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**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
**STATE BAR OF TEXAS**  
**TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**May 29, 2015**

The Texas Legislature will adjourn Sine Die on June 1 after passing a two-year \$209.4 billion budget that now heads to Governor Abbott to sign.

The budget reflects a 3.6 percent increase over the past budget and includes \$800 million for border security, and a \$1.5 billion increase for public schools. Lawmakers left \$6.4 billion in available revenue unspent, and came in \$2.9 billion under the state's constitutional spending cap. The state's \$11 billion Rainy Day Fund, fueled by oil and gas production taxes, remains intact as well.

The Legislature will pass a \$3.8 billion tax relief package for homeowners and businesses, as discussed in previous reports. The property tax relief for homeowners continues to wind its way through the conference committee process. The business tax relief, in the form of a franchise rate reduction, is now pending before the Governor.

Bills to permit licensed Texas gun owners to openly carry guns and to carry concealed guns on university campuses stirred much debate in both chambers. Both bills remain in conference committees, awaiting final approval from both chambers.

The Legislature also tightened restrictions for minors seeking abortions, which now heads to the Governor. A comprehensive public official ethics bill remains pending in conference committee. The statewide texting-while-driving ban is dead.

*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.

[SB 860](#) (Eltife/Oliviera)—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.

[SB 859](#) (Eltife/Oliviera) —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.

[SB 1077](#) (Eltife/Parker) — SB 1077 was signed by the Governor. Effective immediately.

## **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.

[SB 875](#) (Eltife/Flynn)—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/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. Passed the Legislature and heads to the Governor.

## **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 was referred to Senate State Affairs, but did not get a hearing. Dead.

## **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. Dead.

[SB 1313](#) (Watson/Villalba)—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 Legislature and heads to the Governor.

## **Non-profit Corporations**

[SB 1233](#) (L. Taylor/Oliviera)—Adds new provisions to Chapter 22 of the BOC authorizing distributions of income to non-profit corporation members. SB 1233 was signed by the Governor. Effective immediately.

## **D -- UCC**

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

## **E -- Securities**

### **Crowdfunding**

[HB 1629](#) (Johnson/West)—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 Legislature and heads to the Governor.

[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 died 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 died on the Senate Calendar.

### **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. Dead.

#### **Consumer Credit Transactions**

[SB 1282](#) (Elitife/Parker)—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 were inserted in the bill. The bill passed the Senate and House Investments and Financial Services. Ultimately, it was killed on the House Local Calendar.

### **G -- Business Liability**

#### **Human Trafficking**

[HB 968](#) (Hernandez/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. HB 968 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 did not receive a hearing. Dead.

## **I -- Taxation and Related Topics**

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

### **Franchise Tax**

[HB 32](#) (D. Bonnen/Nelson)—The primary vehicle for franchise tax reduction. As amended in Senate Finance, it provides for an across-the-board 20-percent reduction in franchise tax rates and expands the use of the “easy file” rate. Passed the House and Senate. 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 died 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 died in House Ways and Means.

### **Occupation Tax**

[HB 7](#) (Darby/Nelson)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys as part of 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. TBLF registered support for this legislation in all public committee hearings. The House concurred with the Senate amendments to HB 7 and it is heading to the Governor.

## **Property Tax**

[SB 1](#)/ [SJR 1](#) (Nelson/Bonnen)—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 the House, where amendments were adopted. With respect to SJR 1, Sen. Nelson concurred with the House amendments. She did not concur, however, with SB 1, which remains pending in a conference committee. These measures are the primary vehicles for property tax relief.

[SB 1760](#) (Creighton/Bonnen)—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 Legislature and is pending before the Governor.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> highest to 26<sup>th</sup>. Provides an average annual benefit of \$127 to Texas consumers. Passed the House and was referred to Senate Finance. Dead.

## **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 and Senator Campbell agreed to accept 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 but died in House Calendars. Dead.

# SBOT BUSINESS LAW SECTION LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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## A - Section Prepared

HB 2142      Oliveira, Rene(D)      Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

**Companions:** [SB 860](#)      Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
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)  
5-23-15 G Earliest effective date

**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

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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:** 05-23-15 G Earliest effective date

<b>B - Business Courts</b>
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HB 1091 Schofield, Mike (F)(R) Relating to the creation of a special three-  
judge district court.

**Companions:** SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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

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

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

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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:** 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date



<b>C - Business Entities</b>
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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:** 05-29-15 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:144/N: 2)

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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:** 05-29-15 S Senate appointed conference committee  
Conferees: Fraser, Estes, Birdwell, Uresti and Nichols

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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

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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

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

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

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HB 1151      Thompson, Senfronia(D)  
Garcia, Sylvia(D)      Relating to sexual harassment protection for unpaid interns.

**Bill History:** 05-27-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 3459</div> <div>Schofield, Mike (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 1384</div> <div>Eltife, Kevin</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor
HB 2534	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 875</div> <div>Eltife, Kevin</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>5-21-15 G Sent to the Governor</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 1541</div> <div>Perry, Charles (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-27-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R) Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-27-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 30/N: 1)
HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 1806</div> <div>Tinderholt, Tony (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>5- 5-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 1233</div> <div>Taylor, Larry</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>5-23-15 G Earliest effective date</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 1563</div> <div>Eltime, Kevin</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>5-26-15 G Sent to the Governor</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 500	Burton, Konni (F)(R)	Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 875	Eltife, Kevin(R) Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 2534</div> <div>Parker, Tan (Identical)</div> <div>3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 3479</div> <div>Oliveira, Rene (Identical)</div> <div>5-12-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1233</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-23-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 1276	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 7</div> <div>Darby, Drew (Identical)</div> <div>5-29-15 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:144/N: 2)</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-27-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:144/N: 0)

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

**Companions:** [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)  
5-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

**Companions:** [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)  
5-27-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

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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:** 05-26-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

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<b>D - UCC</b>
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HB 3434      Parker, Tan(R)      Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** [SB 1077](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
5-23-15 G Earliest effective date

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

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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:** 05-23-15 G Earliest effective date

**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

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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:** 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

**Bill History:** 05-27-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

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

**Bill History:** 05-27-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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

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

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HB 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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SB 1185 Huffines, Donald (F)(R) Relating to a biennial study regarding occupational licensing requirements.

**Bill History:** 05-25-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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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

<b>F - Financial Institutions</b>
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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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bill History:** 05-29-15 S Senate appointed conference committee  
Conferees: Kolkhorst, Burton, Hancock, Watson and Taylor of Galveston

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

**Companions:** SB 1791      Ellis, Rodney      (Identical)  
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

**Bill History:** 05-08-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call  
- see SB 1791

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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:** 05-19-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

**Bill History:** 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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div>SB 121 West, Royce (Identical)</div> <div>5-12-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce</div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	04-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1029	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to trusts.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div>SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)</div> <div>5-26-15 H Set on the House Calendar</div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-27-15 G Sent to the Governor
HB 1628	Johnson, Eric(D) Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-26-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 24/N: 6)
HB 2166	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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

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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

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

**Companions:** SB 899      Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

**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

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

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

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

**Companions:** SB 1282      Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
5-27-15 H Withdrawn from the Local Calendar

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

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

**Companions:** SB 641      Schwertner, Charles      (Identical)  
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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

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

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

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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:** 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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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:** 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HB 3811 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a deferred presentment transaction that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

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

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HB 3812 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a motor vehicle title loan that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

**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

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HB 3873 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the consumer credit commissioner, and the duties of the consumer credit commissioner, including the regulation of credit access businesses.

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

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

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

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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

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

**Bill History:** 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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 1020</div> <div>Giddings, Helen (Identical)</div> <div>4-29-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 1029</div> <div>Wray, John (F) (Identical)</div> <div>5- 5-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-26-15 H Set on the House Calendar
SB 641	Schwertner, Charles(R) Raney, John(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 3442</div> <div>Raney, John (Identical)</div> <div>4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 641</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 657	Eltime, 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)  
5-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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[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:** 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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

**Companions:** [HB 2394](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
5-19-15 G Sent to the Governor

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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[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:** 05-27-15 H Withdrawn from the Local Calendar

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

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

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

**Companions:** [HB 3555](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
5-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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[SB 1650](#) Eltife, Kevin(R)

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

**Bill History:** 05-20-15 H Committee action pending House  
Investments and Financial Services

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[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

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[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:** 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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[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

<b>G - Business Liability</b>
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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

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HB 162

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

**Companions:**

[SB 152](#)

Rodriguez, Jose

(Identical)

1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Bill History:**

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

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HB 187

Thompson, Senfronia(D)

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

**Companions:**

[SB 65](#)

Ellis, Rodney

(Identical)

1-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Bill History:**

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

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HB 230

Farrar, Jessica(D)  
Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

**Bill History:**

05-21-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

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HB 247

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to limits on certain actions arising out of attorney's fee agreements.

**Bill History:**

03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 610

Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the statute of limitations for an action on a credit card account.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Not heard in committee House  
Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 968      Hernandez, Ana(D)  
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:** 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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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)  
5-28-15 S Senate concurred in House  
amendments (Vote: Y: 27/N: 4)

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

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

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

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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:** 05-26-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

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

<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
<b>Bill History:</b> 05-28-15 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:143/N: 0)		
HB 2898	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to certain procedures, civil penalties, and remedies under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.
<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 187</a> Thompson, Senfronia (Identical) 5- 6-15 H Reconsidered and spread on the journal		
<b>Bill History:</b> 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop		
SB 152	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.
<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 162</a> Gonzalez, Mary (Identical) 4-27-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Business and Industry		
<b>Bill History:</b> 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop		
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:** 05-28-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 27/N: 4)

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[SB 753](#) Garcia, Sylvia(D)

Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.

**Companions:** [HB 94](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)  
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

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[SB 1848](#) Garcia, Sylvia(D)

Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

**Companions:** [HB 968](#) Hernandez, Ana (Identical)  
5-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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

Relating to the doctrine of forum non conveniens.

**Companions:** [HB 1692](#) Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)  
5-26-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

<b>H - Real Estate/Related Topics</b>
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[HB 703](#) Farrar, Jessica(D)

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

**Companions:** [SB 462](#) Huffman, Joan (Identical)  
5-27-15 G Sent to the Governor

**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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	SB 699 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 5-29-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 30/N: 1)
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-07-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
HB 2418	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to decedents' estates.
	<b>Companions:</b>	SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 5-29-15 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 2428	Wray, John (F)(R) Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
<b>Companions:</b>		<div> <div>SB 994</div> <div>Rodriguez, Jose</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div>
<b>Bill History:</b>		05-26-15 G Sent to the Governor
HB 2817	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		05-26-15 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)
SB 462	Huffman, Joan(R) Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.
<b>Companions:</b>		<div> <div>HB 703</div> <div>Farrar, Jessica</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar</div>
<b>Bill History:</b>		05-27-15 G Sent to the Governor
SB 699	Eltife, Kevin(R) Kuempel, John(R)	Relating to the Texas Real Estate Commission and the regulation of certain real estate professionals.
<b>Companions:</b>		<div> <div>HB 1918</div> <div>Kuempel, John</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>3-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures</div>
<b>Bill History:</b>		05-29-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 30/N: 1)
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)  
5-26-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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[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:** 05-29-15 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible  
Calendar

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[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:** 05-29-15 H House concurred in Senate  
amendments (Vote: Y:144/N: 2)

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[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:** 05-28-15 H House concurred in Senate  
amendments (Vote: Y:133/N: 10)

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

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

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HB 79      Guillen, Ryan(D)      Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Companions:** SB 331 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance



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

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HB 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

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HB 2111      Sheets, Kenneth(R)      Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.

**Companions:** SB 1049 Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
5-29-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

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HB 2114      Murphy, Jim(R)      Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.

**Companions:** SB 752 Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Identical)  
5-28-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

**Bill History:** 05-14-15 H Bill pronounced dead by procedural action

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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:** 05-27-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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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

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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

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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

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HB 3482      Bonnen, Dennis(R)      Relating to the franchise tax.

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

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

**Bill History:** 05-05-15 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility

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

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

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

**Companions:** [SJR 23](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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

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HJR 95      Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)      Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a franchise tax rate to be approved by two-thirds of all the

members elected to each house of the legislature.

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

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SB 1      Nelson, Jane(R)  
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:** 05-29-15 H House adopted conference report (Vote: Y:138/N: 0)

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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

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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

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SB 134      Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

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

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SB 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

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SB 752      Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)  
Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax 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:** 05-28-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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SB 756	Taylor, Van (F)(R)	Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 765	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.
	<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2089 Darby, Drew (Identical) 4-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2111 Sheets, Kenneth (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-29-15 G Sent to the Governor
SB 1179	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	HB 7 Darby, Drew (Identical) 5-29-15 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:144/N: 2)
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2891 Otto, John (Identical) 5-27-15 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

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

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

**Bill History:** 05-29-15 G Sent to the Governor

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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:** 05-29-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 25/N: 6)

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

**Companions:** HJR 80      Metcalf, Will (F)      (Identical)  
3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

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

<b>J - Choice of Law</b>
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HB 562      Leach, Jeff(R)      Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

**Companions:** SB 531      Campbell, Donna      (Identical)  
5-24-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

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

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

**Bill History:** 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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>SB 1090</div> <div>Hall, Bob (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
SB 531	Campbell, Donna(R) 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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 562</div> <div>Leach, Jeff</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar</div> </div>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	05-24-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee
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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<div> <div>HB 3943</div> <div>Rinaldi, Matt (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div>

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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