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BUSINESS LAW SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 22, 2015

The tax relief stand-off ended this week as the state's leadership announced a \$3.8 billion tax relief package that includes reductions for business and property taxation. The agreed-upon plan includes a 25- percent permanent reduction in the franchise tax, a \$10,000 increase in the school homestead exemption, and a measure increasing the requirements necessary for taxing units to raise property taxes. The House proposed sales tax reduction was not included.

With less than ten days left in the regular session, the Legislature will work through the weekend as the wind-down phase is in full effect.

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 was signed by the Governor. Effective September 1, 2015.

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 was signed by the Governor. Effective September 1, 2015.

Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1

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

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — SB 1077 is pending before the Governor. TBLF endorsements have been sent.

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. Died in Calendars. Deliberations on next steps 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. Dead.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltife)—Enhances Texas Department of Banking regulation over “state trust companies.” SB 875 is pending before the Governor.

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. 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 passed Senate B&C. 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. 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 passed 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. SB 1233 is pending before 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 passed 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. Dead.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes an intrastate exchange in which crowdfunding and other federal exempted offerings can be traded. John Fahy 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. Dead.

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. 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. 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 referred to Senate B&C.

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 referred to Senate B&C.

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. Language addressing TBLF and other concerns has been inserted in the bill. The House bill passed Investments and Financial Services and was set on the House calendar. The Senate bill passed the Senate and House Investments and Financial Services and was substituted for the House bill on the House floor, but was recommitted to the Investment and Finance Committee.

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. The revised House bill passed the Senate and is heading to the Governor.

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 and was referred to Senate State Affairs, where it remains pending.

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 (.75 percent and .375 percent) 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 percent to .331 percent. Passed Senate Finance. HB 32 will become the primary vehicle for franchise tax reduction. SB 7 and SB 8 will likely not progress.

[SB 7](#) (Nelson)—Would permanently reduce the two franchise tax rates to 0.85 percent and 0.425 percent. 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](#) (Eltife)—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 occupation tax repeal was then added back to HB 7 as an amendment on the Senate floor and passed the Senate. HB 7 likely will get to a conference committee where it will continue to be tweaked in connection with the overall tax reduction package. The Senate Bill remains pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered support for this legislation in all public committee hearings.

Property Tax

[SB 1](#)/ [SJR 1](#) (Nelson)—Increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and provides conditional effect in 2015, so long as the companion constitutional amendment (SJR 1) passes on the upcoming November uniform election date. The provision in SJR 1 that ensured that real property conveyances could never be taxed was deleted. Both measures passed the Senate and are set on House Calendar May 24. These measures become the primary vehicles for property tax relief.

[SB 1760](#) (Creighton)—Requires a 60 percent vote of the governing body of any taxing unit wishing to adopt an increase in property taxes that exceeds an effective tax rate. The bill also addresses property owner and lessee agent designations, electronic signatures on tax forms, refunds, and a statewide list, in descending order, of all tax entity property tax rates to be maintained by the Comptroller. Passed the House and heads back to the Senate for concurrence.

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 annual 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 would offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. The House bill was set on the House Calendar for May 14 but not reached. The Senate bill, however, passed the Senate on Thursday. Sen. Campbell reconfirmed that the TBLF carve-out is acceptable and she would accept it in a House amendment should the Senate bill progress in the House.

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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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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

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

Companions: SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
5-20-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Bill History: 05-20-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Bill History: 05-21-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

HB 26 Button, Angie(R)
Fraser, Troy(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: 05-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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| 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) Garcia, Sylvia(D) | Relating to sexual harassment protection for unpaid interns. |
| | Bill History: | 05-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar |
| 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: | <p>HB 3459 Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical) 3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</p> |
| | 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: | <p>SB 1384 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop</p> |
| | Bill History: | 05-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0) |

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| HB 2534 | Parker, Tan(R) | Relating to the regulation of state trust companies. |
| Companions: | | SB 875 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 5-21-15 G Sent to the Governor |
| 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) Perry, Charles (F)(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: | | 05-21-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce |
| HB 3190 | Villalba, Jason(R) Huffines, Donald (F)(R) | Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions. |
| Bill History: | | 05-21-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce |
| HB 3308 | Flynn, Dan(R) | Relating to the regulation of state trust companies. |
| Bill History: | | 05-20-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce |
| 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.

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)
5-22-15 H Passed on local calendar
(Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

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: 05-21-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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)
5-21-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

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

Bill History: 05-18-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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

Companions: [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)
5-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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)
5-21-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

[SB 1563](#) Eltife, 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: 05-22-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

[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: 05-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

Bill History: 05-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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: 05-22-15 S Voted favorably from 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 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

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

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: 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

SB 1185 Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to a biennial study regarding occupational licensing requirements.

Bill History: 05-22-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

SB 1346 Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.

Companions: [HB 3170](#) Schaefer, Matt (Identical)
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\(R\)](#) [Kolkhorst, Lois \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.

Bill History: 05-21-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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) Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
Ellis, Rodney(D)

Companions: SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical)
5-12-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 05-19-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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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: | 04-22-15 H Removed from hearing 04/27/15 - House Human Services |
| HB 1626 | Johnson, Eric(D) West, Royce(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: | 05-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar |
| HB 1628 | Johnson, Eric(D) Rodriguez, Jose(D) | Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles. |
| | Bill History: | 05-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar |
| HB 2166 | Flynn, Dan(R) | Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses. |
| | 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. |
| | 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. |
| | Companions: | SB 926 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 4-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce |
| | Bill History: | 05-19-15 G Sent to the Governor |
| HB 2676 | Stephenson, Phil(R) | Relating to the regulation of money services businesses. |
| | 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 |

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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: 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) 5-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services |
| | | 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: 05-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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: 05-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

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| 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: 05-21-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce |
| 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)
5-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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: HB 2394 Darby, Drew (Identical)
5-19-15 G Sent to the Governor

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: HB 3094 Parker, Tan (Identical)
5-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1282

Bill History: 05-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

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: HB 3555 Parker, Tan (Identical)
5-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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 Committee action pending 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)
5-19-15 G Sent to the Governor

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: 05-20-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

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: 05-20-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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| 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) 5-22-15 H Passed (Vote: Y: 93/N: 44) |
| 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: | | 05-22-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for |
| 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) West, Royce(D) | Relating to providing a remedy for fraud committed in certain real estate and stock transactions. |
| Bill History: | | 05-22-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - 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: 05-22-15 H Passed (Vote: Y: 93/N: 44)

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)

5-20-15 S Referred to Senate
Committee on Senate Natural
Resources and Economic Develop

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)
5-20-15 S Passed on local calendar
(Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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)
5-22-15 S Placed on the Senate
Calendar for

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)
5-22-15 S Set on the Senate Items
Eligible 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)
5-24-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)
5-20-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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: 05-22-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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| 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: 05-18-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs |
| HB 3316 | Miller, Doug(R) Hancock, Kelly(R) | Relating to the provision clarifying the timing of the provision of the Texas Probate Code relating to durable power of attorney. |
| | | Bill History: 05-22-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate State Affairs |
| 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: 05-22-15 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar |
| SB 699 | Eltife, Kevin(R) Kuempel, John(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: 05-24-15 H Set on the House Calendar |
| 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) 5-22-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0) |
| | | Bill History: 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs |
| SB 995 | Rodriguez, Jose(D) Wray, John (F)(R) | 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: 05-20-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

[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: 05-21-15 G Sent to the Governor

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: 05-21-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

[HB 32](#) [Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) 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: 05-21-15 S Reported from committee as substituted 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: 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

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: 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

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

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)
5-21-15 S Reported from committee as substituted 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)
5-22-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

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)
5-22-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N:0)

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)
Perry, Charles (F)(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: 05-21-15 S Voted favorably from 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

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| 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 | Metcalfe, 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 |

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| SB 1 | Nelson, Jane(R) Bonnen, Dennis(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: | 05-24-15 H Set on the House Calendar |
| 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: | <p>HB 850 Goldman, Craig (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</p> <p>SB 175 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical) 1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance</p> |
| | 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: | <p>HB 1152 Turner, Scott (Identical) 3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</p> |

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** Goldman, Craig (Identical)
850 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means
SB Estes, Craig (Identical)
105 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** Parker, Tan (Identical)
1962 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** Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)
2331 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** Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)
1134 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
Murphy, Jim(R) and the tax on combative sports events.

Companions: [HB 2114](#) Murphy, Jim (Identical)
5-14-15 H Bill pronounced dead by procedural action

Bill History: 05-22-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N: 0)

[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](#) Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

Companions: [HB 2089](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)
4-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance

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

[SB 1049](#) Campbell, Donna(R)
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: [HB 2111](#) Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 05-22-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

[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)
5-21-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

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

Companions: [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)
5-21-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

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

Bill History: 05-22-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

SJR 1 Nelson, Jane(R)
Bonnen, Dennis(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: 05-24-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)
5-22-15 H Received in the House

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: 05-22-15 H Received in the House

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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