

State Legislative Session Recap Council A-Session

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89th Texas Legislative Session

The 89th legislative session ended on June 2, 2025.

**9,014 bills filed
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1,135 passed
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2,262 bills tracked**

June 22 is the Governor's deadline to sign/veto bills, or to allow them to become law without a signature.

Budget Highlights

Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG): \$40 million for infrastructure projects for defense communities.

Cybersecurity hub: \$50 million to build a secure facility to handle classified work at Port San Antonio.

Mental Health Initiatives: \$235 million for various mental health grants and infrastructure.

Local Park Grants: \$135.7 million for various local park grants and facility improvements.

Texas Water Fund:

- \$2.5 billion for projects through the Texas Water Development Board.
- Annual dedication of \$1 billion of state tax revenue for 20 years for water supply, desalination, infrastructure repairs, and other projects.

BILLS THAT PASSED

Local Governance

- ▼ **HB 128 (Orr):** Disallows certain sister-city agreements between governmental entities and foreign countries and communities.
- ▼ **SB 33 (Campbell):** Prohibits transactions and logistical support between a governmental entity and an abortion assistance entity or abortion provider for the procurement of an abortion or related services.

Land Use

- ▼ **SB 15 (Bettencourt):** Prescribes size and density requirements for residential lots in certain municipalities.
- ▼ **SB 840 (Hughes):** Preempts municipal and county regulation of certain multifamily and mixed-use residential development projects and conversion of certain commercial buildings.

Economic Development

- ✓ **HB 150 (Capriglione):** Establishes the Texas Cyber Command, to be located in the City of San Antonio, to centralize and enhance the state's efforts in cyber security.
- ▼ **SB 22 (Huffman):** Renews funding to the Texas moving image industry incentive program and increases funding to \$300M each biennium for 10 years.

Finance and Revenue

- ▼ **HB 9 (Meyer) / HJR 1 (Meyer):** Increases the exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income from \$2,500 to \$125,000.
 - Will be on the ballot in November.
- ✓ **SB 1173 (Perry):** Increases competitive bidding threshold to \$100K.

Development Regulations

- ▼ **SB 1202 (King):** Allows third-party review of property development documents and inspections of improvements related to those documents, including home backup power installations.
- ▼ **SB 1252 (Schwertner):** Preempts municipalities from regulating the installation and inspection of residential energy backup systems, specifies municipally owned utilities can regulate.

Disannexation

- ✓ **SB 1844 (Paxton) / HB 2494 (Craddick):** Allows disannexation of certain areas of a municipality for failure to provide services.
 - Effective Sept. 1.

Health

- ✓ **SB 1008 (Middleton):** Prohibits cities and counties from charging food service permits and fees that exceed the maximum fee such an entity or employee would pay to DSHS.

Public Safety

- ▼ **H.B. 1866 (Lujan):** Allows NPS officers certain additional state law enforcement authority.
- ✓ **H.B. 3594 (Lujan):** SA Fire and Police Retiree Healthcare Fund initiatives.

Housing and Homelessness

- ✓ **HB 21 (Gates):** Increases transparency and accountability measures for Housing Finance Corporations.
- ▼ **SB 38 (Bettencourt):** Expedites the eviction process.

BILLS THAT DIDN'T PASS

Local Governance

- ✘ **SB 2858 (Creighton):** Preempts municipalities from regulating anything within the civil practices, penal, election, or health and safety codes, withholds sales tax revenue if a complaint is brought to the attorney general. Expansion of HB 2127.
- ✘ **SB 3016 (Creighton):** Preempts municipal regulation in certain sections of the Local Government Code, including municipal development regulations, withholds sales tax revenue if a complaint is brought to the attorney general. Expansion of HB 2127.
- ✘ **SB 689 (Hughes):** Prohibits the implementation of a DEI office by certain governmental entities.

Finance and Revenue

- ✖ **HB 19 (Meyer):** Limits the ability for local governments to issue debt, manage property tax rates, and utilize certain financing tools such as Certificates of Obligation
- ✖ **SB 1024 (Bettencourt):** Limits municipalities' ability to issue certain anticipation notes and certificates of obligation.
- ✖ **HB 2736 (Cain):** Bill requires a supermajority for elections by a political subdivision to authorize the issuance of bonds or tax increases. Requires a 2/3 voter approval. Mandates a November uniform election date.

Development Regulations

- ✖ **HB 23 (Harris):** Allows developers to obtain third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of improvements related to such documents.
- ✖ **SB 1450 (Bettencourt):** Allows third party review of development related documents if not completed by regulatory authority within 15 days.
- ✖ **SB 673 (Hughes):** Relating to regulation of ADUs by political subdivisions.
- ✖ **HB 3798 (Troxclair):** Relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe Juniper Tree.

Health and Safety

- ✖ **HB 2806 (Lujan) / SB 155 (Menendez):** Facilitates Animal Care Services to prevent attacks by a dangerous dog.
- ✖ **SB 464 (Campbell):** Relating to county and municipal authority to prohibit the operation of e-cigarette retailers near primary or secondary schools.

Miscellaneous

- ✖ **HB 3345 (Lopez):** Relating to authorizing an increase in an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties.
- ✖ **HB 5356 (Lujan):** Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate activities involving a horse-drawn carriage.

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