

87TH STATE LEGISLATURE

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87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION: RECAP



- 7,148 bills and joint resolutions filed and reviewed by IGRO
- 15% of filed bills & joint resolutions ultimately passed
 - This is a reduced passage rate of 5% from previous sessions
 - 67% of passed bills filed by Republicans & 33% filed by Democrats
- 21 vetoes by the governor.
- IGRO tracked 2,254 bills and joint resolutions

87TH SPECIAL SESSIONS: **STATISTICS**



1st Called Session

- July 8 – Aug. 6
- **405** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- No bills passed

2nd Called Session

- Aug. 7 – Sept. 2
- **380** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **15** bills & joint resolutions passed

3rd Called Session

- Sept. 20 – Oct 19
- **249** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **11** bills & joint resolutions passed

87TH PASSED BILLS: **NEGATIVE FOR CITY**



**City Police Funding
HB 1900 (Goldman)**

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

**Camping Ban
HB 1925 (Capriglione)**

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

**No Contracts : Firearm
Boycott
SB 19 (Schwertner)**

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

**Permitless Carry
HB 1927 (Schaefer)**

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH PASSED BILLS: POSITIVE FOR THE CITY



APRS Pensions

HB 4368 (Rodriguez)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Cloud Computing

SB 58 (Zaffirini)

Effective June 3, 2021

Local Health Department Medicaid

SB 73 (Miles)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



Community Advocacy

SB 10 (Hall)

MOU Deregulation

SB 182 (Schwertner)

AE Rates

SB 566 (Buckingham)
HB 2775 (Cain)

Super Preemption

HB 610 (Swanson)
HB 3909 (Harris)

Disannexation Bills

Lake Austin (SB 659/ HB 1653)
West Rim (HB 2776)
Lost Creek (SB 1499 / HB 3827)

ETJ Regulation

HB 1885 (Harris)

Employment Preemption

SB 14 (Creighton)

Noise Ordinance Preemption

HB 3813 (Harris)

Homeless Housing

SB 646 & SB 796
(Schwertner)
HB 1803 (Wilson)

87TH BILLS: **ARTS COMMISSION**



Passed

Music Incubator

SB 609 (Alvarado)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Failed

COVID Arts Study

HB 3202 (Meza)

**Historical Monument
Removal**

HB 2713 (Hefner)

88TH SESSION: CHANGES



- Changes in Senate membership & leadership
- Potentially 40 new members in House
- Austin delegation changes and committee assignments
- Interim charges likely after March primary

QUESTIONS?



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Agenda:
<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=347683>

87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: APPENDIX



- Bills Impacting People Experiencing Homelessness
- Police Funding Bills

87TH BILLS IMPACTING THE HOMELESS



Camping Ban

HB 1925 (Capriglione)

Effective September 1, 2021

- City must submit a plan for approval by TDHCA to designate a property for encampment. Designation of public parks is prohibited.
- Offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Officers must make reasonable effort to connect persons to designated encampment and services.
- Local entities cannot have policies that prohibit or discourage enforcement of the ban nor can they discourage peace officers or prosecuting attorneys from enforcing the ban.
- Policies that encourage diversion or provision of services in lieu of citation or arrest are allowed.
- *HB 1925 Contingency Rider NOT included in the final appropriations act.*
- *City submitted comments on TDHCA rules for encampment for public comment*

Purchase / Conversion: County Approval

- SB 646 (Schwertner)
- *Vote failed in House Committee*
- **HB 1803 (Wilson)**
- *Procedurally Dead: House Calendar Deadline*

Purchase / Conversion: Notice

- SB 796 (Schwertner)
- *Vote failed in House Committee*

87TH POLICE FUNDING



City Police Funding

HB 1900 (Goldman)

Effective September 1, 2021

- Applies only to municipalities over 250,000
- “Defunding municipality” reduces appropriation to police department compared to previous budget. [lower than the larger of previous two years’ budgets until 2023]
- Determined by Office of Governor’s Criminal Justice Division (“CJD”). Some exceptions allowed at discretion of CJD
- **Penalties:**
 - Dis-annexation elections and prohibition on annexations.
 - Must use lowest property tax rate (generally no-new-revenue rate) for upcoming year
 - Annual sales tax distribution decreased by amount determined by CJD that State spent to provide law enforcement services to City.
 - Increase contributions to APRS such that the combined City and member contributions are no less than the combined City and member contributions in FY2021.
 - AE & AWU rates capped at January 2021 levels unless utilities stop providing any funding to the City through transfers.

County Funding

SB 23 (Huffman)

Applies only to counties
over 1 million

Effective January 1, 2022

9 other
“defunding”
bills did not pass

Thank you

