

# 88TH STATE LEGISLATURE

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# WHERE WE STARTED: 2022 PRE-FILED LEGISLATION



- Multiple Austin-specific and General City bills were pre-filed in 2022, indicating a tough session ahead for Austin and Cities in general.
  - **Austin Specific**
    - District of Austin – HB 714 by Patterson
    - DPS Takeover of Austin Police Department – HB 880 by Slawson
    - Guaranteed Income Preemption – HB 553 by Troxclair
    - Paid Sick Leave Preemption – SB 130 by Campbell; HB 121 by Vasut
  - **City Specific**
    - Intra-state Commerce Preemption
    - Municipal Permitting
    - Community Advocacy (i.e. taxpayer funded lobbying)
- *By the time the Session began, additional bills concerning significant issues impacting Cities had been filed, such as ETJ regulation, permitting, and disannexation.*

# 88<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION STATISTICS



- A total **8,153 bills and joint resolutions** were filed in the 88th Regular Session, with 1,020 bills and joint resolutions filed on the final day of filing alone.
  - For context, a total of 7,148 bills and joint resolutions were filed in the 87th Regular Session in 2021.
- IGRO tracked **1,678 bills**
  - IGRO identified 81 priority bills that would have had a highly negative impact on City. By the end of the 88<sup>th</sup> Session, 75 of the priority negative bills failed to pass and 6 finally passed.
- Governor Abbott vetoed 76 bills, many of which he said could be taken up again in a special session.

# 88<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL SESSIONS: **STATISTICS**



## 1st Called Session

- May 29 – June 27
- **66** Bills and JRs Filed.
- No bills passed

## 2nd Called Session

- June 27 – July 13
- **94** Bills and JRs Filed
- 3 bills passed

## 3rd Called Session

- Oct. 9 – Nov. 7
- **287** Bills and JRs Filed
- 2 bills passed

## 4<sup>th</sup> Called Session\*

- Nov. 7 – Dec. 5
- **161** Bills and JRs Filed
- 2 bills passed

*\* First time a Texas governor has called a fourth special session the same year as the regular session*

# 88TH SPECIAL SESSION(S)



- The Governor called a total of four Special Sessions on a range of topics, including:
  - Cutting property-tax rates
  - Increasing or enhancing the penalties for criminal conduct involving the human smuggling or the operation of a stash house
  - Border security infrastructure and border wall funding
  - Creating a criminal offense for illegal entry into or illegal presence in the state
  - School vouchers, teachers pay raise and school security.
  - COVID-19 vaccine mandates

# 88<sup>TH</sup> PASSED BILLS: POSITIVE FOR THE CITY



## COAERS Pensions

SB 1444 (Zaffirini, Bucy)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## HOT Flexibility

HB 5012 (Clardy)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## Save MUNY

HB 2867 (Howard)

*Effective June 10, 2023*

## Omnibus Bracket Bill

HB 4559 (Darby)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

### 2020 Census Update

- City of Austin Population: 961,855
- Travis County Population: 1,290,188

Austin Bracket Seen in Legislation this Session

*“(1) with a population of 750,000 or more; and  
(2) primarily located in a county with a population of 1.5 million or less.”*

# 88<sup>TH</sup> PASSED BILLS: **NEGATIVE FOR CITY**



## **ETJ Regulation**

SB 2038 (Bettencourt)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## **Disannexation**

HB 3053 (Dean)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## **Super Preemption**

HB 2127 (Burrows)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## **Parkland Dedication**

HB 1526 (Harris)

*Effective June 10, 2023*

## **Building Regulations**

HB 14 (Harris)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

## **Subdivision Regulation**

HB 3699 (Wilson)

*Effective Sept. 1, 2023*

# 88<sup>TH</sup> BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



## **Project Connect**

HB 3899 (Troxclair)

## **Convention Center HOT**

HB 4090 (Troxclair)

## **Streaming Fees**

SB 1117 (Hancock)

## **Haven for Hope**

SB 2529 (Parker)

## **Community Advocacy**

SB 175 (Middleton)  
HB 170 (Spiller)  
SB 2330 (Bettencourt)

## **Drag Queen Story Time**

SB 1601 Hughes



# 88TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



## Preemption Bills

### **Commercial Activity Preemption**

SB 149 (Springer)

### **Licensing Preemption**

HB 2350 (Harris)

### **Licensing Preemption**

HB 2266 (Leach)

### **Ashe Juniper Regulation**

HB 2239 (Troxclair)

### **Guaranteed Income**

HB 553 (Troxclair)  
SB 2498 (Middleton)

# 88TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



## Austin Energy Bills

### **AE Rate Review**

SB 853 (Hancock)

### **Vegetation: GFT Restriction**

HB 4207 (Troxclair)

### **AE Governance**

HB 4208 (Troxclair)

### **Dispatchable Generation Prohibition**

HB 4213 (Troxclair)

### **MOU Wholesale Prohibition**

HB 4211 (Troxclair)

### **Customer Choice**

HB 4212 (Troxclair)

### **GFT Restriction: Rate Increases**

SB 1110 (Schwertner)

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## Disannexation & ETJ

### Statewide Disannexation

SB 369 (Campbell)

### West Rim Disannexation

HB 1307 (Toth)

### ½ Mile ETJ Area

HB 1279 (Tepper)

### ETJ Services / Permit Denial

HB 4175 (Harris)

### Max ETJ Size

HB 4215 (Bell, Keith)  
SB 1545 (Bettencourt)

### Subdivision Regulations

SB 2037 (Bettencourt)

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## Zoning & Housing

### ADU Regulation

HB 2789 (Holland)

SB 1412 (Hughes)\*

*\*House Vote Failed 68-70*

### Building Heights

HB 2198 (Hefner)

SB 491 (Hughes)

### Size / Density

HB 3921 (Goldman)

SB 1787 (Bettencourt)

### Eviction Regulation

HB 2035 (Slawson)

SB 986 (Creighton)

### STR Regulations

HB 2665 (Gates)

HB 2367 (Lozano)

### Sound Preemption

SB 577 (Springer)

HB 1247 (Harris)

### No Permit Time Frame

HB 3826 (Toth)

SB 560 (Springer)

### Permitting Pre-Application

SB 259 (Springer)

# 88<sup>TH</sup> BILLS PASSED: **PUBLIC SAFETY**



## **Telecommunicator Mental Health Leave**

HB 1486 (Gerdes)

Effective Sept. 1, 2023

## **Removing Property From Roadways**

SB 1413 (Johnson)

Effective Immediately

## **Crime Victim Notification Grant**

SB 2085 (Whitmire)

Effective September 1, 2023

## **Racing Vehicle Impoundment**

HB 2899 (Plesa)

Effective Immediately

# 88<sup>TH</sup> BILLS FAILED TO PASS: **PUBLIC SAFETY**



## **Police Oversight**

SB 2209 (Hancock)

Died on House Calendar

## **District of Austin**

HB 714 (Patterson)

HB 880 (Slawson)

No Hearing

## **Paramedic Tuition**

HB 683 (Cole)

Passed Senate Subcommittee

## **No Knock Warrants**

HB 504 (Wu)

Passed the House

# QUESTIONS?



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Thank you

