

# 2015 Final Legislative Report

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# Purpose of Briefing

- Overview of 2015 Legislative Session
- Significant Legislative Issues
- Legislative Issue of Significance to Austin
- Interim/Next Steps
- Questions

# Overview 2015 Legislative Session

Year	Total Bills Filed	Total Bills Passed	City Related Bills Filed	City Related Bills Passed
2001	5,712	1,621	1,200+	150+
2003	5,754	1,403	1,200+	110+
2005	5,369	1,397	1,200+	105+
2007	6,374	1,495	1,200+	120+
2009	7,609	1,468	1,500+	160+
2011	6,303	1,410	1,500+	160+
2013 / 2015	6,061 / 6,476	1,4371 / 1,329	1,700+ / 1600+	220+ / 220+

# Significant Legislative Issues

- Budget
- Tax Cuts/Tax Reforms
- Public/Higher Education
- Immigration/Border Security
- Transportation Funding
- Guns

# Significant Legislative Issues for Austin

- SB 267 (Perry)/HB 2909 (Springer) preempts Source of Income ordinance
- SB 1945 (Fraser) deregulation of Austin Energy
- HB 3958 (Workman) limits Austin Energy GFT
- HB 2440(Paddie) preempts TNC ordinance
- HB 2970 (Alonzo) prescribed burns
- HB 3448 (Israel) allows de-credenting decisions of EMS medical director to be appealed to SOAH
- HB 1939 (Rinaldi)/SB 1806 (Estes) preemption of Plastic Bag Ban

# Significant Legislative Issues for Austin

- HB 912 (Isaac) prohibits cities from protesting wastewater discharge permits
- HB 2073 (Isaac) prohibits Austin from protesting wastewater discharge permits
- HB 3620 (Isaac) prohibits Austin from extending infrastructure through an unincorporated area in the ETJ to provide water and wastewater services to regional facilities
- HB 3621 (Isaac) takes away part of the Austin's ETJ
- HB 3622 (Isaac) requires Austin to provide water service to small city in ETJ but prohibits city from recovering cost of service provided

# Significant Legislative Issues for Austin

- SB 182 (Bettencourt) revenue caps
- HB 2221(Huberty) requires vote to annex/prohibits limited purpose annexation
- SB 343(Huffines) turns Home Rule cities into General Law cities
- SB 360 (Estes) regulatory takings
- HB 1556 (Miller)/SB 1155 (Hall)/HB 1911(Leach) preempt local non-discrimination ordinances
- HB 1742 (Workman) Chapter 245 Vesting Rights
- HB 3876 (Workman) Chapter 245 Vesting Rights
- HB 2595 (Keffer) limits citizen initiative & referendum authority

# Interim/Next Steps

- Interim Activities

# Questions