [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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[SB 1973](#) [Taylor, Van \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**D - UCC**

HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)  
3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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**E - Securities**

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:** 04-09-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House General Investigating and Ethics

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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:** 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 1629 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to crowdfunding portal regulation for the purpose of small business development.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 2484 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the issuance of occupational licenses to certain out-of-state applicants.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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HB 2493 Parker, Tan(R) Related to self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 2580 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to crowdfunding portal regulations.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3425 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the creation of an intrastate investment market for purposes of trading securities issued under the intrastate crowdfunding exemption from federal securities laws.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3723 Workman, Paul(R) Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.

**Companions:** SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)  
3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

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HB 3981 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the final decision in a contested case regarding occupational licensing before a State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judge.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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SB 111 Taylor, Van (F)(R) Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

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

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SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.

**Companions:** [HB 3723](#) Workman, Paul (Identical)  
3-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**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.

**Companions:** [SB 1778](#) Menendez, Jose (F) (Identical)  
3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**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:** 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from 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.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 1791 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on 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 705	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-31-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.014 - 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.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 121 West, Royce (Identical) 1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 1029	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** [SB 387](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
4- 7-15 S First placement on Senate  
Intent Calendar for

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Judiciary and Civil  
Jurisprudence

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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:** 04-08-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR  
ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and  
Financial Services

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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:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House  
Investments and Financial Services

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Investments and  
Financial Services

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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:** 04-09-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR  
ADJ., E2.026 - House General Investigating  
and Ethics

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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- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 2676      Stephenson, Phil(R)      Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

**Companions:** SB 899 Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
3-31-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 2808      White, James(R)      Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3047      Craddick, Tom(R)      Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3094      Parker, Tan(R)      Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.

**Companions:** SB 1282 Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3442      Raney, John(R)      Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

**Companions:** SB 641 Schwertner, Charles      (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3478 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to a breach of system security of a business that exposes consumer credit card or debit card information.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 3536 Landgraf, Brooks (F)(R) Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** SB 657 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3555 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.

**Companions:** SB 1549 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3599 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to the sale of collateral in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

**Bill History:** 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3617 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the establishment of a business investment fund in this state.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3638	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 3811	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a deferred presentment transaction that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 3812	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a motor vehicle title loan that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 3824	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 3873	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the consumer credit commissioner, and the duties of the consumer credit commissioner, including the regulation of credit access businesses.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 4020	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
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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:** 04-09-15 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.036 - 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 387      Rodriguez, Jose(D)      Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** [HB 1029](#)      Wray, John (F)      (Identical)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 04-07-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

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

**Companions:** [HB 3442](#)      Raney, John      (Identical)

4- 1-15 H Committee action pending  
House Investments and Financial  
Services

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Recommended for  
Local/Uncontested Calendar

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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.

**Companions:** [HB  
3536](#) Landgraf, Brooks (F) (Identical)  
4- 1-15 H Voted favorably from  
committee on House Investments and  
Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Recommended for  
Local/Uncontested Calendar

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SB 899 Eltife, Kevin(R)

Relating to the regulation of money services  
businesses.

**Companions:** [HB  
2676](#) Stephenson, Phil (Identical)  
4- 1-15 H Voted favorably from  
committee on House Investments and  
Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 S Recommended for  
Local/Uncontested Calendar

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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)  
4- 1-15 H Voted favorably from  
committee on House Investments and  
Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-09-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Business and  
Commerce

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SB 1282 Eltife, Kevin(R)

Relating to the regulation of consumer credit  
transactions and the regulatory authority of  
the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.

**Companions:** [HB  
3094](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
4- 8-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M.  
OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments  
and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1323      Menendez, Jose (F)(D)      Relating to fees paid to certain credit services organizations in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit.

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1549      Eltife, Kevin(R)      Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.

**Companions:** [HB 3555](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
4- 8-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1650      Eltife, Kevin(R)      Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1778      Menendez, Jose (F)(D)      Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

**Companions:** [HB 149](#) (Menendez, Jose) (Identical)  
2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1791      Ellis, Rodney(D)      Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.

**Companions:** [HB 704](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)

2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.

**Companions:** [HB 705](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)  
3-31-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**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:** 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted 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 Committee action pending 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.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Not heard in committee 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.

**Companions:** SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia (Identical)

3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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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:** 03-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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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:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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



**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2183 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2590 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to providing a remedy for fraud committed in certain real estate and stock transactions.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 2898 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to certain procedures, civil penalties, and remedies under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 3168 Simmons, Ron(R) Relating to remedies for oppression of minority shareholders by directors of closely held corporations.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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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)  
3-10-15 H Committee action pending 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)  
3-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia(D) Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

**Companions:** HB 968 Hernandez, Ana (Identical)  
3-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**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)  
3-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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

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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1726	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to a study by the consumer credit commissioner regarding payment by mortgage lenders of property tax loans.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry
HB 2418	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to decedents' estates.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2428	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 994 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2817	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 3095	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 3316	Miller, Doug(R)	Relating to the provision clarifying the timing of the provision of the Texas Probate Code relating to durable power of attorney.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
SB 462	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 703</a> Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 3-31-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 994	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
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<b>Bill History:</b>		03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
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<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 2418</a> Wray, John (F) (Identical) 3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 1203      Rodriguez, Jose(D)      Relating to exemptions from the applicability of the Texas Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**I - Taxation/Related Topics**

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HB 32      Bonnen, Dennis(R)      Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 1316](#)      Bohac, Dwayne      (Identical)  
3- 5-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 33      Bonnen, Dennis(R)      Relating to the EZ computation of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
HB 321	Keough, Mark (F)(R)	A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
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.						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
HB 419	Wu, Gene(D)	Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence						
HB 525	Riddle, Debbie(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
HB 552	Huberty, Dan(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.						
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	2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means							
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
HB 668	Farney, Marsha(R)	Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.						
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means						
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.

**Companions:** [HB 32](#) Bonnen, Dennis (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

**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:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

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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:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

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[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:** 03-30-15 H Committee action pending  
Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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[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.

**Companions:** [SB](#)  
[1049](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

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[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)  
3-25-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-02-15 H Committee action pending House  
Ways and Means



HB 2331	Metcalfe, Will (F)(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.
	<b>Companions:</b>	SB 330 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 2456	Schubert, Leighton (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 2891	Otto, John(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.
	<b>Companions:</b>	SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 2940	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the determination of compensation for purposes of the franchise tax.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3305	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 3399	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3471	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the taxable entities from which no franchise tax payments are due for a period.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3482	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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:** 04-09-15 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.036 - Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility

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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:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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SB 1      Nelson, Jane(R)      Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 03-26-15 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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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

SB 186	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 1962</b> Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 330	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 2331</b> Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
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>		<b>HB 1134</b> 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
SB 752	Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 2114</b> Murphy, Jim (Identical) 4- 2-15 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-25-15 H Received in the House
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
SB 765	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

**Companions:** [HB 2089](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
3-30-15 H Committee action pending  
Licensing and Administrative  
Procedures

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

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[SB 1049](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) 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.

**Companions:** [HB 2111](#) Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 03-11-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

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[SB 1179](#) [Huffines, Donald \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Business and  
Commerce

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[SB 1541](#) [Perry, Charles \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

**Companions:** [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and  
Means

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Business and  
Commerce

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[SJR 1](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value.

**Bill History:** 03-26-15 H Received in the House

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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)  
3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending 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:** 03-24-15 H Committee action pending 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:** 03-24-15 H Committee action pending 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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HB 3943

Rinaldi, Matt (F)(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 1090](#) Hall, Bob (F) (Identical)  
3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 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)  
3-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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SB 1090

Hall, Bob (F)(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 3943](#) Rinaldi, Matt (F) (Identical)  
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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