



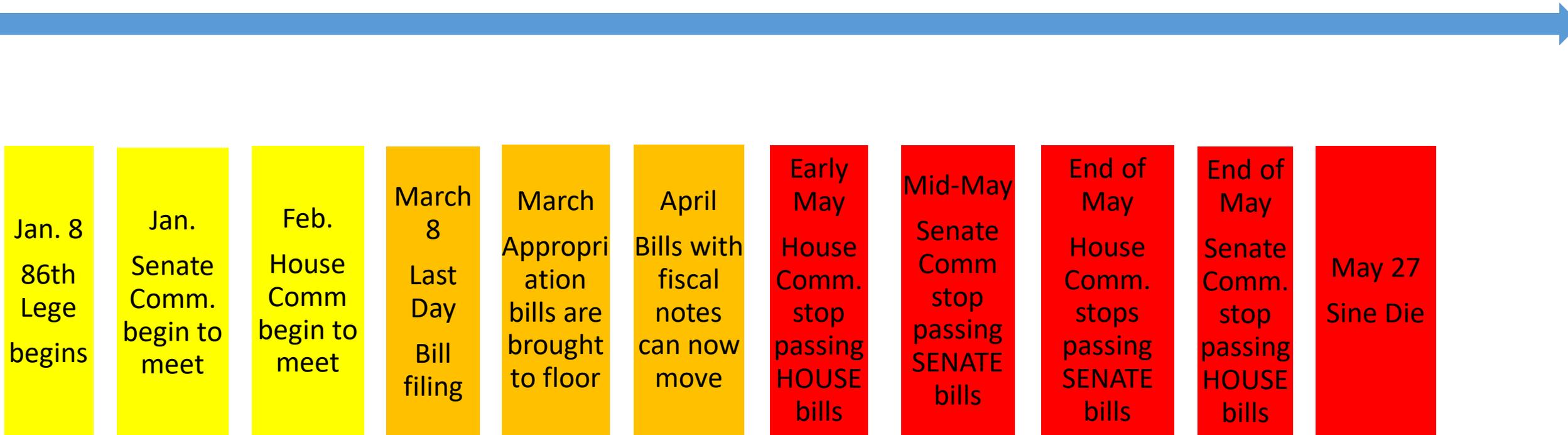
STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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During session, the Texas Legislature drives our... **WORK TIMELINES.**



2017 TEXAS LEGISLATURE: BY THE NUMBERS

Year	Total Bills Introduced	Total Bills Passed	City-Related bills introduced	City-Related bills passed
75th-1997	5,629	1,487	1,100+	130+
76 th -1999	5,813	1,622	1,230+	130+
...
84 th -2015	6,476	1,329	1,900+	220+
85th – 2017	6,800	1,208	2500+	294

- **3,089** Bills/JR's filed in last 10 business days before filing deadline (47%)



THE AGENDAS: LAST SESSION

Abbott

- Four Emergency Items: CPS, Sanctuary Cities, Ethics, and a Convention of the States; added a fifth: Voter ID

Patrick

- SB 1-30: Property Tax Caps, School Choice, “Bathroom Bill,” Sanctuary Cities, Voter ID, State Spending Caps, Hailstorm

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- School Funding, CPS, Mental Health, Infrastructure, Higher Education



TEXAS LEGISLATURE LENS: PRIORITY ISSUES

Revenue
Caps

Annexation

Austin
Energy

Small Cell

Payday
Lending

Bathrooms

Super
Preemption

Fair Chance
Hiring

TNC's

Short-term
Rentals

Plastic Bag
Ban



WHAT PASSED

1. State budget
2. TxDOT sunset
3. RRC sunset
4. CPS reforms
5. Mental health reforms
6. Sandra Bland Act
7. Child trafficking reforms
8. Ethics reforms
9. Public education reforms
10. Cybersecurity
11. Texting while driving
12. Sanctuary cities
13. Convention of the States
14. Voter ID
15. Pro-Life
16. Gun permit fees
17. Protective vests for police
18. Elimination straight party voting
19. TNC/Ride hailing (Uber)
20. Dallas & Houston pension



WHAT DID NOT PASS

- No legislation passed affecting:
 - School finance
 - School choice
 - Bathrooms/LGBT
 - Franchise tax reductions
 - Medical marijuana
 - Higher education funding/tuition



TRANSPORTATION: WHAT PASSED

- **H.B. 62 (Craddick/Zaffirini) – Hands-Free:** Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; creating a criminal offense; modifying existing criminal penalties. (Effective 9/1/17)
- **H.B. 100 (Paddie/Schwertner) – Transportation Network Companies:** Preempts a city's authority to regulate transportation network companies (TNCs). (Effective 5/29/17)
- **H.B. 1140 (Anderson/Hinojosa) –** Relating to the allocation categories for state funding of public transportation. (Effective 9/1/17)
- **S.B. 312 (Nichols/L. Gonzales) – TXDOT Sunset Bill:** Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation; authorizing an increase in rates charged for the use of state aircraft to provide for the acquisition of replacement aircraft; creating a criminal offense. (Effective 6/9/17)
- **S.B. 2205 (Hancock/Geren) –** Relating to automated motor vehicles. (Effective 9/1/17)



CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

- Anti-city environment (preempt cities roles and limit property taxes)
- Governor and Lt. Governor committed to property tax issue
- Republican lead legislature – that’s not changing
- Speaker’s race – extremely important to cities



TEXAS LEGISLATURE LENS: PRIORITY ISSUES

Austin Energy

Revenue Caps

Super
Preemption

Bathrooms

Zoning / Short-
term Rentals

Earned Sick
Leave

Fair Chance
Hiring



TRANSPORTATION: 86TH SESSION

Transportation-related bills filed (so far):

- **H.B. 44 (Romero) – Impact Fees:** would require the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the use of city impact fees for roadway facilities.
- **H.B. 119 (Minjarez) – Automated Vehicles:** would provide that: (1) the manufacturer of an automated motor vehicle is not liable for damage that arises from an accident involving the vehicle if a person other than the manufacturer modified or attempted to modify the vehicle without the manufacturer's consent and: (a) the modification or attempted modification of the vehicle was the direct cause of the accident; or (b) the modification or attempted modification of the vehicle interfered with the normal operation of the vehicle; and (2) an accident report prepared by the Texas Department of Public Safety must include a way to indicate whether: (a) an automated motor vehicle was at fault or otherwise involved in the accident; and (b) the owner of an automated motor vehicle involved in the accident was contacted.
- **H.B. 293 (Pickett) – Transportation Funding:** would provide that: (1) in each state fiscal year beginning on or after September 1, 2011, the comptroller shall deposit an additional 40 percent of the motor vehicle sales tax revenue in excess of the first \$5 billion to the credit of the state highway fund; and (2) money deposited to the credit of the state highway fund under the bill may be appropriated only to: (a) construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or (b) repay the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds issued for transportation projects.
- **H.B. 339 (Murr) – Work Zones:** would require an entity that sets a lower speed limit on a road or highway for a construction or maintenance work zone to place a sign at the end of the zone indicating the speed limit after the zone ends.



QUESTIONS?

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