



87th State Legislative Session Update

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CURRENT STATUS

- BILL FILING DEADLINE - MARCH 12TH
- 6,977 BILLS & JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED
 - House - 4,764
 - Senate - 2,213



BILLS THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT COSA

- **SB 10 (Bettencourt) / HB 749 (Middleton)** - Prohibit political subdivisions from hiring lobbyists
- **HB 1869 (Burrows)** - Changing debt definition for property tax rates
- **SB 23 (Huffman) / HB 1900 (Goldman)** - Police defunding
- **SB 1261 (Birdwell)** - Prohibition on direct and indirect local GHG emission regulation
- **HB 610 (Swanson)** - Prohibition of local regulation beyond state business license laws
- **SB 796 (Schwertner)** - Requiring public notice and hearing for use of property to house homeless individuals

ENERGY & STATE ELECTRIC GRID

- **SB 2142 (Hughes)** - Repricing of wholesale power in response to winter storm
- **SB 3 (Schwertner)** - Strengthening state prevention and response to energy emergencies
- Speaker priority bills
 - HB 10
 - HB 11
 - HB 12
 - HB 13
 - HB 14
 - HB 16
 - HB 17



ELECTIONS

- **HB 6 (Cain)** - Election restrictions
- **SB 7 (Schwertner)** - Election restrictions
- **SB 95 (Menendez)** - Expansion of early voting
- **SB 98 (Menendez) / HB 111 (Minjarez)** - Voter registration through Driver's license/ID
- **SB 100 (Menendez) / HB 230 (Bernal)** - Expansion of eligible identification documents
- **SB 1899 (Zaffirini)** - Lowering registration age, electronic registration, automatic registration, campus polling places

COSA PRIORITIES



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

HB 1087 (Gervin-Hawkins)

Authorize the Police Chief to discipline officers within 180 days of discovering misconduct

HB 1561 (Gervin-Hawkins)

Create opportunities to encourage new officers to live in the City in which they serve

HB 1563 (Gervin-Hawkins)

Allow the release of conduct violations held by a law enforcement agency

HB 1940 (Gervin-Hawkins)

Limiting an arbitrator to reduce discipline, as determined by the Police Chief

COSA PRIORITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH

HB 3871 (Johnson)

Live Well Texas Program

SB 73 (Miles)

Access to local health departments and regional offices under Medicaid

HB 133 (Rose)

Establishing minimum care eligibility after pregnancy under Medicaid



COSA PRIORITIES



BROADBAND

HB 5 / SB 5 (Ashby/Nichols)

Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas

- Establish a Broadband Development Office that will develop the state broadband plan
- Require the existing governor's broadband council to form long-term strategies to promote access across the state
- Map the quality of internet connections in Texas annually

COSA PRIORITIES



LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Municipal Court

HB 1685 (Cortez)

Ability to use electronic court recorder in SA Municipal Courts

Other

HB 543 (White)

Regulation of working animals

HB 652 (Paul)

Disease exposure notice in animal shelter

HB 1885 (Harris)

Limiting municipal regulation in areas ineligible to vote

COSA PRIORITIES



MILITARY SUPPORT

HB 2365 (Lopez)

Medicaid participation and reimbursement of military medical treatment facilities

