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**BUSINESS LAW SECTION
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84th TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FINAL REPORT
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The Texas Legislature adjourned Sine Die on June 1 the Texas Business Law Foundation (“TBLF”) enjoyed another very successful session. The entire section-prepared package was passed. With a couple of exceptions, all other favorable bills passed. All other legislation of interest was either amended satisfactorily or did not pass.

The cornerstone of the TBLF’s legislative success was the hard work and commitment of our Senate and House bill sponsors. In the Senate, Kevin Eltife (R-Tyler), who took over this session as the chair of the Senate Business & Commerce Committee (“B&C”), carried all three TBLF bills. His efforts and strong support of business law enhancement were critical and his work was complemented by excellent staff.

On the House side, we are grateful for the leadership and dedication of House Business & Industry Committee (“B&I”) Chair Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville), who carried two bills in the package. Also, Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound), chair of the Investments and Financial Services Committee, carried the UCC bill. The strong staff support in both offices was exceptional.

We also greatly appreciate the efforts and unwavering support of Rep. Jason Villalba (R-Dallas), a member of the B&I committee, and his staff, who again this session provided critical guidance to TBLF initiatives. Villalba also carried the TBLF-supported Chancery Court bill, which did not pass this session, but he plans to continue to champion the initiative.

Again, all of these legislators and state officials were critical to our success. We encourage you individually, or through your firms and PACs, to remember them as the next election cycle starts. If possible, please keep us updated on any efforts in support of these important officeholders.

With respect to the general session, the 84th began with new faces leading all the statewide offices. After Governor Rick Perry led Texas for more than a decade, former Attorney General turned Governor

Greg Abbott claimed the state's highest office. Former Republican state senators Ken Paxton and Glen Hegar took office as the state's new Attorney General and Comptroller, former state Representative Sid Miller leads the Texas Agriculture Commission and George P. Bush is Texas' Land Commissioner. Many of the new officeholders received the backing of Tea Party groups, an active and vocal faction of the Republican Party, whose influence in Texas politics continues to evolve.

The Tea Party gained the most ground in the Texas Senate. Tea Party favorite, former Houston Republican state Senator Dan Patrick, beat out Former Lt. Governor David Dewhurst to preside over the Senate and began the session declaring "A New Day" for Texas. One of Patrick's first moves was to change the Senate's long standing tradition of the "two-thirds rule", which required the votes of 21 Senators to bring a measure to the floor for debate, to three-fifths, or 19 members of the body. The change intended to diminish the power of the 11 Senate Democrats, who had in prior sessions used the rule to block controversial legislation. Traditionally considered the more moderate body, the Senate welcomed the largest number of incoming freshman in recent sessions, including nine Tea Party-leaning Republicans who called themselves the "Liberty Caucus" and who contributed to an overall increasing conservative tone in the Texas Senate. Still, Senators from both sides of the aisle praised Patrick for his leadership in his first term presiding over the Senate.

In the House, Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) easily survived another highly vocal attempt by Tea Party groups to replace him with a candidate deemed more conservative, Rep. Scott Turner (R-Frisco). Straus, who has been Speaker since 2009, is often the target of outside groups who believe he is too moderate. In the end, only 19 of the 140 members voted for Turner and became known as "the 19" who would band together to vote against and kill bills using House rules and other tactics. However, Straus and his leadership team kept the House running remarkably efficient and coordinated well with the new Lt. Governor and Governor.

In all this session, lawmakers filed 6,276 bills and 1,322 passed the Legislature, compared to the 83rd session, where 5,868 bills were filed and 1,437 passed. The Governor has 20 days to veto bills after the session adjourns.

The BLS tracked legislation in ten (10) general subject-matter categories. Action is reported in two parts, the first part, below, is a summary of the categories. The second part contains a detailed list of all bills tracked within the categories.

A -- Section Prepared Bills

Bills in this category were 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. Deliberations and strategy for future action are underway. Dead.

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

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. Pending before 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. 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. Dead.

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. 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. Pending before 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

No additional bills were filed.

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. Filed without the Governor’s signature. Effective September 1.

[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. Dead.

Insider Trading by Public Officials

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Dead.

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

F -- Financial Institutions

Dodd-Frank

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Dead.

Consumer Credit Transactions

[SB 1282](#) (Eltife/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 was inserted in the bill, in case the bill passed. Dead.

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 was signed by the Governor. Effective June 1.

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*. 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 and a favorable committee substitute was developed, in case the bill passed. Dead.

I -- Taxation and Related Topics

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

Franchise Tax

[HB 32](#) (D. Bonnen/Nelson)—The franchise tax reduction component of the Legislature’s tax cut program. Provides for an across-the-board 25 percent reduction in franchise tax rates and revises the “easy file” process and form. Signed by the Governor. Effective January 1, 2016.

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

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. TBLF registered support for this legislation. Signed by the Governor. Effective September 1.

Property Tax

[SB 1/ SJR 1](#) (Nelson/Bonnen)—The primary measures for property tax relief. 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. The Governor signed SB 1. Effective June 15. The election for SJR 1 is scheduled for November 3.

[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. Signed by the Governor. Generally effective January 1, 2016.

Sales Tax

[HB 31](#) (D. Bonnen)—Lowers the statewide sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.59 percent. 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 Sen. Campbell agreed to accept the more detailed TBLF carve-out as an amendment if the bill progressed. Dead.

OTHER GENERAL ISSUES

BUDGET

The Legislature passed a balanced two-year state budget, totaling \$209.4 billion, a 3.6 percent increase over the previous budget. The plan leaves \$6.4 billion unspent, \$11 billion in the State's Economic Stabilization Fund or "Rainy Day Fund," and is nearly \$3 billion under the state's constitutional spending cap. Included in the budget is \$840 million for increased border security, a \$1.5 billion increase in public education spending and a \$3.8 billion tax cut package that addresses both business and property tax cuts.

TAXES

One of the biggest standoffs between the House and the Senate occurred this session on how to grant tax relief. Both chambers wanted reductions in the state's business franchise tax, but the House favored a higher margin tax reduction and a cut in sales tax as well, while the Senate pushed for property tax reduction, a campaign promise made by Lt. Gov. Patrick. Eventually, the two chambers agreed on a plan that increases the homestead exemption to \$25,000, which voters must approve in November, and a 25-percent across-the-board cut in franchise taxes.

TRANSPORTATION

Texans will vote on a constitutional amendment in November that would dedicate a portion of future motor vehicle sales taxes to the highway fund beginning in 2019. The state will transfer 35 percent of that revenue stream's growth beyond \$5 billion beginning in 2020. If approved, the constitutional amendment will dedicate \$2.5 billion of the general sales tax to the highway fund beginning in 2017.

A bill that would have banned texting and driving statewide did not pass the Legislature. Also, legislation codifying statewide regulations for ride-share companies like Uber and Lyft did not pass, nor did a measure that would have granted cities the authority to regulate ride-share companies in the same manner as traditional taxi cabs.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Governor Abbott began the session stating that improving education would be his top policy priority. The Legislature acted on some of his proposals, including improving pre-kindergarten programs

by adding \$118 million for school districts targeting students from low-income, non-English-speaking, foster and military families if the districts meet certain teacher quality and curriculum measures.

The \$1.5 billion added to the state's public school funding this session may not be enough to address a pending law suit in front of the Supreme Court involving more than two-thirds of the state's school districts who are challenging the state's school finance system after lawmakers cut more than \$5 billion in 2011. The court is expected to hear the case this year.

The Legislature also changed the state's method of evaluating public schools, replacing the current system with an A-F grading method hailed as being easier to understand for parents and enabling the state to better target poor performing schools. Though favored by conservative groups and Lt. Governor Patrick, the legislature did not approve measures for vouchers or other approaches that would use public monies to allow parents to send their children to private schools.

HIGHER EDUCATION

For the first time since 2006, legislators voted to authorize \$3 billion in tuition revenue bonds for new facilities at more than 60 university campuses across the state. Attempts to reform the state's Hazlewood program, which provides free public tuition to Texas veterans or their dependents, did not pass, nor did bills that would have ended in-state tuition at public universities for undocumented students.

The Legislature abolished the Emerging Technology Fund, a highly program created under Gov. Perry to attract high-tech companies to Texas, and replaced it with the Governor's University Research Initiative. The program received \$40 million from the current budget to attract major researchers to the state's universities.

GUNS

Supporters seeking to strengthen second amendment rights with bills to allow for unlicensed open carrying of weapons began the session very vocally. The legislature ultimately passed licensed open carry and allowed licensed gun owners to concealed carry handguns on college campuses.

ETHICS

Governor Abbott declared ethics reform as an emergency item at the beginning of the session, however, the legislature did not produce a massive overhaul. Bills that did pass now require state officials to reveal pensions and public benefits on their annual disclosures and governmental entities to report to the Texas Ethics Commission people who have a financial interest in their significant contracts. Lawmakers did move the state's public integrity unit, which investigates public corruption, away from the Travis County district's attorney's office to the Texas Rangers. If signed by the Governor, elected state officials facing corruption charges would be prosecuted in their home counties.

SOCIAL ISSUES

With a Supreme Court decision on the legalization of same-sex marriage looming, conservative groups pushed for measures promoted as protecting traditional marriage in Texas but had little success. The Legislature did pass the "pastor protection" bill clarifying that clergy have the right to refuse to preform marriages that violate their religious beliefs. However, a bill to prohibit state or local funds

from being used to issue same-sex marriage licenses died. Conservative groups have asked Governor Abbott to call a special session on the issue, which the Governor said he will not do. Meanwhile, this session, Rep. Sarah Davis (R-West University Place) became the first Texan Republican legislator to support same sex marriage.

Abortion remained a hot topic and legislators passed a measure to limit judicial bypass for some minors seeking abortions without parental permission. Efforts to prohibit health insurers from covering abortions and making it a crime to coerce women into having abortions did not pass.

Bills targeting illegal immigration did not pass nor did a measure to prohibit foreign law in Texas courts, aimed at keeping Islamic Sharia law from being enforced in Texas. Governor Abbott did sign a bill requiring all state agencies and higher education institutions to use the federal E-verify program to check if prospective employees are legally authorized to work in the country.

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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
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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
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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

[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: 05-23-15 G Earliest effective date

B - Business Courts

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

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

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 \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.
[Schofield, Mike \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Companions:

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

Bill History: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

C - Business Entities

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

Companions:

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

Bill History: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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

Bill History: 06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of research technology corporations by institutions of higher education.
[Bettencourt, Paul \(F\)\(R\)](#)

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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Bill History: 05-13-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

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

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

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 2207](#) [Keffer, Jim\(R\)](#)
[Eltife, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

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

Bill History: 01-01-16 G Earliest effective date

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

Companions: [SB 875](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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)
5-23-15 G Earliest effective date

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)
6-16-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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: 05-23-15 G Earliest effective date

[SB 1276](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions: [HB 7](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

Companions: [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)
1- 1-16 G Earliest effective date

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)
5-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

[SB 1563](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)
[VanDeaver, Gary \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of the TexAmericas Center to incorporate a nonprofit corporation for certain purposes and to the tax treatment of such a nonprofit corporation.

Companions: [HB 3548](#) VanDeaver, Gary (F) (Identical)
4-28-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 06-16-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
5-23-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 05-23-15 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

[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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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

Bill History: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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\(R\)](#) [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

[HB 2580](#) [Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#) Relating to crowdfunding portal regulations.

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

[HB 3170](#) [Schaefer, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.

Companions: [SB 1346](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

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

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

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

Companions: [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: 05-25-15 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: 06-12-15 G Earliest effective date

[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

[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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
5-26-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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

[HB 1626](#) [Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)
[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: 05-27-15 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.

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

[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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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

[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)
5-27-15 H Withdrawn from the Local Calendar

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

[HB 3442](#)

[Raney, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions: [SB 641](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)

9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 04-21-15 H Committee action pending 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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[HB 3599](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#)

Relating to the sale of collateral in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

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

[HB 3617](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a business investment fund in this state.

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

[HB 3638](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#)

Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill History: 05-21-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HR 3372	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, H.B. No. 483.
	Bill History:	05-29-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:143/N: 0)
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:	05-26-15 H Set on the House Calendar
SB 641	Schwertner, Charles(R) Raney, John(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.
	Companions:	HB 3442 Raney, John (Identical) 4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 641

Bill History: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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

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

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

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

Companions: [HB 3555](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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 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

[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: 06-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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)
5-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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: 06-16-15 G Earliest effective date

[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:	05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor
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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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)
6- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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)
6-16-15 G Earliest effective date

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)

9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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)
6- 1-15 G Sent to the Governor

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)
6- 1-15 G Sent to the Governor

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:	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
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:	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
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:	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 699	Eltime, 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:	06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor
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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

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: 09-01-15 G Earliest effective date

[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: 01-01-16 G Earliest effective date

[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 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 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 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 1316](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 32](#) Bonnen, Dennis (Identical)
1- 1-16 G Earliest effective date

Bill History: 03-05-15 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)
1- 1-16 G Earliest effective date

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)
5-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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

[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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 2940](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the determination of compensation for purposes of the franchise tax.

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

[HB 3305](#) [Oliveira, Rene\(D\)](#) Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.

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

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

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means

[HB 3471](#) [Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#) Relating to the taxable entities from which no franchise tax payments are due for a period.

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

[HB 3482](#) [Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#) Relating to the franchise tax.

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

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

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

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

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

[HJR 80](#) [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

[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: 06-15-15 G Earliest effective date

[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 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 331](#) [Creighton, Brandon \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions: [HB 1134](#) Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)
3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

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

[SB 752](#) [Bettencourt, Paul \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[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: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

[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: 01-01-16 G Earliest effective date

[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)
9- 1-15 G Earliest effective date

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)
5-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

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: 01-01-16 G Earliest effective date

[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: 11-03-15 G Election date

[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)
5-24-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

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\(R\)](#)
[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: [HB 562](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
5-14-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 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.

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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