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

**April 17, 2015**

This week, the Senate passed that chamber's version of the two-year, \$211 billion budget that spends more than the House version and covers previously proposed property and franchise taxes cuts. A conference committee will reconcile the differences.

Debate between the two chambers on how taxes will be cut continues. The Senate's plan cuts nearly \$4.5 billion in taxes by reducing the franchise tax by 15 percent and exempt businesses making less than \$4 million annually. The Senate budget spends more than \$2 billion to cover the costs of a local property tax cut. The House's tax cut plan cuts sales taxes instead of property taxes, by reducing the statewide sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent. The House also cuts more than \$2 billion to the franchise tax, including a 25 percent across-the-board rate reduction.

After six hours of debate, the House passed a bill allowing licensed open carry of handguns.

*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](#) (Eltife)—House bill was set on House Calendar for Wednesday, April 15, and then postponed until April 29. The postponement will permit the Senate bill to be heard by B&I and ultimately substituted for the House bill on the House floor. The Senate bill passed the Senate and has been received in the House but not yet referred to committee.

## **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. The Senate bill passed the Senate and is referred to B&I in the House.

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

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

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — House bill was heard in B&I on April 14 with Karen Neeley testifying. The Senate bill passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

## **B -- Business Courts**

### **Chancery Court**

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. B&I voted out the bill on a 4-3 vote last Thursday. The committee adopted three amendments: 1) establishing an amount in controversy for a qualified transaction at \$10 million; 2) increasing the general amount in controversy from \$1 million to \$10 million; and 3) requiring severance for DTPA, Estates Code, Family Code, and trust actions. Opposition continues from TTLA, ABOTA, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. The process now moves to the Calendars Committee.

## **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 and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

### **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 passed 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. Placed on Senate Intent Calendar.

## **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 pending in B&I. Senate bill pending in 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. John Fahy met Friday with Chairman Parker’s staff to discuss concerns with the bill.

### **Insider Trading by Public Officials**

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Passed 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. Set on the House Calendar for April 21.

## **F -- Financial Institutions**

### **Dodd-Frank**

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Passed 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. The House bill remains pending in Investments and Financial Services. Senate bill passed 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*. Heard on April 14 in B&I with TBLF opposition. Mike Godfrey registered as the TBLF witness and met with Rep. Simmons' staff on TBLF concerns with the bill. Communications with Rep. Simmons, Rep. Rinaldi and other supporters continue, including a meeting set for Monday with Rep. Villalba, the TBLF lobby team, TLR, Byron Egan and proponents of the bill.

## **H -- Real Estate and Related Topics**

### **Power of Attorney**

[HB 3095](#) (Thompson) —The REPTL POA bill. Jackie Akins is analyzing the proposed committee substitute. Direction to the lobby team is needed on any remaining concerns. Hearing set for Tuesday, April 21 in Judiciary.

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

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

### **Franchise Tax**

[HB 32](#) (D. Bonnen)— Provides for an across-the-board 25 percent reduction in franchise tax rates and revises the “easy file” process and form. Passed Ways & Means.

[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 and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

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

### **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). HB 7 has now passed House Appropriations. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in all three committees.

### **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 and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

### Sales Tax

[HB 31](#) (D. Bonnen)—Lowers the statewide sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.59 percent. Would drop Texas sales tax ranking from 12<sup>th</sup> highest to 26<sup>th</sup>. Provides an average benefit of \$127 to Texas consumers. Passed Ways & Means.

### 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. Passed House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. 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

HB 2142	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">SB 860</a> Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House
	<b>Bill History:</b>	04-15-15 H Postponed on second reading until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2015
HB 2144	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">SB 859</a> Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House
	<b>Bill History:</b>	04-08-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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 Committee action pending 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)  
4-15-15 H Postponed on second reading until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**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 Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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

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**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)  
4-20-15 S Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as amended 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)  
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., SENATE CHAMBER - 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:** 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:** 04-16-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:146/N: 0)

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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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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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)  
4-16-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending 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.

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

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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

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SB 875      Eltife, Kevin(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:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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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.

**Companions:** [HB 3479](#) Oliveira, Rene (Identical)  
4-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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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)  
4-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Appropriations

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 1313      Watson, Kirk(D)      Relating to the names of certain businesses.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

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

**Companions:** HB 2207 Keffer, Jim (Identical)  
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Energy Resources

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

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

**Companions:** HB 2891 Otto, John (Identical)  
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on 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**

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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)  
4-10-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on 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:** 04-13-15 H Reported 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:** 04-21-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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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

HB 3170	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>SB 1346</b> Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical) 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>SB 1061</b> Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical) 3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		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

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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

**F - Financial Institutions**

[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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-22-15 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 411	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to prohibiting telemarketing calls by a credit access business.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry
HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 704	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 1791 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 4-20-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-13-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 705	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
		<b>Companions:</b> SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 4-20-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-16-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:146/N: 0)
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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Government Transparency and Operation
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:** 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:** 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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)  
4-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N: 1)

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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)  
4-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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)  
4-16-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Reported 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:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - 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)  
4-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N: 0)

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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:** 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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 Not heard in committee 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.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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

**Bill History:** 04-22-15 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

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

**Bill History:** 04-22-15 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

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

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

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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>		04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee on 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.
<b>Bill History:</b>		01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 121	West, Royce(D)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 1020</b> Giddings, Helen (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
<b>Bill History:</b>		01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 387	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to trusts.
<b>Companions:</b>		<b>HB 1029</b> Wray, John (F) (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 641	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 3442</a> Raney, John (Identical) 4-15-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-16-15 H Received in the House
SB 657	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 3536</a> Landgraf, Brooks (F) (Identical) 4-16-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N:0)
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services
SB 899	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 2676</a> Stephenson, Phil (Identical) 4- 6-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-10-15 H Received in the House
SB 926	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 2394</a> Darby, Drew (Identical) 4-16-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N:1)
<b>Bill History:</b>		04-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1282	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 3094</a> Parker, Tan (Identical) 4- 8-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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)  
4-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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      Eltife, 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)

4-13-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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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)  
4-16-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:146/N: 0)

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

**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:** 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.

**Companions:** SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia (Identical)

3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending 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>		04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - 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 Committee action pending House Business and Industry
SB 65	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
<b>Companions:</b>		<a href="#">HB 187</a> Thompson, Senfronia (Identical) 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>		<a href="#">HB 162</a> 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.

**Companions:** [HB 94](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)  
 3-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

**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)  
 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 Committee action pending 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

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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

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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)  
4- 8-15 H Received in the House

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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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

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

**Companions:** SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)  
4-16-15 S Committee action pending 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:** 04-13-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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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:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - 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:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - 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:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - 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

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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

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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)  
4-13-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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

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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:** 04-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

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

**I - Taxation/Related Topics**

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:** 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Appropriations

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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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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

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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 193	Murphy, Jim(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 250	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 552</a> Huberty, Dan (Identical) 2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 321	Keough, Mark (F)(R)	A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 02-11-15 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 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 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.
		<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.

**Companions:** [HB 250](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)  
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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

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[HB 850](#) [Goldman, Craig\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [SB 105](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance  
[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)  
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

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

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

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

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

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[HB 1152](#) [Turner, Scott\(R\)](#) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

**Companions:** [SB 138](#) Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

**Bill History:** 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>	<p>HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis (Identical)  4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Ways and Means</p>
	<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>	<p>SB 186 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)  3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</p>
	<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.
	<b>Bill History:</b>	03-12-15 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.
	<b>Companions:</b>	<p>SB 765 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</p>
	<b>Bill History:</b>	04-14-15 H Reported from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures
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)  
4-21-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, 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:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 3399	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3482	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the franchise tax.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 04-09-15 H Committee action pending 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.
		<b>Bill History:</b> 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
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.
		<b>Companions:</b> SJR 23 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
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)  
4-14-15 H Reported 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:** 04-21-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036 - 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 1276 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

**Companions:** [HB 7](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)

4-15-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Appropriations

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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

**Companions:** HB 2891 Otto, John (Identical)  
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on 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

**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)  
2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[HB 670](#) Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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[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

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[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

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[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

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[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)



4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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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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