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## **BUSINESS LAW SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**April 10, 2015**

Tax relief drew headlines this week as the House unveiled a plan to cut taxes that differs significantly from the Senate.

State Rep. [Dennis Bonnen](#), chairman of the [House Ways & Means Committee](#), announced a plan to cut \$4.9 billion in state taxes, including reducing the franchise tax by 25 percent across the board, compared to the Senate's 15 percent. Bonnen also proposed reducing the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent—the first ever proposed state sales tax reduction.

However, Bonnen's plan does not include measures to reduce property taxes, which prompted criticism from Lt. Gov. Patrick over the lack of property tax relief, which both he and Governor Abbott have championed. Bonnen countered that state-generated property tax cuts are typically swallowed by local appraised value increases and ultimately do not provide significant tax relief to homeowners. Bonnen's measures must be passed by his committee and both chambers.

The Senate Finance Committee passed its \$211.4 billion budget Wednesday that spends \$1.6 billion more than the budget passed by the House. Final resolution on budget differences between the House and Senate will be reconciled in a conference committee.

*The BLS is tracking legislation in ten (10) general subject-matter categories. Periodic updates will come in two parts, the first part, below, is a summary of the categories. The second part contains a detailed list of all bills being tracked within the categories.*

### **A -- Section Prepared Bills**

Bills in this category are proposed by the Texas Business Law Foundation ("TBLF").

#### **Business Organization Code—Corporations**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting corporations and fundamental business transactions developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

[HB 2142](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 860](#) (Eltime)—House B&I voted out the committee substitute addressing minor corrections and requested non-profit amendments from the AG.

Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testified for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate bill, containing the same changes, passed the Senate.

### **Business Organization Code — Partnerships and LLCs**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting partnerships and limited liabilities companies developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

[HB 2144](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 859](#) (Eltife) — House B&I voted out the committee substitute addressing minor corrections. Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testifying for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate bill, containing the same changes, passed the Senate.

### **Uniform Commercial Code — Chapter 1**

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a series LLC.

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — House bill has been referred to B&I and we anticipate a hearing on April 14. Senate bill passed the Senate.

## **B -- Business Courts**

### **Chancery Court**

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. B&I heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Byron Egan testified on behalf of the TBLF. Former Chief Justice Tom Phillips also testified in support, along with James Sullivan of King & Spalding and Brian Walters of the Walters Law Firm in Austin. Numerous entities registered in support of the bill, including various financial and business associations. Fifteen trial lawyer generated witnesses testified against the bill and continue to wage a strong campaign to defeat the bill. Also opposed are the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Family Law Foundation. The bill remains pending in committee. Support efforts and communications 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. Referred to B&I.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltife)— Enforces State Banking Commissioner regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments Committee. Senate Bill passed the Senate.

### **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. Referred to Senate B&C.

## **LP & PA Filing Requirements**

[HB 2891](#) (Otto)/ [SB 1541](#) (Perry)—Adds limited partnerships and professional associations to Comptroller public information report filing requirements currently applicable to corporations and LLCs. Provides a corresponding exemption from SOS report or statement filing requirements. House bill set for a hearing on April 14 in Ways and Means. Senate bill referred to B&C.

## **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. Pending in House Judiciary.

## **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. A committee substitute makes drafting changes and amends Section 5.102, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of reservations of certain names, and Section 5.153, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of certain registrations. Lori Ann Fox testified. Voted out of B&I.

[SB 1973](#) (V. Taylor)—Intended to be Senate companion of HB 2753, but not considered an official companion due to drafting error. Referred to B&C.

[SB 1313](#) (Watson)—Amends section 5.053 of the BOC to permit the use of a notarized consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Pending in B&C.

## **Non-profit Corporations**

[HB 3479](#) (Oliveira)/ [SB 1233](#) (L. Taylor)—Adds new provisions to Chapter 22 of the BOC authorizing distributions of income to non-profit corporation members. House bill set for a hearing on April 14 in B&I. Senate bill referred to B&C.

## **D -- UCC**

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

## **E -- Securities**

### **Crowdfunding**

[HB 1629](#) (Johnson)—Directs the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating crowdfunding in connection with non-profit and government loans for small business and community development purposes. Pending in Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 2580](#) (Johnson)—Requires the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating online intrastate crowdfunding. Provides numerous restrictions and qualifications. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes an intrastate exchange in which crowdfunding and other federal exempted offerings can be traded. Pending 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. Heard in April 9 on General Investigating and Ethics.

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

#### **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. Referred to Licensing.

[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. Referred to Licensing.

#### **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. Investments and Financial Services voted out a committee substitute.

### **F -- Financial Institutions**

#### **Dodd-Frank**

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Heard on April 9 in the Select Committee in State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

#### **Consumer Credit Transactions**

[HB 3094](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1282](#) (Eltife)—Finance Code amendments relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. The OCCC is preparing language to address TBLF and other concerns. House bill referred to Investments Committee. The House bill is pending in Investments and Financial Services. Senate bill is pending in B&C.

## G -- Business Liability

### **Human Trafficking**

[HB 968](#) (Hernandez)/ [SB 1848](#) (Garcia) – Applies to certain legal entities under the BOC and would make a shareholder or member of an entity jointly liable under Sec. 98.002 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code for damages arising from trafficking of a person if the shareholder or member caused or had knowledge of the entity to be used for trafficking. The bill is modeled after Section 21.223 (b) of the Business and Commerce Code regarding existing lawsuit liability for shareholders in fraud cases. Hernandez accepted TBLF language in a committee substitute to better mirror existing state law. House Judiciary voted out the bill as amended. Senate bill referred to State Affairs.

### **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*. Set for a hearing on April 14 in B&I.

## H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

### **Power of Attorney**

[HB 3095](#) (Thompson) –The REPTL POA bill. A committee substitute will contain the addition of a Certification of Power of Attorney, and clean up language regarding the termination of an agent's authority due to dissolution of marriage by divorce/annulment or being declared void. Conversations with REPTL continue. Referred to Judiciary.

## I -- Taxation and Related Topics

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

### **Property Tax**

[SB 1](#)/ [SJR 1](#) (Nelson)—Increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to 25 percent of Texas home median market value. Also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. Passed the Senate.

### **Franchise Tax**

[SB 7](#) (Nelson)—Would permanently reduce the franchise tax rate to 0.85 percent for most taxpayers and 0.425 percent for retailers and wholesalers and modifies the “easy file” process by increasing application from \$10 million in total revenue to \$20 million, and by lowering the calculation rate from .575% to .331%. Passed the Senate.

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

### **Occupation Tax**

[HB 2089](#) (Darby)/ [HB 7](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltife)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. House Bill was voted out of

Licensing and incorporated into HB 7 (a comprehensive fee reduction bill), which was heard in House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budget Transparency and Reform. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in all three committees.

### 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. House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Leach indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. The Senate bill has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

## SBOT BUSINESS LAW SECTION LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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**A - Section Prepared**

<p><a href="#">HB 2142</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Oliveira, Rene(D)</a></p>	<p>Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.</p> <p><b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 860</a> Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2144</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Oliveira, Rene(D)</a></p>	<p>Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.</p> <p><b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 859</a> Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House</p> <p><b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 3434</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Parker, Tan(R)</a></p>	<p>Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.</p> <p><b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 1077</a> Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House</p>

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M.,  
E2.016 - House Business and Industry

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SB 859 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

**Companions:** HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
4- 8-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 860 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

**Companions:** HB 2142 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
4- 8-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)  
4-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016, House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

**B - Business Courts**

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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)  
2- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-07-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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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:** 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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SB 455      Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)      Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.

**Companions:** [HB 1091](#)      Schofield, Mike (F)      (Identical)  
4- 7-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**C - Business Entities**

HB 7      Darby, Drew (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:** 04-09-15 H Committee action pending House Appropriations

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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.

**Bill History:** 04-02-15 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development

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HB 241      Leach, Jeff (R)      Relating to substituted service of citation through a social media presence.

**Bill History:** 03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 590      Elkins, Gary (R)      Relating to the creation of research technology corporations by institutions of higher education.



**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Government Transparency and Operation

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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)      Relating to sexual harassment protection for unpaid interns.

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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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:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2207      Keffer, Jim(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:** 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources

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

**Companions:** [SB 875](#)      Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

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

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HB 2753      Villalba, Jason(R)      Relating to the names of certain businesses.

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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HB 2891 Otto, John(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:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010 - House Ways and Means

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HB 3308 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 3459 Schofield, Mike (F)(R) Relating to service of process in this state.

**Companions:** HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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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)  
3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

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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

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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)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
		<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 2534</a> Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-10-15 H Received in the House
SB 1233	Taylor, Larry(R)	Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.
		<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 3479</a> Oliveira, Rene (Identical) 4-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016, House Business and Industry
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1313	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-09-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1384	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.
		<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 2207</a> Keffer, Jim (Identical) 3-30-15 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources
		<b>Bill History:</b> 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)  
4-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010, House Ways and Means

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

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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

**D - UCC**

HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** [SB 1077](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

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SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Companions:** [HB 3434](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
4-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016, House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

**E - Securities**

HB 1539 Meyer, Morgan (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:** 04-09-15 H Committee action pending House General Investigating and Ethics

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HB 1560 Hernandez, Ana(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:** 04-09-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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

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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) Related to self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

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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 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:** 04-09-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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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 (Menendez, Jose)(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 (Menendez, Jose)(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:** 02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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:** 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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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)

4-13-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M.,  
SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State  
Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 H Voted favorably from committee  
on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 705 Farrar, Jessica(D)

Relating to access to a financial institution  
account of a person who dies intestate.

**Companions:** SB  
1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical)  
4-13-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M.,  
SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State  
Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Recommended for Local and  
Consent Calendar

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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:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House  
Government Transparency and Operation

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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)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Business and  
Commerce

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Investments and  
Financial Services

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HB 1029 Wray, John (F)(R)

Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Judiciary and Civil  
Jurisprudence

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HB 1333 Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to a request for a customer record  
of a financial institution for guardianship  
purposes.



**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

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HB 1626      Johnson, Eric(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:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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HB 1628      Johnson, Eric(D)      Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.

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

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HB 2166      Flynn, Dan(R)      Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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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)      Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.

**Companions:** SB 926      Creighton, Brandon (F)      (Identical)  
3- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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

**Companions:** SB 899      Eltife, Kevin      (Identical)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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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:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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)  
4- 9-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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

**Companions:** SB 641 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
4-13-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

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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:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 3536      Landgraf, Brooks (F)(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)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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[HB 3555](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

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:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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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:** 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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:** 04-15-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - 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:** 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3824	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 4020	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 4120	Fallon, Pat(R)	Relating to money transmissions sent to destinations outside the United States.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-09-15 H Committee action pending Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility
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.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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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)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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

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SB 387      Rodriguez, Jose(D)      Relating to trusts.

**Companions:** [HB 1029](#) Wray, John (F) (Identical)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 641      Schwertner, Charles(R)      Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

**Companions:** [HB 3442](#) Raney, John (Identical)  
4- 8-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

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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)  
4- 6-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 899 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

**Companions:** [HB 2676](#) Stephenson, Phil (Identical)  
4- 6-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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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)  
4- 6-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 03-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1282 Eltife, Kevin(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)  
4- 8-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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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:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on 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)

4- 8-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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

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SB 1650 Elife, Kevin(R)

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

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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SB 1778 Menendez, Jose (F)(D)

Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

**Companions:** [HB 149](#) (Menendez, Jose) (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)

Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.

**Companions:** [HB 704](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)  
4- 9-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs

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SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.

**Companions:** [HB 705](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)  
4- 6-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs

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:** 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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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:** 04-07-15 H Committee action pending 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:** 03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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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)	Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>SB 1848</b> Garcia, Sylvia (Identical) 3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent 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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016 - House Business and Industry
HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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)	Relating to providing a remedy for fraud committed in certain real estate and stock transactions.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
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 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016 - House Business and Industry
SB 65	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 187</b> Thompson, Senfronia (Identical) 3-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
<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>		<b>HB 162</b> Gonzalez, Mary (Identical) 4- 7-15 H Committee action pending 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 753	Garcia, Sylvia(D)	Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 94</b> Gonzalez, Mary (Identical) 3-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 968</b> Hernandez, Ana (Identical) 3-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**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)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-06-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 971 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to requirements governing officers and directors of condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.016 - 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:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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 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:** 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

HB 2418 Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to decedents' estates.

**Companions:** [SB 995](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 2428](#) Wray, John (F)(R) 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:** 04-09-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 2817](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.

**Bill History:** 04-07-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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[HB 3095](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 3190](#) Villalba, Jason(R) Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.

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

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[HB 3316](#) Miller, Doug(R) Relating to the provision clarifying the timing of the provision of the Texas Probate Code relating to durable power of attorney.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[SB 462](#) Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.

**Companions:** [HB 703](#) Farrar, Jessica (Identical)

4- 6-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 699 Eltife, Kevin(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:** 04-08-15 H Received in the House

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)  
4- 9-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

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

SB 1203 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to exemptions from the applicability of the Texas Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**I - Taxation/Related Topics**

HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis(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:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010 - House Ways and Means

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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 193 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 250 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 552](#) Huberty, Dan (Identical)  
2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 321 Keough, Mark (F)(R) A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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

HB 419	Wu, Gene(D)	Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 525	Riddle, Debbie(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 552	Huberty, Dan(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
		<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 250</a> Leach, Jeff (Identical) 2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 668	Farney, Marsha(R)	Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 850	Goldman, Craig(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
		<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 105</a> Estes, Craig (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance <a href="#">SB 175</a> Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical) 1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1001	Davis, Yvonne(D)	Relating to restrictions on tax and fee benefits for certain private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
<b>Companions:</b>		SB 331 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 1152	Turner, Scott(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
<b>Companions:</b>		SB 138 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1314	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1315	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to temporary permissive alternate rates for the franchise tax.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1316	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.
<b>Companions:</b>		HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis (Identical) 4-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010, House Ways and Means
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1962	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.
<b>Companions:</b>		SB 186 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1974	Keffer, Jim(R)	Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to phase out the franchise tax.



**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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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:** 04-06-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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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)  
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**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)  
3-25-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

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HB 2331 Metcalf, Will (F)(R) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** SB 330 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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

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HB 2456 Schubert, Leighton (F)(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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HB 2891 Otto, John(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:** 04-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010 - House Ways and Means

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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 Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010 - 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:** 04-09-15 H Committee action pending 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) 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:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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SB 7 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-26-15 H Received in the House

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SB 8 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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SB 52 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 105 Estes, Craig(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** HB 850 Goldman, Craig (Identical)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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

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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 138](#) Perry, Charles (F)(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 1152](#) Turner, Scott (Identical)  
3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F)(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 850](#) Goldman, Craig (Identical)  
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
[SB 105](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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

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[SB 186](#) Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.

**Companions:** [HB 1962](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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[SB 330](#) Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [HB 2331](#) Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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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 \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.

**Companions:** [HB 2114](#) Murphy, Jim (Identical)  
4- 9-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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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.

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

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[SB 765](#) [Eltife, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

**Companions:** [HB 2089](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
4- 6-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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

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[SB 1049](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) 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:** 03-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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[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

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

**Companions:** [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)  
4-14-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010, House Ways and Means

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

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[SJR 1](#) Nelson, Jane(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:** 03-26-15 H Received in the House

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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

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.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>SB 531</b> Campbell, Donna (Identical) 2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 670	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - 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>		<b>SB 1090</b> Hall, Bob (F) (Identical) 3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
<b>Bill History:</b>		03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

SB 531

Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

**Companions:** [HB 562](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)  
3-24-15 H Committee action pending  
House Judiciary and Civil  
Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate State Affairs

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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