

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.*

88TH 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 88th 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. *No vetoed bills were taken up during the special sessions.*

88TH 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

4th 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

88TH 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.”*

88TH 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

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



Project Connect

HB 3899 (Troxclair)

Convention Center HOT

HB 4090 (Troxclair)

Streaming Fees

SB 1117 (Hancock)

District of Austin

HB 714 (Patterson)

HB 880 (Slawson)

Restrict Homeless Services

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)

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



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)

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



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)

88TH BILLS PASSED: AAQoL



University DEI Prohibition
SB 17 (Creighton)

4th Special Session
State Immigration Crimes
SB 4 (Perry)

88TH BILLS FAILED TO PASS: AAQoL



Social Media Ban

HB 2206 (Patterson)

Voted out of House Committee

University Enrollment Prohibition

HB 4736 (Tinderholt)

Did not receive a hearing

Real Property Purchase

SB 147 (Kolkhorst)

*** multiple bills filed restricting purchase of property ***

Did not receive a House hearing

HHSC Language Access

HB 5166 (Morales Shaw) & SB 2080 (Menéndez)

HB left Pending in House Committee

TEA Study on AAPI Students

HB 3348 (Vo)

Did not receive a hearing

QUESTIONS?



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Agenda:
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Thank you

