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TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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This week marked the end of the period which the House can consider House bills, signaling the demise of hundreds of bills. Democrats dragged out debates to run out the clock on controversial measure that would prohibit the use of state or local funds to issues licenses for same sex marriages. House bills that did not pass the House by Friday are dead unless amended on to another piece of legislation.

The ongoing standoff over tax relief between the House and Senate continues unresolved, though the two chambers are negotiating. House leadership remains in favor of business and sales tax reduction, while the Senate, particularly Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, insist that property tax cuts must be part of the package.

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](#) (Eltife)—SB 860 is pending before the Governor.

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) —SB 859 is pending before the Governor.

Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1

Modifies the definition of a "person" to include a series LLC.

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — The Senate bill passed the House Tuesday. SB 1077 is pending before the Governor.

B -- Business Courts

Chancery Court

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. Judges, TTLA, ABOTA, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel voiced strong opposition. The bill died in Calendars.

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. Dead.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltife)—Enhances Texas Department of Banking regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments and Financial Services Committee. Senate Bill passed the Senate and the House Investments and Financial Services Committee and awaits a setting on the House’s expedited calendar.

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. Dead.

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 passed the House and is awaiting referral in the Senate. Senate bill referred to B&C.

ULEMA

[HB 1799](#) (S. Thompson)—The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act establishes the Legislative Council (TLC) as the official electronic publisher of the Texas Constitution, session laws, statutes, and state agency rules beginning January 1, 2017. The bill requires TLC to verify the trustworthiness of all official electronic documents it publishes and makes the material available for public use. TBLF registered in support. Passed the House and referred to Senate State Affairs.

Service of Process

[HB 241](#) (Leach)—Provides a method of substituted service of citation through a “social media presence.” Texas Process Services Association testified in favor while the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association testified against. Passed House Judiciary but died in Local Calendar Committee.

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. The bill failed on the House floor. Dead.

[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 written consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Passed the Senate and is pending in B&I.

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 passed B&I. Senate bill was substituted for the House bill on the House floor. SB 1233 is heading to the Governor.

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. Passed the House and referred to Senate B&C.

[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. Dead.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes an intrastate exchange in which crowdfunding and other federal exempted offerings can be traded. John Fahy has communicated concerns with the bill to Chairman Parker’s staff. Died in Investments and Financial Services.

Insider Trading by Public Officials

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Passed the House and pending in Senate State Affairs.

[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. Dead.

[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. Dead.

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. Passed the House and awaiting referral in the Senate.

F -- Financial Institutions

Dodd-Frank

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Passed the House and awaiting referral in the Senate.

Consumer Credit Transactions

[HB 3094](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1282](#) (Eltime)—Finance Code amendments relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. Language addressing TBLF and other concerns has been inserted in the bill. The House bill passed Investments and Financial Services and was substituted for the Senate bill on the House floor. Senate bill passed the Senate and was postponed on the House Calendar till May 18.

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 bill passed the House and passed Senate State Affairs. Senate bill, which contains TBLF amendment, is pending in 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*. Heard on April 14 in B&I with TBLF opposition. Rep. Villalba, the TBLF lobby team and Byron Egan met with Rep. Simmons

and Rep. Rinaldi to discuss concerns. Simmons did not move the bill but indicated a desire for continuing discussion. Dead.

H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

Power of Attorney

[HB 3095](#) (S.Thompson) – REPTL POA bill. The TBLF POA working group, Scott Sheehan, Jackie Akins and Cheryl Tangen worked with Kristi Elsom and Craig Hopper of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section and other stakeholders to address concerns. A favorable committee substitute passed the House on the expedited Calendar May 15. Rep. Thompson added an amendment clarifying that the bill is not retroactive and would not affect pending cases.

I -- Taxation and Related Topics

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

Franchise Tax

[HB 32](#) (D. Bonnen)—Provides for an across-the-board 25 percent reduction in franchise tax rates and revises the “easy file” process and form. Passed the House and was referred to Senate Finance.

[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 and pending in House Ways and Means.

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

Occupation Tax

[HB 2089](#) (Darby)/ [HB 7](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltime)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. HB 2089 passed the House and has been referred to Senate Finance. HB 2089 is also incorporated into HB 7 (a comprehensive fee reduction bill) which has also passed the House and passed Senate Finance, where the occupations tax language was stripped. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in all three committee hearings. The measure now is being reevaluated as to fit in an overall tax reduction plan.

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, which approximately doubles the exemption amount. Also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. Passed the Senate and pending in House Ways and Means.

Sales Tax

[HB 31](#) (D. Bonnen)—Lowers the statewide sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.59 percent. Would drop Texas sales tax ranking from 12th highest to 26th. Provides an average benefit of \$127 to Texas consumers. Passed the House and was referred to Senate Finance.

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. Rep. Leach indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment, which was set on the House Calendar for May 14 but not reached. The Senate bill passed the Senate State Affairs Committee. Sen. Campbell has also confirmed that the TBLF carve-out is acceptable.

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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)
5- 6-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 860

[HB 2144](#) [Oliveira, Rene\(D\)](#)

Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

Companions: [SB 859](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5- 5-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 859

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

Companions: SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 05-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 1077

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

Companions: HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 859

Bill History: 05-05-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Companions: HB 2142 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
5- 1-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 860

Bill History: 05-06-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Companions: HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)
5-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1077

Bill History: 05-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

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)
5-18-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-13-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 455

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: 04-29-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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

Companions:

HB Schofield, Mike (Identical)
1091 (F)
5-13-15 H Laid on the table - subject
to call - see SB 455

Bill History: 05-18-15 H Set on the House Calendar

C - Business Entities

HB 7 Darby, Drew(R)
Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions:

SB Nelson, Jane (Identical)
1276
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 05-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Finance

HB 26 Button, Angie(R) Relating to state economic development measures, including administration of the Texas Enterprise Fund, creation of the Economic Incentive Oversight Board, abolishment of the Texas emerging technology fund.

Bill History: 05-05-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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

Bill History: 04-27-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 590	Elkins, Gary(R) Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)	Relating to the creation of research technology corporations by institutions of higher education. Bill History: 05-14-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
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
HB 1151	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to sexual harassment protection for unpaid interns. Bill History: 05-06-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. Bill History: 05-13-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs
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: 05-05-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2207	Keffer, Jim(R) Eltife, Kevin(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: 05-13-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
HB 2534	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

Companions:	SB 875 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 5-19-15 H Set on the Local Calendar
Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2753	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.
Bill History:	04-29-15 H Failed to pass (Vote: N:118/Y: 22)	

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:	05-14-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce	

HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.
Bill History:	05-15-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce	

HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
Bill History:	04-23-15 S Received in the Senate	

HB 3459	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to service of process in this state.
Companions:	HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical) 5- 5-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	

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.
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Companions: [SB 1233](#) Taylor, Larry (Identical)
5-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 05-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 1233

[HB 3548](#) VanDeaver, Gary (F)(R) Relating to the authority of the TexAmericas Center to incorporate a nonprofit corporation for certain purposes and to the tax treatment of such a nonprofit corporation.

Companions: [SB 1563](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5-14-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 04-28-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

[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

[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

[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

[SB 875](#) Eltife, Kevin(R)
Flynn, Dan(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: 05-19-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

[SB 1233](#) Taylor, Larry(R)
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:

[HB 3479](#) Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
5-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1233

Bill History:

05-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 1276](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions:

[HB 7](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)
5-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Finance

Bill History:

03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 1313](#)

[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the names of certain businesses.

Bill History:

05-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

[SB 1384](#)

[Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)

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

Companions:

[HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)
5-13-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History:

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

[SB 1541](#)

[Perry, Charles \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions:

[HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)
5-14-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History:

03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 1563](#)

[Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)
[VanDeaver, Gary \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to the authority of the TexAmericas Center to incorporate a nonprofit corporation for certain purposes and to the tax treatment of such a nonprofit corporation.

Companions:	HB 3548 VanDeaver, Gary (F) (Identical) 4-28-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
Bill History:	05-14-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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) 5-14-15 G Sent to the Governor	
Bill History:	05-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1077	

SB 1077	Eltife, Kevin(R) Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.
Companions:	HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical) 5-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1077	
Bill History:	05-14-15 G Sent to the Governor	

E - Securities

HB 1539	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R) Taylor, Van (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:	05-14-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs	

HB 1560	Hernandez, Ana(D) Ellis, Rodney(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: 05-14-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for
HB 1629	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to crowdfunding portal regulation for the purpose of small business development.
		Bill History: 05-13-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
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
HB 2493	Parker, Tan(R)	Related to self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.
		Bill History: 05-15-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
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
HB 3170	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.
		Companions: SB 1346 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical) 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
		Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 3425	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the creation of a 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

HB 3723	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.
Companions:		<div> SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical) </div> <div> 3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce </div>
Bill History:		03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
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
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
SB 1061	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.
Companions:		<div> HB 3723 Workman, Paul (Identical) </div> <div> 3-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance </div>
Bill History:		03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1185	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to a biennial study regarding occupational licensing requirements.
Bill History:		05-18-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
SB 1346	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.
Companions:		<div> HB 3170 Schaefer, Matt (Identical) </div>

3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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

F - Financial Institutions

HB 146 Minjarez, Ina (F)(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

HB 149 Minjarez, Ina (F)(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

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: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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

Bill History: 05-15-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

Bill History: 05-11-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 704	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
Companions:		SB 1791 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 5-12-15 G Sent to the Governor
Bill History:		05-08-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1791
HB 705	Farrar, Jessica(D) Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
Companions:		SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 5-12-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
Bill History:		05-15-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)
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:		05-15-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
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) 5-12-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:		04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1029	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to trusts.
Companions:		SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 5-15-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee
Bill History:		05-05-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 1333	Naishtat, Elliott(D)	Relating to a request for a customer record of a financial institution for guardianship purposes.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Removed from hearing 04/27/15
- House Human Services

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.
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Bill History: 05-11-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 1628	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.
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Bill History: 05-14-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 2166	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.
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Bill History: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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.
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Bill History: 04-09-15 H Committee action pending House General Investigating and Ethics

HB 2394	Darby, Drew(R) Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
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Companions: [SB 926](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
4-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 05-15-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

HB 2676	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
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Companions: [SB 899](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5-13-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 05-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 899

HB 2808 White, James(R)

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

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3047 Craddick, Tom(R)

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

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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)
5-18-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 1282

HB 3442 Raney, John(R)

Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions: SB 641 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
5-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 641

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: 04-23-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

HB 3536 Landgraf, Brooks (F)(R)
Eltife, Kevin(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)
4-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 05-12-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

HB 3555 Parker, Tan(R)
Eltife, Kevin(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: 05-12-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3638 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3824 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 4020 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.

Bill History: 04-21-15 H Not heard in committee House Business and Industry

HB 4120 Fallon, Pat(R) Relating to money transmissions sent to destinations outside the United States.

Bill History: 05-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HCR 26 Flynn, Dan(R) Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Bill History: 05-15-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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

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: 04-28-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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) 4-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services
Bill History:	05-12-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose(D)
Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to trusts.

Companions:	HB 1029 Wray, John (F) (Identical) 5- 5-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
Bill History:	05-15-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

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

Companions:	HB 3442 Raney, John (Identical) 4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 641
Bill History:	05-14-15 G Sent to the Governor

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) 5-12-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
Bill History:	04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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

Companions:	HB 2676 Stephenson, Phil (Identical) 5-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 899
Bill History:	05-13-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 926	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
Companions:		<div> <div>HB 2394</div> <div>Darby, Drew</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>5-15-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)</div>
Bill History:		04-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1282	Eltife, Kevin(R) Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.
Companions:		<div> <div>HB 3094</div> <div>Parker, Tan</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>5-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1282</div>
Bill History:		05-18-15 H Set on the House Calendar
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:		04-28-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
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:		<div> <div>HB 3555</div> <div>Parker, Tan</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>5-12-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar</div>
Bill History:		03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1650	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
Bill History:		05-20-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
SB 1778	Menendez, Jose (F)(D)	Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

Companions:	HB 149 Minjarez, Ina (F) (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

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

Companions:	HB 704 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 5- 8-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1791
Bill History:	05-12-15 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 1792](#) [Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)
[Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.

Companions:	HB 705 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 5-15-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)
Bill History:	05-12-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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:	05-05-15 S Received in the Senate

[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: 04-27-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

[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: 05-06-15 H Reconsidered and spread on the journal

[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

[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

[HB 968](#) Hernandez, Ana(D)
Garcia, Sylvia(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)
4-27-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 05-14-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

[HB 969](#) King, Ken(R) Relating to the availability and use of certain evidence in connection with an award of exemplary damages.

Companions: [SB 735](#) Fraser, Troy (Identical)
5-14-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

Bill History: 05-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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: 04-28-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

HB 1692 Sheets, Kenneth(R)
Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the doctrine of forum non conveniens

Companions: SB 1942 Huffman, Joan (Identical)
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 05-18-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs

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: 05-14-15 H Failed to pass to third reading (Vote: N: 89/Y: 51)

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

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

Bill History: 05-07-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

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

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

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

SB 65 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

Companions: [HB 187](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)
5- 6-15 H Reconsidered and spread on the journal

Bill History: 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.

Companions: [HB 162](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)
4-27-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

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

SB 735 Fraser, Troy(R)
King, Ken(R)

Relating to the availability and use of certain evidence in connection with an award of exemplary damages.

Companions: [HB 969](#) King, Ken (Identical)
5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-14-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

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)
5- 5-15 S Received in the Senate

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

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)
5-14-15 S First placement on Senate
Intent Calendar for

Bill History: 04-27-15 S Committee action pending
Senate State Affairs

[SB 1942](#) Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the doctrine of forum non
conveniens.

Companions: [HB 1692](#) Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)
5-18-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M.,
SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State
Affairs

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)
5-19-15 H Set on the Local
Calendar

Bill History: 05-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 971](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to requirements governing officers
and directors of condominium unit owners'
associations and property owners'
associations.

Bill History: 04-28-15 H Reported from committee as
substituted 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.

Bill History: 05-06-15 H Sent to the Calendars
Committee

[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: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 1918 Kuempel, John(R) Relating to the Texas Real Estate Commission and the regulation of certain real estate professionals.

Companions: SB 699 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5- 1-15 H Voted favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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: 05-07-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 2418 Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to decedents' estates.

Companions: SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
5-19-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026, House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 2428 Wray, John (F)(R)
Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.

Companions: SB 994 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 05-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

HB 2817 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.

Bill History: 04-07-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

HB 3095	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.
	Bill History:	05-15-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)
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.
	Bill History:	05-15-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:128/N: 1)
SB 462	Huffman, Joan(R) Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.
	Companions:	HB 703 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar
	Bill History:	05-19-15 H Set on the Local Calendar
SB 699	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to the Texas Real Estate Commission and the regulation of certain real estate professionals.
	Companions:	HB 1918 Kuempel, John (Identical) 3-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures
	Bill History:	05-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
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) 5-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs
	Bill History:	03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 995	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to decedents' estates.
	Companions:	HB 2418 Wray, John (F) (Identical) 3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 05-19-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR
ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil
Jurisprudence

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

Bill History: 05-19-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

SB 1760 Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the transparent and equitable
application of ad valorem taxation
procedures.

Bill History: 05-12-15 H Committee action pending House
Ways and Means

I - Taxation/Related Topics

HB 7 Darby, Drew(R)
Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use
of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and
accounts.

Companions: SB
1276 Nelson, Jane (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 05-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee
as substituted Senate Finance

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: 05-06-15 S Referred to Senate Committee
on Senate Finance

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

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

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

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

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

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

HB 419 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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
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
HB 850	Goldman, Craig(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 105</div> <div>Estes, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</div> </div> <div> <div>SB 175</div> <div>Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)</div> <div>1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
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
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:	<div> <div>SB 331</div> <div>Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 1152	Turner, Scott(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 138</div> <div>Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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
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
HB 1316	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis (Identical) 5- 6-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
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
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
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:	04-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance
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)

		5-19-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010, House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
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) 5-15-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	05-14-15 H Bill pronounced dead by procedural action
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:	03-16-15 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.
	Bill History:	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.
	Companions:	SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	05-14-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
HB 2940	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the determination of compensation for purposes of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	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.

Bill History: 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

HB 3399 Stephenson, Phil(R) Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending 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.

Bill History: 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

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: 05-05-15 H Reported favorably from 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: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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

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: 05-12-15 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means

SB 7 Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 05-12-15 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means

SB 8 Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

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

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

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

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

[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.

Companions:	HB 1962 Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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

Companions:	HB 2331 Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
Bill History:	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.

Companions:	HB 1134 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

SB 752	Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.
	Companions:	<div>HB 2114 Murphy, Jim (Identical)</div> <div>5-14-15 H Bill pronounced dead by procedural action</div>
	Bill History:	05-15-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means
SB 756	Taylor, Van (F)(R)	Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 765	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.
	Companions:	<div>HB 2089 Darby, Drew (Identical)</div> <div>4-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance</div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
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:	<div>HB 2111 Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)</div> <div>3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div>
	Bill History:	05-19-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010 - House Ways and Means
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
SB 1276	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.
	Companions:	HB 7 Darby, Drew (Identical)

		5-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
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SB 1541	Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2891</div> <div>Otto, John</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>5-14-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div>
	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:	05-12-15 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means
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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:	<div> <div>HJR 80</div> <div>Metcalf, Will (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations</div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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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.
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Companions: [SB 531](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)
5-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 05-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 670](#) Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

Bill History: 05-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

[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

[HB 899](#) Fallon, Pat(R) Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in certain family law proceedings.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[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

[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)
5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs

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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