



Texas Legislative Update – 85th Regular Session
Austin Water and Wastewater Commission
January 11, 2017



Key Dates



- November 14, 2016 – Bill pre-filing
- January 10, 2017 – Session began
- March 10, 2017 – Statewide filing deadline
- May 29, 2017 – Regular session ends
- June 18, 2017 – Governor's veto deadline



New Leadership

- Senate and House Committees
- Austin Area Delegation
- City Intergovernmental Relations Office

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- Drinking water and wastewater plant fees
- Used oil account merger



Surface Water Rights

- HB 605 (Workman) – Economic impact study and mitigation
- HB 614 (Leach) – Application process
- SB 225 (Van Taylor) – Contested case hearing process
- SB 226 (Van Taylor) – Amendment process
- HB 352 (Murr) – Navigable watercourse opinion by state agencies



- SB 347 (Watson) – Open meetings for regional planning
- HB 174 (Lucio III) – Buy American for SWIFT financing
- HB 770 (Davis) – Buy American for state-aided and government construction contracts



Annexation & Eminent Domain

- HB 299 (Larson) & HB 424 (Huberty) – Annexation overhauls with voter approval requirements
- HB 528 & HJR 40 (Schofield) – Property repurchases after condemnation
- SB 243 (Burton) – County approval of certain residential condemnations located outside jurisdiction



Disaster Planning

- SB 351 (Watson) & HB 312 (Johnson) – Disaster recovery fund for grants to state and local entities
- HB 773 (Johnson) – State agency strategic planning to include drought, flood management



- HB 173 (Lucio) – Rainwater harvesting installations for compensation



- SB 59 (Zaffirini) – Water and energy planning and reporting by state agencies

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