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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

Budget Highlights

Overall Appropriations:

2014/15 Total Appropriations

- \$733.6 million including contingency funds. An increase of \$38.4 million from the FY14/15 LAR.

Method of Finance

MOF	Totals	Percentage
General Revenue	\$17.9 million	2.4%
General Revenue Dedicated	\$624.8 million	85.2%
Federal Funds	\$78.7 million	10.7%
Other	\$12.2 million	1.7%

Full-time Equivalents

- 2,756.2 FTEs authorized. A reduction of 5 FTEs in comparison to FY 14/15 LAR.

Rider/Program Changes:

Air Quality Planning Grants (Rider 8):

The Air Quality Planning grants were increased by \$1.5 million for the biennium and added Granbury to list of potential areas.

TERP (Rider 21):

The Texas Emission Reduction Plan program received an increase of \$24.9 million and 5 FTEs for the biennium.

LIRAP (Rider 25):

The Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program received an increase of \$2.8 million for the biennium to allocate funds to the Travis and Williamson counties.

Rio Grande Compact Commission (Rider 28):

The Rio Grande Compact Commission received \$5 million to cover expenses for investigations and legal costs for litigation between Texas and New Mexico.

New Watermaster Program (Rider 29):

If the commission created a new watermaster program, the agency is appropriated \$1.3 million for the biennium to support the costs of the program.

Cost Recovery for Remediation and Clean ups (Rider 30):

The Superfund program has the authority to carry forward recovered costs between the biennium.

Closed Battery Recycling (Rider 31):

Contingent on HB 7, the agency received \$1.5 million to support environmental remediation at a site of a closed battery recycling facility in a city with a population in excess of 120,000 and has submitted a VCP.

Contingency Appropriations:

Greenhouse Gas (Article IX Section 18.11):

Contingent on passage of HB 788, the agency is appropriated \$785,362 for the biennium to implement the greenhouse gas emission permitting and regulatory program. In addition, the program is authorized 1 FTE in FY 14 and 10 FTEs in FY 15.

Water and Sewer Service (Article IX Section 18.15):

Contingent on passage of HB 1600, the agency will transfer the water and sewer service to the Public Utility Commission (PUC), estimated to be \$1.5 million and 20 FTEs in FY 15. In addition, the agency will transfer SOAH costs to the PUC, estimated to be \$184,000 in FY 15.

Vehicle Inspection Program (Article IX Section 18.50):

Contingent on the passage HB 2305, the agency is appropriated \$.8 million for costs to modify vehicle emission analyzers. This bill also modifies the collection method for certain fees in the Clean Air Account.

Expedited Permitting (Article IX Section 18.57):

Contingent on passage of SB 1756, the agency is appropriated \$1.9 million for the biennium to implement the expedited air permitting program.

Administrative Provisions:

Salary Increase (Article IX Section 17.06):

State employees will receive an increase of 1% in annual salary with a minimum of \$50 per month in FY 14 and another increase of 2% in annual salary with a minimum of \$50 per month in FY 15.

Data Center Services (Article IX Section 17.08):

This provision provides a technical adjustment to the Data Center Services funding, appropriating an additional \$0.8 million.

Additional Payroll Contribution (Article IX Section 17.13):

Contingent on passage of SB 1459, state agencies shall contribute to the ERS by an increase of .5% contribution.

Conference Committee for FY 2014/15

Total Appropriation = \$732,804,432

FTEs = 2,756.2

Baseline Funding

	Biennial Total	FTEs
LAR Request	\$694,399,598	2,761.2
GAA Baseline	\$723,556,453	2,766.2
Difference	\$29,156,855	5.0
Increase Baseline resulted from:		
Texas Emission Reduction Plan (Rider 21)	\$24,864,575	5.0
LIRAP – Williamson & Travis (Rider 25)	\$2,829,280	0.0
Air Quality Planning Grants (Rider 8)	\$1,463,000	0.0
Total Increase to the Baseline	\$29,156,855	5.0

The GAA Baseline includes the funded exceptional items:

- Rio Grande Compact Commission litigation \$5,000,000
- Data Center Services \$4,308,531

Riders above the Baseline

New Watermaster Program (Rider 29)	\$1,270,408	0.0
Closed Battery Recycling Facility (Rider 31)	\$1,500,000	0.0
Total Riders above the Baseline	\$2,770,408	0.0

Article IX Provisions

Section 17.06 - Salary Increase (estimated)	\$4,509,000	0.0
Section 17.08 - Data Center Services	\$761,027	0.0
Section 18.11 - HB 788 Greenhouse Gas Emission	\$785,362	10.0*
Section 18.15 - HB 1600 Transfer to PUC (estimated)	(\$1,429,818)	(20.0)
Section 18.57 - SB 1756 Expedited Permitting	\$1,852,000	0.0
Total Article IX Provisions	\$6,477,571	(10.0)

*Includes 1 FTE for FY 14 and 10 FTEs for FY 15

AGENCY OFFICE
Commissioners

HB 16 by Flynn **Senate Sponsor: Ellis**

Relating to a requirement that a state agency post the results of certain audits on the state agency's Internet website.

Requires the agency, in a manner to be provided by the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO), to post on the agency's public internet site the following documents: the agency's internal audit plan approved and the agency's annual report. The bill also requires that 1) a state agency shall update the posting required under this section at the time and in the manner provided by the state auditor to include a detailed summary of the weaknesses, deficiencies, wrongdoings, or other concerns, if any, raised by the audit plan or annual report; 2) a state agency shall update the posting required under this section to include a summary of the action taken by the agency to address the concerns, if any, that are raised by the audit plan or annual report.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2414 by Button **Senate Sponsor: Deuell**

Relating to requirements for open meetings held by videoconference call.

Revises statutory provisions relating to a governmental body meeting via videoconference.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 59 by Nelson **House Sponsor: Callegari**

Relating to certain required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Ensure that limited state resources are being committed to current state priorities rather than to reporting requirements that no longer serve their intended purpose or are redundant of other reporting requirements. Specifically this legislation streamlines agency reporting requirements by repealing obsolete reports, reducing the frequency of some reports, and redirecting some reports to relevant recipients. Specifically, this bill amends current law relating to required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 471

by Ellis

House Sponsor: Harper-Brown

Relating to technological efficiencies in the recording of certain open meetings.

Defines "recording" as a tangible medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded, including a disc, tape, wire, film, electronic storage drive, or other medium now existing or later developed, and to revise open meetings law relating to the recording of certain open meetings to conform to that definition.

Effective Date: 5/18/2013

SB 984

by Ellis

House Sponsor: Perry

Relating to the meeting of a governmental body held by videoconference call.

Allows a meeting of a state governmental body or governmental body that extends into three or more counties to be held by videoconference call if the member presiding over the meeting is physically present at one location of the meeting that is open to the public. The legislation removes the requirement that remote locations of the other members be open to the public and posted in the notice of the meeting. The notice of the meeting to be held by videoconference call must specify the meeting location where the presiding officer will physically be. It also requires two-way communications for each remote location from which a member of the governmental body participates.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Executive Director

HB 1128 by Herrero

Senate Sponsor: Garcia

Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.

Requires each state agency employing more than 1,500 people to post an electronic form or link on either its intranet or public website that allows employees to submit suggestions and ideas for making the agency more cost-efficient. Calls for members of the public to be able to monitor these submissions on a public website, either in real time or weekly or monthly, and to be able to vote for their favorite submissions. The bill also allows the Texas Department of Information Resources to exclude from the requirements of this section if a state agency if the agency has a preexisting program or link that the department determines substantially meets the requirements of this section.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3714 by Guerra

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to the creation of the small business advisory task force.

Improves the development, growth, and vitality of small businesses through a specified small business advisory task force.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 279 by Watson

House Sponsor: Elkins

Relating to certain information about high-value data sets provided by state agencies to the Department of Information Resources.

Requires a state agency posts a high-value data set on an internet website maintained by or for the agency to provide the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) with a brief description of the data set and a link to the data set. It requires that DIR posts the description and link on the state electronic internet portal

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 328

by Carona

House Sponsor: Gonzales

Relating to the hiring of entrepreneurs-in-residence by state agencies.

Authorizes an entrepreneur-in-residence program for state agencies in Texas.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1297

by Watson

House Sponsor: Branch

Relating to written electronic communications between members of a governmental body.

Establishes that a communication or exchange of information between members of a governmental body about public business or public policy over which the governmental body has supervision or control does not constitute a meeting or deliberation for purposes of state open meetings law if the communication is in writing; the writing is posted to an online message board or similar internet application that is viewable and searchable by the public; and the communication is displayed in real time and displayed on the online message board or similar internet application for no less than 30 days after the communication is first posted.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1599

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Lozano

Relating to county and municipal land development regulation.

Creates uniform standards for the regulations of the development of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of certain counties near the international border and in certain economically distressed counties, in areas described as colonias. Provides that those standards as they relate to county and municipal land development regulation by, among other provisions, requiring the preparation of plats by certain subdividers of land and ensuring compliance with the model rules adopted by the Texas Water Development Board relating to minimum standards for safe and sanitary water supply and sewer services in residential areas.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Administrative Services

HB 6

by Otto

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the creation and re-creation of funds and accounts in the state treasury, the dedication and rededication of revenue, and the exemption of unappropriated money from use for general governmental purposes.

Abolishes all funds, accounts, and revenue dedications created or re-created by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013), unless specifically exempted under separate sections of the bill. Section 8 of the bill states that no more than \$4.8 billion of general revenue dedicated fund balance can be used for the purpose of certifying the budget.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 7

by Darby

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Implements recommendations in the Legislative Budget Board's report, "Options to Reduce Reliance on General-Revenue Dedicated Accounts for Certification of the State Budget" submitted to the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013). Requires the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to develop and implement a process to review the dedication, appropriation, and accumulation of General Revenue-Dedicated Funds. Requires the LBB to incorporate into budget recommendations appropriate measures to reduce reliance on available dedicated revenue for certification and include with the budget recommendations plans for further reducing reliance for the succeeding six years.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 480

by Alvarado

Senate Sponsor: Ellis

Relating to leave for certain state employees who are attending educational activities of their children

Expands state law allowing state employees to use up to eight hours of sick leave each fiscal year to attend a parent-teacher conferece to allow parents to attend other school sponsored activities such as tutoring, field trips, classroom programs, academic competitions, et cetera. Employees are required to give reasonable advance notice of their intention to use their sick leave to attend an educational activity. The bill seeks to promote parental involvement by authorizing the use of accrued sick leave for state employees.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 586

by Workman

Senate Sponsor: Deuell

Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.

Establishes a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit for the purpose of adjudicating a claim for breach of an express provision of such a contract brought by a party to the contract and subjects the waiver to the terms and conditions of the bill's provisions. Limits the total amount of money awarded in an adjudication brought against a state agency for breach of an express provision of such a contract to the balance due and owed by the state agency under the contract as it may have been amended. Makes adjudication procedures that are stated in the contract or that are established by the state agency and expressly incorporated into the contract enforceable except to the extent those procedures conflict with the terms set out in the bill. Authorizes satisfaction and payment of a judgment under the bill's provisions to occur only on legislative appropriation of funds in accordance with the Texas Constitution and state statute.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1025

by Pitts

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

Makes adjustments to appropriations to various agencies over various periods to address revised revenue estimates and supplemental needs.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1726 by Bohac **Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini**

Relating to shipping coordination services for state agencies.

Requires the comptroller to enter into a contract to provide shipping coordination services for all state agencies. Requires state agencies to utilize this vendor for all shipments of goods. Requires the vendor to maintain a record of shipments and costs associated with each shipment. The bill also requires the comptroller to provide contract opportunities and increase awards for vendors that employ employee veterans or people with disabilities.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1965 by Harper-Brown **Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini**

Relating to the state contracting duties of the quality assurance team and Contract Advisory Team.

Requires the quality assurance team and the contract advisory team to develop and recommend policies and procedures to improve contract management and value-based decision making. The team must also monitor agencies to ensure they are meeting the needs of service population.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1994 by Reynolds **Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini**

Relating to the purchase of certain commodity items by a state agency.

Provides state agencies the ability to purchase commodity items that are not available under current Department of Information Resource (DIR) contracts without seeking an exemption from DIR or prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The bill also allows state agencies to purchase commodity items through a local government purchasing cooperative if they are not available through a DIR contract.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2015

by Davis

Senate Sponsor: Watson

Relating to the proper classification of workers performing services under certain governmental contracts.

Requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to adopt rules establishing criteria for the proper classification of whether an individual is an employee or independent contractor who enters a construction contract with a governmental entity. The bill also imposes a \$200 penalty to be paid to TWC for every entity that is misclassified. The bill has a statute of limitations of 3 years to collect on a penalty.

Effective Date: 1/1/2014

HB 2020

by Crownover

Senate Sponsor: Deuell

Relating to the adoption of wellness policies and programs by state agencies.

A state agency may 1) develop a wellness program designed to increase productivity and capacity and reduce health insurance costs; 2) provide financial incentives for participation in a wellness program after an agency establishes a written policy with objective criteria for providing these incentive. Offer on-site clinic or pharmacy services; and 3) adopt additional wellness policies, as determined by the agency.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2422

by Gonzales

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to consideration of cloud computing services when a state agency purchases services for a major information resources project.

Directs a state agency to consider cloud computing service options when making purchases for a major information resource project. Defines a “cloud computing service” to include networks, servers, storage, applications, or related technology services that may be rapidly provisioned and released by the service provider with minimal effort and interaction. The bill explicitly excludes from the definition telecommunications service or the hosting of computing resources dedicated to a single purchaser

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2472

by Cook

Senate Sponsor: Birdwell

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) and certain procurement functions of the comptroller of public accounts.

Continues DIR and retains statewide procurement and other support services duties at the Comptroller of Public Accounts for eight years until 2021. The bill also continues the Comptroller's authority to perform statewide procurement functions for eight years, rather than allowing these functions to transfer back to the Texas Facilities Commission on September 1, 2013.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2738

by Elkins

Senate Sponsor: Ellis

Relating to a study by the Department of Information Resources regarding state agency technology efficiency.

Requires the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to conduct a study of legacy systems maintained by state agencies other than institutions of higher education. State agencies would be required to provide to DIR the information necessary for the study. A legacy system is defined as a computer system or application program operated with obsolete or inefficient hardware or software technology. The study must include an inventory of the systems, the annual cost to maintain the systems, the availability of resources to maintain the systems, the security risks of using the systems, a plan for assessing and prioritizing statewide modernization projects to update or replace the systems, and, if feasible, an estimate of the cost of updating the systems. It must be completed by October 1, 2014

Effective Date: 5/25/2013

HB 2873

by Harper-Brown

Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to the development of a model contract management process for use with low-risk state procurements.

Requires the contract management guide created by the comptroller to include a model contract management process for low-risk contracts and recommendations on the appropriate use of the model. A new section requires the contract advisory team to identify types of procurement that pose a low risk. It also requires the team to develop a model contract management process for low risk contracts.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3116

by Cook

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to the recovery of uniform statewide accounting project costs from state agencies and vendors.

Redefines "enterprise resource planning" to include purchasing in the administrative duties of a state agency. Authorizes the comptroller of public accounts of the State of Texas to recover from a state agency or a vendor that uses the system the cost of implementation or use of any component of the project, rather than authorizing the comptroller to recover from a state agency the cost of implementation of use of any component of the project by the agency.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3436

by Cook

Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to formal action of responsible governmental entities on certain proposals or bids for certain projects.

Adds a temporary provision, set to expire September 2, 2013, to prohibit a responsible government entity that has the power to develop or operate an applicable qualifying project under provisions relating to public and private facilities and infrastructure from taking any formal action on a proposal or bid received under those statutory provisions before September 1, 2013. This postpones all formal action by the Texas Facilities Commission on public-private partnerships.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3648

by Harper-Brown

Senate Sponsor: Paxton

Relating to the performance of certain state purchasing contracts.

Requires the performance of contract for goods and services must comply with terms contained in the written solicitation for the contract. Requires material changes to contract must go before a public hearing before approval. Identifies material changes as extending the length or postponing the contract for 6 months or increasing the total consideration to be paid by the contract by 5%.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 176

by Carona

House Sponsor: Flynn

Relating to the distribution of certain consultants' reports.

Requires a contract for consulting services to include a provision that allows the contracting state agency and the legislature, if the agency chooses, to distribute consultant reports. The bill also requires a separate provision to allow the consultant report to be posted on the contracting agency's internet site or standing legislative committee website.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 700

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Kacal

Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Requires the agency to set percentage goals for reducing electricity, water, gasoline, and natural gas and include them in the agency's comprehensive energy and water management five-year plan, which must be updated semi-annually. The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) is required to report to the governor and Legislative Budget Board on even-numbered years about the status and effectiveness of state agency conservation and utility management; that report, which would be posted online, must include information the TCEQ and other state agencies submit to SECO.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1368

by Davis

House Sponsor: Alvarado

Relating to contracts by certain state governmental entities that involve the exchange or creation of public information.

Requires a contract between a nongovernmental vendor and a state agency, board, commission, office, department, or other agency in the executive or legislative branch of state government that involves the exchange or creation of public information that the state governmental entity collects, assembles, or maintains or to which the governmental entity has a right of access to be drafted in consideration of state information law requirements and to contain a provision that requires the vendor to make the information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under public information law available in a specific format that is agreed upon in the contract and accessible by the public. The bill requires a request for public information regarding such a contract to be submitted to the officer or employee responsible for responding to open records requests for the state governmental entity that executed the contract. The bill prohibits its provisions from being waived by contract or otherwise.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Air

HB 677

by Geren

Senate Sponsor: Eltife

Relating to the regulation and enforcement of dam safety by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Exempts certain dams on private land meeting certain criteria from meeting the TCEQ's Dam Safety Program criteria in counties under 350,000 population. Previously, such dams were only exempted in counties under 215,000 population. The bill will also repeal the exemption expiration date, which will have the effect of permanently excluding dams that meet exemption criteria from Dam Safety Program requirements. The TCEQ reports that only nine of 130 dams that will be exempted by the bill are significant hazard dams, which means that the number of dams the agency will monitor, inspect, and regulate will only decrease by nine as a result of the bill's passage. The decreased workload is not expected to result in any significant cost savings to the TCEQ.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 788

by Smith, W

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to regulation of greenhouse gas emissions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Requires the TCEQ to establish a permitting program by adopting rules and issuing permits to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the extent that greenhouse gas emissions require authorization under federal law. Requires the agency to adopt rules specifying the procedures for the transition to review certain pending applications with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the bill requires the agency to prepare and submit appropriate federal program revisions to the U.S. EPA. The bill provides that if it is determined those GHGs were no longer required to be regulated under federal law; the TCEQ would be required to repeal rules relating to the regulation of GHG emissions. The bill authorizes the TCEQ to impose fees for greenhouse gas emissions to the extent the fees are necessary to cover the agency's costs in implementing a greenhouse gas regulation program as required by the bill.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1897 by Eiland

Senate Sponsor: Carona

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.

Requires the executive director of the TCEQ to issue a determination letter to the person seeking a pollution control property exemption and require TCEQ to take final action on an initial appeal of the pollution control property exemption determination not later than the first anniversary of the date the executive director of the TCEQ declares the application to be administratively complete. Prohibits a property owner from receiving a refund resulting from a district court appeal of a pollution control exemption denial unless the property owner is entitled to the refund or has entered into a written agreement with the chief appraiser as part of an agreement related to the taxation of the pollution control property pending a final determination by TCEQ.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2202 by Pickett

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the disposition of fees collected by or on behalf of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Establishes the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) fund as a special fund. The bill describes how money will be appropriated and allocated to the fund, including funding through administrative fees and other revenue collected by the TxDMV. The bill also attempts to simplify TxDMV's fee structure and attempts to give the board more flexibility with regard to its regulatory authority.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2305 by Rodriguez

Senate Sponsor: Watson

Relating to inspection of compressed natural gas containers on motor vehicles.

Prohibits an inspection station or inspector from issuing an inspection certificate for a vehicle equipped with a compressed natural gas container unless the owner demonstrates in accordance with rules of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) proof of either of the following: that the container has met inspection requirements under specified federal law and the manufacturer's recommended service life for the container, as stated on the container label required by that federal law, has not expired or that the vehicle is a fleet vehicle for which the fleet operator employs a technician certified to inspect the container.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2446

by Crownover

Senate Sponsor: Estes

Relating to the qualifications of certain electric generation projects for programs designed to encourage the capture and utilization of carbon dioxide for use in enhanced oil recovery.

Extends the applicability of prior measures seeking to address the development of a market for the capture of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions from power plant and the use of that carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery to other types of fuel, as long as the emissions profile requirements are met, among other provisions.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2712

by Perez

Senate Sponsor: Taylor

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of energy storage systems used for the control of air pollution in a nonattainment area.

Seeks to encourage and attract energy storage resources to Texas by entitling certain entities to a property tax exemption.

Effective Date: 1/1/2014

HB 2859

by Harless

Senate Sponsor: Patrick

Relating to the amount of money authorized to be used for Clean Air Act local initiative projects related to vehicles.

Increases from \$5 million per fiscal year to \$10 million per fiscal year the cap on the amount of fees collected from vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance programs that may be used for vehicle-related local initiative projects under the Texas Clean Air Act.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1727

by Deuell

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the use of the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

Revises current laws relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan fund to include additional projects and programs, including programs focused on reducing emissions from polluting vehicles and equipment that may benefit from this funding. This bill gives the TCEQ the ability to establish and administer programs the agency sees as necessary or effective in fulfilling its duties under the emissions reduction plan.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1756

by Uresti

House Sponsor: Villalba

Relating to the expedited processing of certain applications for permits under the Clean Air Act.

Provides for the expedited processing of certain applications for permits under the Texas Clean Air Act.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Compliance & Enforcement

HB 2615 by Johnson **Senate Sponsor:** Fraser

Relating to reporting and information availability requirements for persons impounding, diverting, or otherwise using state water.

Sets penalties for a person failing to file a statement or comply with a request of the TCEQ for water use data relating to water rights after the applicable deadline of \$100 per day if the person holds a water right permit of 5,000 acre-feet or less per year or \$500 per day if the person holds a water right for more than 5,000 acre-feet per year. The TCEQ's executive director would establish a deadline by which a person must provide the information being requested. Provides for reports to be submitted to the TCEQ electronically. Specifies cases where water rights holders could seek exemptions to cancellation of permits based on nonuse, including cases where adjustments or suspensions are made by the TCEQ's executive director and due to drought conditions.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 171 by West **House Sponsor:** Pickett

Relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study the use by state agencies of a uniform application form following disasters.

Amends current law relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study the use by state agencies of a uniform application form following disasters.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 186 by Carona **House Sponsor:** Giddings

Relating to the abatement of mosquitoes in stagnant water located on certain uninhabited residential property.

Gives counties and municipalities the authority to treat stagnant water with a mosquito larvicide in properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed. Amends current law relating to the abatement of mosquitoes in stagnant water located on certain uninhabited residential property.

Effective Date: 5/10/2013

SB 634

by Davis

House Sponsor: Collier

Relating to regulating faulty on-site sewage disposal systems in the unincorporated areas of a county as a public nuisance.

Defines a surface discharge from an on-site sewage disposal as a "public nuisance" and allows the county to use any means of abatement reasonably necessary to bring the overflowing septic system into compliance after, and only after, the property owner fails to abate the nuisance as ordered by a court. Amends current law relating to regulating faulty on-site sewage disposal systems in the unincorporated areas of a county as a public nuisance, and provides a criminal penalty.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1225

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Smith

Relating to the facilities to which Chapter 68, Water Code, applies.

Revises the types of facilities classified in one or more categories and codes of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System that are intended to benefit from security projects and security services to be provided by a ship channel security district to include certain petrochemical manufacturing facilities, rather than certain petroleum manufacturing facilities; certain other chemical manufacturing facilities, rather than certain other chemical and other manufacturing facilities; and certain specified rail, water, and road transportation facilities.

Effective Date: 5/25/2013

SB 1394

by Estes

House Sponsor: Pickett

Relating to the statewide critical infrastructure protection strategy.

Removes the requirement for a statewide critical infrastructure protection plan developed by the Homeland Security Council.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Legal Services

HB 2290 by Lozano

Senate Sponsor: Estes

Relating to the retention of a portion of money received by a local government to implement a supplemental environmental project.

Proposes the addition of language to TWC § 7.067 to allow local governments and non-profit organizations that receive money from a respondent to implement a Supplemental Environmental Project to use a portion of the money not to exceed 10% of the direct cost of the project for administrative costs.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 251 by West

House Sponsor: Carter

Relating to an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties.

Requires the jurat included in an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or of a political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties to contain, instead of the date of birth and address information that is included in the standard jurat for an unsworn declaration, the governmental agency that employs the employee and a statement that the employee is executing the declaration as part of the employee's assigned duties and responsibilities.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1597 by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Smithee

Relating to the development of state agency information security plans.

Requires each state agency to develop and submit the information security plan required under the bill's provisions not later than October 15, 2014, and to submit a copy of the agency's information security plan to the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) not later than October 15 of each even-numbered year. The bill establishes that each state agency's information security plan is confidential and exempt from disclosure under state public information law.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

Relating to the notification of individuals following a breach of security of computerized data.

Removes language in the Business & Commerce Code limiting the application of a notification requirement regarding a breach of security of computerized data that includes sensitive personal information to circumstances in which the individual whose sensitive personal information was or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person is a Texas resident or a resident of another state that does not require such notification. The bill removes language establishing that, if an individual whose information was or may have been acquired by a unauthorized person is a resident of a state that requires notification of such a breach, notice provided under that state's law satisfies that notification requirement and instead authorizes notice to be provided to such an individual under that state's law or under Texas law. The bill specifies that written notice of a security breach must be provided to the last known address of the individual.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Waste

HB 35 by Menendez **Senate Sponsor: Deuell**

Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to regulate the use of certain lots for residential purposes.

Limits the authority of a property owner's association to regulate the use of certain lots for residential purposes, primarily addressing the use of adjacent lots for residential use.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 86 by Callegari **Senate Sponsor: Lucio**

Relating to the criteria for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of an agency that licenses an occupation.

Enhances the Sunset Advisory Commission's review of existing occupational licensing programs to ensure that they serve a meaningful public interest. It adds criteria for making that assessment. The bill also creates a sunrise process, which will grant the sunset commission the authority to review and evaluate the merit of proposed occupational licensing programs, to provide legislators with additional criteria by which to judge the appropriateness of a new licensing program before establishment.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 798 by Thompson **Senate Sponsor: Garcia**

Relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who has been convicted of a Class C misdemeanor.

Amends current law relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who has been convicted of a Class C misdemeanor.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1050 by Callegari

Senate Sponsor: Fraser

Relating to construction-related contracts by governmental entities.

Defines “purchasing cooperative” as a group purchasing organization that governmental entities join as members and the managing entity of which receives fees from members or vendors. Specifies that a local government may not enter into a contract greater than \$50,000 for construction related goods and services through a purchasing cooperative unless a design professional certifies that required plans and specifications have been prepared or certifies that plans and specifications are not required under Occupation Code Chapters 1001 or 1051. The bill also allows a governmental entity to award a contract to a nonresidential bidder if the state in which the nonresident is a resident manufacturer.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1079 by Smith, W

Senate Sponsor: Hancock

Relating to the procedural requirements for action by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on applications for production area authorizations.

Removes the exceptions to the statutory provision specifying that an application submitted after September 1, 2007, for an authorization to allow the holder of a permit for mining of uranium to conduct mining and restoration activities in production zones within the boundary established in the permit is an uncontested matter not subject to a contested case hearing or the hearing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1090 by Martinez

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to the creation of Texas Task Force 1 Type 3 Rio Grande Valley.

Requires the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System to establish Texas Task Force 1 Type 3 Rio Grande Valley as a program of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service providing training and assisting in search, rescue, and recovery efforts following natural or man-made disasters. Sets out the task force's responsibilities, requires the headquarters of the task force to be located in the Rio Grande Valley, and requires the training and assistance capabilities of the task force to be substantially equivalent to the training and assistance capabilities of the Texas Task Force 1 program. Provides that the task force will operate, train, respond, and function under Texas Task Force 1.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1302

by Clardy

Senate Sponsor: Nichols

Relating to the imposition of a sentence of life without parole on certain repeat sex offenders and to certain restrictions on employment for sex offenders.

Amends current law relating to the imposition of a sentence of life without parole on certain repeat sex offenders and to certain restrictions on employment for certain sex offenders to include additional sexually violent offenses committed against a child and to address reported incidents of sex offenders luring child victims into vehicles by prohibiting certain sex offenders from some types of employment.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1435

by Darby

Senate Sponsor: Seliger

Relating to certain notices, reports, and descriptions provided by or filed with court and county clerks.

Amends current law by revising the duties of court and county clerks relating to certain notices, reports, and descriptions provided by or filed with court and county clerks.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1642

by Bonnen

Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the Port of Houston Authority.

Requires the Sunset Advisory Commission to conduct another review of the Port of Houston Authority (PoHA) during the 2016-17 biennium and requires PoHA to pay for the cost of the review. The bill also requires the Governor to appoint a port commissioner if certain appointing entities fail to appointment a port commissioner within a specified period, and PoHA commissioners to file a statement required of state officers with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1659 by Thompson

Senate Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who received deferred adjudication for certain offenses.

Amends current law relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who received deferred adjudication for certain offenses by preventing the denial of licenses to certain individuals who have completed deferred adjudication.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1712 by Lozano

Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to exemptions from property taxation and sales and use taxation for certain offshore spill response and well containment property used to control pollution.

Establishes property and sales tax exemptions for property used in connection with offshore spill response containment systems. Defines "offshore spill response containment system".

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1768 by Canales

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to identification requirements for certain fire hydrants and flush valves.

Sets out the conditions under which a hydrant is considered unavailable, exempting a water utility from liability for a hydrant's inability to provide adequate water supply in a fire emergency. Implements a color coding system for hydrants that are used only to fill the tanks of fire trucks.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1846

by Carter

Senate Sponsor: Paxton

Relating to suspension or denial of issuance or renewal of a license for failure to pay child support.

Ensures that individuals failing to pay child support are no longer able to skirt their responsibilities and the legal system by requiring such a person to make a partial payment of the child support owed before a suspended license may be reinstated.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2152

by Callegari

Senate Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to fees for certain recreational vehicle parks

Clarifies existing law to ensure that these parks are treated similarly to commercial businesses in regard to certain water fees.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2254

by Geren

Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte

Relating to apprenticeship requirements for occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.

Requires a state agency, if an apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by the state agency, to credit verified military service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license. Requires the state agency to adopt rules necessary to implement the bill's provisions. The bill's provisions apply only to an application for an occupational license filed on or after May 1, 2014.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 162

by Van de Putte

House Sponsor: Flynn

Relating to the occupational licensing of members of the military and spouses of members of the military.

Requires state agencies that issue occupational licenses to provide an expedited licensure for military service members, military spouses, and military veterans within one year of separation from the military. Licensing agencies will be required to issue an occupational license to a qualified applicant who holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction, including a branch of the armed forces, as long as that license is substantially equivalent to licensing requirements in Texas.

Effective Date: 5/18/2013

SB 347

by Seliger

House Sponsor: Lewis

Relating to funding for the operations of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission.

Amends Chapter 401 of the Health and Safety Code, regarding radioactive materials and other sources of radiation, and funding for the operations of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 819

by Duncan

House Sponsor: King

Relating to the disposal of demolition waste from abandoned or nuisance buildings by certain local governments.

Allows the TCEQ to issue a permit by rule (PBR) to enable certain counties or municipalities to dispose of demolition waste from buildings that are abandoned or found to be a nuisance. Changes the current population criteria from 10,000 or less to 12,000 or less. Disposal could only occur on land owned or controlled by the municipality or county, and the land would need to qualify for an arid exemption under the agency's rules.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1300

by Eltife

House Sponsor: Lewis

Relating to environmental or health and safety audits under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act.

Modifies the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act. Specifically, the bill proposes to provide new owners of facilities the opportunity to avail themselves of the Act for violations identified during their due diligence review prior to acquisition of the facility. The bill adds a definition for “acquisition closing date”. The bill would revise the time limitation for conducting an audit. The Act allows for immunity from civil or administrative penalties if an owner or operator discloses the violations promptly after discovery.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1532

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Rodriguez

Relating to the power of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to authorize certain injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards Aquifer.

Amends current law relating to the power of the the TCEQ to authorize certain injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards Aquifer.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

AGENCY OFFICE
Water

HB 4 by Ritter **Senate Sponsor: Fraser**

Relating to the creation and funding of the state water implementation fund for Texas to assist the Texas Water Development Board in the funding of certain water-related projects.

Provides that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) be composed of three full-time members. Creates the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) in order to assist the TWDB in providing low-cost financial assistance to local and regional water providers for projects currently identified in the 2012 State Water Plan. The fund is intended to provide adequate and meaningful funding through financial assistance and other incentives in the development of new water supply strategies outlined in the state water plan, as identified and requested by regional planning groups across the state of Texas. The State Water Plan will receive funds of \$2 billion with voter approval.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 252 by Larson **Senate Sponsor: Estes**

Relating to eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a person.

Requires a retail public utility and each entity from which the utility is obtaining wholesale water service for the utility's retail system to: 1) determine the number of days of water supply available for them to use; and 2) report to the commission when their available water supply is less than 180 days. The commission is required to adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section as well as to prescribe the form and content of the notice.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 518 by Pitts **Senate Sponsor: Birdwell**

Relating to the creation of the Windsor Hills Municipal Management District No. 1.

Creates the Windsor Hills Municipal Management District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for water district powers, road district powers, public improvement district powers, municipal management district powers, contract powers, improvement projects or services in a definable area, and dissolution of the district. The district's powers and duties include the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 622

by Eiland

Senate Sponsor: Hegar

Relating to the report by the General Land Office to the legislature on the effectiveness of the coastal management program.

Requires that the General Land Office (GLO) prepare a biennial, rather than annual, report on the effectiveness of the coastal management program and provide the report to the legislature on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 693

by Phillips

Senate Sponsor: Deuell

Relating to the authority of a water and sewer utility to collect voluntary contributions on behalf of a local library.

Allows utilities to collect charitable voluntary contributions for local libraries through the utility's billing process.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 701

by Farney

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to the Corn Hill Regional Water Authority.

Creates the Corn Hill Regional Water Authority to accomplish the reclamation and drainage of the district's overflowed lands and other lands needing drainage; the control, abatement, and change of any shortage or harmful excess of water; and the protection, preservation, and restoration of the purity and sanitary condition of water within Texas. Removes language prohibiting the authority from providing wastewater or drainage facilities or services and language establishing that the authority does not have any power that its member entities do not have. Authorizes the authority, for any authorized authority purpose, to issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from revenue of the authority's sanitary sewer system or drainage system, as well as the authority's water system, or from any combination of those sources of revenue.

Effective Date: 5/10/2013

HB 738

by Crownover

Senate Sponsor: Nelson

Relating to the review of the creation of certain proposed municipal utility districts by county commissioners courts.

The commissioners court of a county in which a proposed Municipal Utility District (MUD) is located may review the petition and provide comment to the TCEQ on the creation of a MUD that is located entirely outside the corporate limits of a municipality. The bill requires the TCEQ to promptly notify a commissioners court of a MUD creation petition.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 752

by Longoria

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to the types of entities that are considered municipal water suppliers for purposes of the law governing the effect of the subdivision of certain land on certain irrigation water rights.

Adds “a special utility district converted from a water supply corporation” to the existing definition that currently states, “a municipality, or a water supply corporation”. This only applies to districts (other than a drainage district) located wholly or partly in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico and the United Mexican States, or any county adjacent to that county and relates to the conversion of a water right in the Rio Grande from irrigation use to municipal use.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 839

by Guillen

Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini

Relating to the powers, duties, and compensation of the board of directors of the Duval County Groundwater Conservation District.

Authorizes the board of directors of the Duval County Groundwater Conservation District by resolution to change the district's name and to require the board to give written notice of such a change to the county. Authorizes the board by resolution to appoint one or more advisory committees to assist the board with any matter affecting the district and establishes that a person who serves on an advisory committee is not entitled to compensation for that service.

Effective Date: 5/25/2013

HB 857

by Lucio

Senate Sponsor: Ellis

Relating to the frequency of water audits by certain retail public utilities.

Removes language in the Water Code limiting the retail public utilities providing potable water that are required to perform and file with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) an annual water audit computing the utility's system water loss during the preceding year to those utilities that receive financial assistance from the TWDB. The bill makes the exception to such requirement that a retail public utility providing potable water that does not receive financial assistance from the TWDB instead perform and file with the TWDB every five years a water audit computing the utility's most recent annual system water loss applicable only to such a utility that serves a population of 3,300 or less. The bill requires the TWDB to develop appropriate methodologies and submission dates for a water audit for certain retail public utilities

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 964

by Murphy

Senate Sponsor: Huffman

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 529.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 529, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 995

by Munoz

Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa

Relating to the powers and duties of the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 19.

Establishes provisions relating to the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 19. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for division of the district. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax and provides for a certain maintenance tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1241

by Guillen

Senate Sponsor: Deuell

Relating to the adoption of rules by the Parks and Wildlife Commission to protect the public water of this state.

Authorizes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules which would require the draining of vessels and portable containers on board any vessel that have been taken from or come in contact with “public water.” When rules are adopted, then authorized employees of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may inspect vessels approaching or leaving a “public water” for the presence of water, including portable containers on board the vessel.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1260

by Creighton

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 132.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 132, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Provides for district eligibility for inclusion in a tax increment reinvestment zone and for the effect of annexation or inclusion of the district within the corporate boundaries of the City of Conroe. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property and operation and maintenance taxes. Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain outside the district without the written consent of the City of Conroe.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1324

by Davis

Senate Sponsor: Taylor

Relating to exclusion of land from certain water districts that fail to provide service to the land.

Specifies procedures for excluding land from certain water districts that fail to provide service to the land, including requirements for tax liability and outstanding bonds. The bill would increase the total acreage from 5,000 to 10,000 that the board of a district would be required to call a hearing on an exclusion of land; and would reduce the number of years from 28 to 20 in which land has been included in and taxable by a district.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1330

by Goldman

Senate Sponsor: Birdwell

Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Benbrook Water Authority.

Specifies that the uniform date on which a directors' election of the Benbrook Water Authority is required to be held is the uniform date in November of each odd-numbered year and provides that such an election may alternatively be held on another date authorized by law. Specifies that a director's term expires in an odd-numbered year on the date the director's successor qualifies. Removes certain outdated provisions governing the date for elections to the board of directors of the authority.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1354

by Farney

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to the creation of the Leander Hills Municipal Utility District of Williamson County.

Creates the Leander Hills Municipal Utility District of Williamson County, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election, municipal consent, and a certain development agreement. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for the effect of annexation by or inclusion within the corporate boundaries of the City of Leander. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1355

by Farney

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to the creation of the North San Gabriel Municipal Utility District of Williamson County.

Creates the North San Gabriel Municipal Utility District of Williamson County, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for division of the district. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property and operation and maintenance taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1385 by Bell

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 139; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 139, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for a strategic partnership agreement and the continuation of the district after annexation by a municipality and for the division of the district. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1461 by Aycock

Senate Sponsor: Fraser

Relating to customer notification of significant water loss by a retail public utility.

Requires all retail public utilities to notify their customers of water loss reported in the retail public utility's water audit. The water loss should be provided through the utility's consumer confidence report (CCR) as well as in the customer's bills after the audit is filed.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1492 by Bell

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 140.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 140, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for division of the district. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1506

by Bell

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 106; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 106, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1563

by King

Senate Sponsor: Hegar

Relating to fees of office for directors of groundwater conservation districts.

Provides that a director of a groundwater conservation district is entitled to receive fees of office of not more than \$250 a day for each day spent performing director duties. The statute provides that the fees of office may not exceed \$9,000 a year, and the annual cap is not changed by the bill.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1586

by Creighton

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to municipal consent provisions applicable to the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 126

Authorizes a city to provide in its written consent for including city land in a municipal utility district that an allocation agreement between the district and the city be entered into prior to the first issue of bonds, notes, warrants, or other district obligations inapplicable to the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 126.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1587 by Creighton **Senate Sponsor:** Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No.134.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 134, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1588 by Creighton **Senate Sponsor:** Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No.133.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 133, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1593 by Huberty **Senate Sponsor:** Whitmire

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 505; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 505. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1594

by Huberty

Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 504; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 504. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1600

by Cook

Senate Sponsor: Nichols

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, to the transfer of certain functions from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

This is the sunset bill for the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas. The bill extends the PUC for ten years and gives the agency some additional duties and responsibilities including the transfer of almost all of the current water and wastewater utility regulation from the TCEQ on September 1, 2014. Delineates three classes of utilities and has a different rate review process for each class to be administered by the PUC. Requires adoptions of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the TCEQ and PUC by August 1, 2014, to accomplish the transfer in a timely manner as prescribed by the bill and to cooperate on specific elements of technical and financial regulations involving water and wastewater utility systems.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 1800

by Huberty

Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 422.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 422. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1801 by Huberty **Senate Sponsor:** Whitmire

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 423.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 423. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 1973 by Lucio III **Senate Sponsor:** Hegar

Relating to the provision of water by a public utility or water supply or sewer service corporation for use in fire suppression.

A municipality with a population of less than 1.9 million has the authority to require a public utility located within its corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction area to adhere to standards for the installation of fire hydrants and flow standards to provide enough water for fire suppression. Requires the commission to set fire flow standards for adoption by a municipality. Allows the commission to approve infrastructure improvements and changes to the utility's tariff and rate schedule to comply with the municipality's requirements. Prevents a utility from being held liable if a fire hydrant owned by a utility is not capable of producing enough flow during a fire emergency.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2055 by Phillips **Senate Sponsor:** Estes

Relating to the authority to issue bonds of the Marilee Special Utility District.

Establishes that the Marilee Special Utility District has the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of an issuer under Government Code provisions relating to obligations for certain public improvements. Exempts the district from Water Code provisions relating to the TCEQ authority over the issuance of certain water district bonds and the TCEQ supervision of certain water district projects and improvements. Defines “water system” as any one or a combination of the following:

- an untreated or partially treated water diversion, impoundment, and delivery system, including a stream, channel, resaca, or canal;
- a treated water production, storage, and distribution system; or
- a reclaimed water transmission, storage, and distribution system.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2105

by Lucio

Senate Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to municipally owned utility systems.

Includes channels or bodies of water known as resacas among the property that a municipality is authorized to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, enlarge, equip, operate, or maintain with respect to a utility system, a park, or a swimming pool. Authorizes the board of trustees having management and control of a utility system located in a county contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico and bordering the United Mexican States to impose and collect charges for services provided by the utility system in amounts sufficient to pay all operating, maintenance, depreciation, replacement, improvement, and interest charges in connection with the utility system; to pay for an interest and sinking fund sufficient to pay certain public securities or other obligations; and to pay any outstanding debt against the system.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2139

by Dutton

Senate Sponsor: Ellis

Relating to the authority of the Near Northside Management District to undertake tax increment financing.

Authorizes the Near Northside Management District to designate all or any part of the district as a tax increment reinvestment zone. Authorizes the district to use tax increment financing under the Tax Increment Financing Act in the manner provided for a municipality, except as modified by the bill's provisions, and specifies that the district has all powers provided under the Tax Increment Financing Act. Authorizes the district and an overlapping taxing unit to enter into an interlocal agreement for the payment of all or a portion of the tax increment of the unit to the district. Designates the district's board of directors as the board of directors of the reinvestment zone for the purpose of tax increment financing under the bill's provisions.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2213

by Guillen

Senate Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to the creation of the Willacy County Drainage District No. 3.

Creates the Willacy County Drainage District No. 3, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election. Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2362

by Keffer

Senate Sponsor: Birdwell

Relating to the audit and review of river authorities.

Makes certain water districts that are river authorities subject to an efficiency review by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). Authorizes the LBB to periodically review and analyze the effectiveness and efficiency of the policies, management, fiscal affairs, and operations of a river authority and to require the LBB to report the findings of a review and analysis to the governor and the legislature. Excepts from required public disclosure as audit working papers all information prepared or maintained in conducting such a review and analysis or preparing the review report until the LBB has completed the review and analysis. The bill specifies that such exception does not affect whether such information is confidential or excepted from required public disclosure under a law other than provisions in the state public information law providing for the exception of audit working papers.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 2704

by Callegari

Senate Sponsor: Hegar

Relating to the electronic submission of bids for construction contracts for certain conservation and reclamation districts.

Increases the allowable criteria for issuance of change orders from 10% to 25% of the original contract price. Provides that a district may receive bids through electronic transmission if the district has adopted rules to ensure that bids are identified, secure, confidential, and sealed until the proper opening time.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 2781

by Fletcher

Senate Sponsor: Campbell

Relating to rainwater harvesting and other water conservation initiatives.

Replaces the term "and landscape watering" with the term "and outdoor water" in the list of uses of certain requirements to be incorporated into the design and construction of certain new state buildings. The TCEQ would be required to promulgate rules to address certain factors relating to rainwater harvesting systems connected to a public water supply system as an auxiliary water supply.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3137

by Lucio

Senate Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to funding construction of regional water projects.

Sets the limit on a Rio Grande Regional Water Authority fee or assessment to no more than five cents per acre-foot.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3212

by Phillips

Senate Sponsor: Estes

Relating to the Red River Boundary Compact and the creation of the Red River Boundary Commission.

Establishes and describes the of the Red River Boundary Commission. The General Land Office, the Office of the Attorney General, and the TCEQ will provide staff support to the commission. The commission will be established to oversee the redrawing of the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma in the Texoma area (which is defined by the Texoma Area Boundary Agreement).

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3233

by Ritter

Senate Sponsor: Fraser

Relating to interbasin transfers of state water.

Changes the notice requirements to two different weeks within a 30-day period. Removes requirements for applications to include projected effect on user rates and fees for each class of rate payers.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3471 by Deshotel

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the compensation of the members of the board of port commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County.

Requires each commissioner on the Board of Port Commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County to receive compensation set by the board, rather than \$200 per month for a commissioner and \$250 per month for the president.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3511 by Ritter

Senate Sponsor: Eltife

Relating to adjudication of claims under water contracts with local government entities.

Establishes requirements regarding the adjudication of certain claims under a written contract with a special purpose district or authority or local governmental entity. Defines "adjudicating a claim" and "local district or authority." The chapter would not limit the authority of the TCEQ or any other state regulatory agency as defined by the provisions of the bill. The bill would amend Chapter 271 of the Local Government Code to provide that remedies may include actual damages, specific performance or injunctive relief for a breach of a written contract, including a right of first refusal, regarding the sale or delivery of not less than 1,000 acre-feet of reclaimed water by a local governmental entity intended for industrial use.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3604 by Burnam

Senate Sponsor: Hegar

Relating to the implementation of a drought contingency plan by wholesale and retail public water suppliers and irrigation districts.

Requires persons/entities to immediately develop water conservation and drought contingency plans immediately following notification of a county drought declaration. The statute now requires persons/entities to implement both, as applicable. Violations under the statute are subject to enforcement by the TCEQ under Texas Water Code, Chapter 7. The statute specifies that the Texas Water Development Board may notify TCEQ of violations.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3860

by Dutton

Senate Sponsor: Whitmire

Relating to the creation of the Generation Park Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

Creates the Generation Park Management District, subject to voter approval, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit, such as recreational facilities, road projects, rail facilities, and public transit. Provides for, among other provisions, certain agreements with other entities, the annexation or exclusion of district land, applicability of state law to district contracts, defined areas to pay for district projects, liens for district assessments, dissolution of the district, and consolidation with another district. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments, certain fees, and sales and use, hotel occupancy, property, maintenance and operation, and contract taxes. A municipality is not required to pay district obligations. The district is prohibited from imposing an assessment on certain utility property and from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3871

by Smith

Senate Sponsor: Ellis

Relating to the powers and duties of the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority.

Amends the Authority's enabling legislation to allow it to provide water system services, including the acquisition, construction, and operating of such systems. Subjects the Authority to continuing supervision by the TCEQ and the provisions of Water Code Chapter 50, relating to write-in voting and the TCEQ's review of the issuance of bonds by the Authority that will be paid wholly or partially by taxes. Under Chapter 50: (1) a write-in vote of the Authority would not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates; and (2) the Authority would not be able to issue bonds that will be paid wholly or partially by taxes unless the TCEQ determines that the project to be financed by the bonds is feasible and issues an order approving the bonds.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3874 by Raney **Senate Sponsor:** Schwertner

Relating to the creation of Rock Prairie Management District No. 2.

Creates the Rock Prairie Management District No. 2 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3875 by Raney **Senate Sponsor:** Schwertner

Relating to the creation of Rock Prairie Management District No. 1.

Creates the Rock Prairie Management District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land. The district's powers and duties include the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain and from imposing a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3889 by Darby **Senate Sponsor:** Duncan

Relating to the dissolution of the Lipan Creek Flood Control District.

Dissolves the Lipan Creek Flood Control District; establishes that the terms of the district's directors expire; and transfers any assets of the district, including any tax or assessment revenue, that remain after payment of the district's liabilities to Concho and Tom Green Counties, in the proportion that the area of each county located in the district's territory bears to the total area of the district. The bill repeals the district's enacting legislation and provisions governing the terms of office of the district's directors.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3895

by Toth

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the name of The Woodlands Road Utility District No. 1, of Montgomery County, Texas, and to the administration, powers, and duties of the district.

Renames The Woodlands Road Utility District No. 1, of Montgomery County, Texas, as The Woodlands Road Utility District No. 1. Exempts the district from the application of a statutory provision granting the Texas Transportation Commission jurisdiction over road utility district activities or projects. Authorizes the district to define its boundaries Requires a person to be a qualified voter of either Harris County or Montgomery County in order to be eligible to serve as a judge or clerk for a district election. Establishes that a majority of all directors of the district's board, including vacant director positions and absent directors, constitutes a quorum and that a majority vote of all directors, including vacant director positions and absent directors, is necessary to adopt any motion or measure.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3900

by Geren

Senate Sponsor: Hancock

Relating to the board of directors of the Tarrant Regional Water District.

Requires the Tarrant Regional Water District to be governed by a board of five elected directors. Establishes that the directors serve staggered four-year terms and until their successors have qualified. Requires the appropriate number of directors to be elected on the uniform election date in May of each odd-numbered year.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3903

by Isaac

Senate Sponsor: Campbell

Relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and providing authority to increase certain fees.

Revises and establishes provisions applicable to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. Removes the district's general authority to require a permit for the construction of a new well completed after September 1, 2001, and to charge and collect a construction permit fee of up to \$300 for a well for which the district requires such a permit. Removes an exemption from the requirements of statutory provisions relating to groundwater conservation districts previously granted to certain wells and specifies that those wells' exemption from regulation, permitting, or metering by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District applies to groundwater withdrawals from those exempt wells.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3910

by Creighton

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Relating to the boundaries of the East Montgomery County Municipal Utility District Nos. 6 and 7.

Revises the boundaries of the East Montgomery County Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 6 and 7. Establishes that the districts retain all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that they had before the bill's effective date and that the districts may continue to rely on any bond election held before such date.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3913

by Parker

Senate Sponsor: Nelson

Relating to the powers and duties of the Canyon Falls Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 of Denton County.

Establishes provisions relating to the Canyon Falls Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 of Denton County. Establishes that the district has the powers and duties provided by state law for water control and improvement districts and authorizes the district to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3914

by Sanford

Senate Sponsor: Estes

Relating to the creation of the Old Celina Municipal Management District No. 1.

Creates the Old Celina Municipal Management District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the form of approval of the City of Celina for certain district actions, certain water district powers, certain road project powers, public improvement district powers, contract powers, addition or removal of territory, location of an improvement project, city requirements for an improvement project, additional city powers regarding improvement projects, and dissolution of the district. The district's powers and duties include certain authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments. The district is prohibited from constructing, acquiring, maintaining, or operating a toll road or mass transit system; from exercising the power of eminent domain; from imposing an impact fee; and from imposing a property tax.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3925

by Smith

Senate Sponsor: Garcia

Relating to the dissolution of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213; the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213-A; the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213-B.

Dissolves the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213, expires the terms of the directors of the district, and transfers any assets of the district. Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213-A and the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 213-B. Grants the districts the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for certain annexation of the districts by a municipality and for the division of the districts. The bill authorizes the districts, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3932

by Farney

Senate Sponsor: Schwertner

Relating to the period for confirmation of the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 21.

Extends the deadline by which the creation of the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 21 is required to be confirmed at a confirmation election from September 1, 2013, to September 1, 2017. Extends the expiration date of temporary provisions relating to the district from September 1, 2016, to September 1, 2020, and makes it an exception to the expiration of those provisions that the creation of the district is confirmed at a confirmation election by the deadline.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3933 by Gonzalez

Senate Sponsor: Rodriguez

Relating to the transfer of territory, assets, liabilities, and duties of the former Cuadrilla Improvement Corporation to the Lower Valley Water District.

Transfers certain territory of the former Cuadrilla Improvement Corporation to the El Paso County Lower Valley Water District Authority. Requires the authority to assume from the El Paso Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 the responsibility of providing water and wastewater services to the customers in the service area of the former corporation and the powers, duties, liabilities, and remaining assets of the former corporation.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3934 by Riddle

Senate Sponsor: Patrick

Relating to powers of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority relating to certain wells.

Authorizes the North Harris County Regional Water Authority to impose a charge on the amount of water pumped on a well or class of wells located within the authority's boundaries that, on or after June 30, 2013, either ceases to be subject to a groundwater reduction requirement imposed by the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District or is no longer subject to the regulatory provisions, permitting requirements, or jurisdiction of the subsidence district. Establishes that the authority retains all rights, powers, privileges, authorities, duties, and functions that it had before the bill's effective date.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3935 by Thompson **Senate Sponsor: Garcia**
Relating to the territory of the East Aldine Management District.
Adds approximately 790 acres to the existing East Aldine Management District.
Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3941 by Miller **Senate Sponsor: Campbell**
Relating to the creation of the Comal County Water Improvement District No. 3.
Creates the Comal County Water Improvement District No. 3, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election, municipal consent, and a certain development agreement. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for water and wastewater infrastructure, division of the district, a limitation on annexation of land by the district, municipal annexation of land adjacent to the district, and limits on district services. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.
Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3943 by Davis **Senate Sponsor: Whitmire**
Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 537.
Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 537, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.
Effective Date: 9/1/2013

HB 3947 by Dutton **Senate Sponsor: Garcia**

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 402 regarding road projects.

Authorizes the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 402 to construct, acquire, improve, maintain, or operate macadamized, graveled, or paved roads or turnpikes, or improvements in aid of those roads or turnpikes, outside the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

HB 3954 by Stephenson

Senate Sponsor: Hegar

Relating to the creation of Kendleton Improvement District.

Creates the Kendleton Improvement District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the annexation or exclusion of land by the district, strategic partnership agreements, rail facilities, establishment of defined areas, and district dissolution and municipal annexation. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 138 by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Guillen

Relating to procedures for filing complaints with, and providing notice of certain violations to, the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Requires the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) to maintain information regarding procedures for filing complaints on the TBPG website and a means for submitting complaints electronically. Requires the TBPG to accept complaints regardless of whether they are notarized. Requires the TBPG to work with state agencies which use the services of licensed Professional Geoscientists (PGs) and other appropriate state agencies to educate the agency's employees regarding procedures for filing a complaint with the TBPG and resolution of complaints. A state agency that becomes aware of a potential violation of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act shall forward any information regarding the potential violation to the TBPG. Requires the TBPG to adopt rules to implement the amendments and additions to the Act.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 168 by Fraser

House Sponsor: Farney

Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Changes the term expiration date of the board of directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (board). Current law states that terms expire on June 1 of each even-numbered year. S.B. 168 changes this expiration date to the date of the first board meeting following the November election in even-numbered years. This bill also adjusts the election date of the board from May of even-numbered years to November of even-numbered years. By changing the election month from May to November, the election will coincide with the November general election, thus increasing voter participation.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 273

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Miller

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 206.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 206, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 281

by Estes

House Sponsor: Frank

Relating to the administration and powers of the Red River Authority of Texas.

Allows the board of directors of the Red River Authority (Authority) to meet by telephone conference call, videoconference call, or communication over the internet if it is determined to be necessary or convenient. The bill also clarifies the powers of the Authority by specifying that it may acquire groundwater and surface water rights

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 293

by Williams

House Sponsor: Ritter

Relating to the authority of certain water districts to hold meetings by teleconference or videoconference.

Amends the Open Meetings Act to allow water districts with territory in three or more counties to hold meetings by telephone conference or video conference if immediate action is required and convening in one location would be difficult or impossible.

Effective Date: 5/10/2013

SB 320

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3.

Authorizes the district to reclaim land in the district, and construct works, facilities, and improvements necessary to accomplish that purpose. Authorizes the district to finance and contract for construction of a fill project or for the acquisition of land for a fill project in the district. Requires the TCEQ, for the district's exercise of power of or performance of a duty of a levee improvement district, to consider the district to be a levee improvement district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 321

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2.

Authorizes the district to reclaim land in the district, and construct works, facilities, and improvements necessary to accomplish that purpose. Authorizes the district to finance and contract for construction of a fill project or for the acquisition of land for a fill project in the district. Requires the TCEQ, for the district's exercise of power of or performance of a duty of a levee improvement district, to consider the district to be a levee improvement district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 322

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the period for confirmation and the terms of the temporary directors of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 102.

Repeals the confirmation election deadline; provides for a new deadline for election of initial directors, or if failing, allows the TCEQ to appoint directors; and repeals the dissolution provision.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 323

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the period for confirmation and the terms of the temporary directors of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 104.

Allows the district to dissolve if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election before September 1, 2015. Repeals the confirmation election deadline; provides for a new deadline for election of initial directors, or if failing, allows the TCEQ to appoint directors; and repeals the dissolution provision.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 324

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the period for confirmation and the terms of the temporary directors of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 117.

Allows the district to dissolve if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election before September 1, 2015. Repeals the confirmation election deadline; provides for a new deadline for election of initial directors, or if failing, allows the TCEQ to appoint directors; and repeals the dissolution provision.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 351

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the powers and duties of the Willow Point Municipal Utility District of Fort Bend and Waller Counties.

Establishes provisions relating to the Willow Point Municipal Utility District of Fort Bend and Waller Counties. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 454

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Stephenson

Relating to the authority of certain conservation and reclamation districts to file an annual financial report with the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in lieu of filing an annual audit report.

Allows the Jackson County Navigation District to submit a compilation report or a review report in lieu of an audited financial statement if during the fiscal year its net revenues exceeded expenditures by \$10,000 or less.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 482

by Williams

House Sponsor: Bell

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 136; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds and impose a tax.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 136, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 564

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Murphy

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 567

by Watson

House Sponsor: Geren

Relating to rates for water service, to the transfer of functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer service from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Transfers responsibility for regulating water and wastewater rates, services, and certificates of convenience and necessity from the TCEQ to the Public Utility Commission (PUC), effective September 1, 2014. The bill would require the PUC and TCEQ to enter into a memorandum of understanding by August 1, 2014, to identify in detail the applicable powers and duties that are transferred and establish a plan for the execution of the transfer. Provides the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) the authority to represent the interests of residential and small commercial customers in water and wastewater proceedings beginning September 1, 2013. Creates three classes of water utilities based on the number of taps or connections and establish a different rate review procedure for each class. Requires the PUC and TCEQ to adopt rules, policies, and procedures to implement the modified ratemaking process included in the provisions of the bill no later than September 1, 2015.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 595

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the power of the North Fort Bend Water Authority to impose a charge on certain wells or classes of wells.

Permits the North Fort Bend Water Authority (authority) to continue to impose groundwater pumpage fees on wells subject to groundwater reduction requirements by the subsidence district on June 30, 2013. Wells subject to groundwater reduction requirements by the subsidence district are included within the authority's groundwater reduction plan.

Effective Date: 5/18/2013

SB 604

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Fletcher

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 458.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 458. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 605

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Improvement District No. 24

Creates the Fort Bend County Improvement District No. 24 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the dissolution of the district. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations, establish storm water and nonpotable water user charges, and impose assessments, property and sales and use taxes, user and concession fees, and rental charges. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 606

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Fletcher

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 457.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 457. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 607

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Bell

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No.18.

Creates the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 18, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 608

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Bell

Relating to the creation of the Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No.3.

Creates the Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 609

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Bell

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No.17.

Creates the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 17, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 610

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Fletcher

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 477.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 477. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes.

Effective Date: 5/24/2013

SB 611

by Lucio

House Sponsor: Lucio

Relating to the irrigation powers and functions of certain water districts.

Specifies irrigation powers and functions of water control and improvement, water improvement, and irrigation districts, including procedures for contracts, assessments, liens, suits, and maintenance and operating expenses. In addition to the use of assessments, a portion of a district's maintenance and operation expenses must be paid by charges, fees, rentals, or deposits as determined by the board. Reduces the number of places that a public notice must be posted from three to one. Provides a landowner or person with the opportunity to file a petition with the TCEQ under certain conditions as specified by the provisions. A petition filed would require a determination by TCEQ on the appropriateness of the discontinuance and/or the amount of an assessment, charge, fee, rental, or deposit.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 623

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No.138

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 138, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 624

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No.137.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 137, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 654

by West

House Sponsor: Anchia

Relating to the enforcement of water conservation and animal care and control ordinances of a municipality by civil action or quasi-judicial enforcement

Allows a municipality to bring a civil action for enforcement of an ordinance relating to animal care and control or water conservation measures, including watering restrictions. Allows ordinances relating to animal care and control and water conservation measures, including watering restrictions to be subject to quasi-judicial enforcement.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 655

by Birdwell

House Sponsor: King

Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain authorized entities

Requires that districts operating under Title 6 of SDLLC or the Water Code and which have the power of eminent domain, may exercise eminent domain powers only for public use (not economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes) and in accordance with Section 17, Article I, Texas Constitution.

Effective Date: 5/18/2013

SB 662

by Cacrona

House Sponsor: Villalba

Relating to the composition of the drought preparedness council.

Adds two additional entities to the current members of the Drought Preparedness Council. The administrative head of the Public Utility Commission of Texas would designate a representative to serve on the Council, and the independent organization certified under Section 39.151, Utilities Code, for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power region would designate a representative to serve on the Council.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 696

by Duncan

House Sponsor: Frullo

Relating to the board of the Lubbock Reese Development Authority.

Specifies that the member of the board of directors of the Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority associated with the South Plains Association of Governments is to be the executive director of that association, rather than a director appointed by the association. Authorizes a director appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term to be appointed as the director's own successor for not more than two terms after serving the remainder of the unexpired term.

Effective Date: 5/24/2013

SB 704

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the powers and duties of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 35.

Establishes provisions relating to the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 35. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 705

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the powers and duties of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 40.

Establishes provisions relating to the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 40. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 706

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 47.

Creates the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 47, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 724

by Williams

House Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 133.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 133, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 725

by Williams

House Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 134.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 134, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 751

by Patrick

House Sponsor: Fletcher

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 531; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 531, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 752

by Patrick

House Sponsor: Riddle

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 530; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 530, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 757

by Patrick

House Sponsor: Elkins

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 257; providing authority to issue bonds.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 257. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. The bill caps at the time of issuance the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from property taxes at one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 836

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Bohac

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171.

Establishes provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 856

by Rodriguez

House Sponsor: Marquez

Relating to the administration and management of elections and public information of the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1.

Requires the district to contract with El Paso County to run the district's elections. Requires the district to post the district board of directors' campaign finance reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, archived video and audio recordings of meetings, and the district's budget and any audits on the district's Internet website.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 863

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the creation of Pearland Municipal Management District No. 2.

Creates the Pearland Municipal Management District No. 2 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land by the district. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, maintenance and operation, and contract taxes. The bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 890

by Uresti

House Sponsor: Nevarez

Relating to the creation of the Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District.

Creates the Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election. Provides for the dissolution of the district on December 31, 2018, if the district is not confirmed before such date. Caps the district property tax rate at three cents on each \$100 valuation of taxable property in the district. Authorizes the district to issue bonds and notes but caps the total indebtedness created by such issuance at \$250,000 at any time. Specifies that certain statutory tax provisions do not apply to a tax imposed by the district. Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 902

by Fraser

House Sponsor: Callegari

Relating to the operation, powers, and duties of certain water districts.

Makes changes to the operations and powers of water districts. Among the more significant changes are: the addition of recreational facilities, roads and firefighting facilities to the list of projects for which a district can buy property and convey to a municipality; failure of county clerk to post and maintain notice of board meeting does not invalidate any board action taken; the TCEQ's bond review authority applies only to projects for which the TCEQ has adopted rules requiring the TCEQ review and approval; district fees for storm water detention ponds are not considered impact fees; districts will be able to operate a fire department.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 958

by Fraser

House Sponsor: Keffer

Relating to the liability of certain special-purpose districts or authorities providing water to a purchaser for the generation of electricity.

Adds a new chapter to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code waiving sovereign immunity for local districts or authorities for certain water supply contract claims. It does not waive immunity in federal court or in a cause of action for a negligent or intentional tort.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1009

by Fraser

House Sponsor: Farney

Relating to the creation of Burnet County Improvement District No.1.

Creates the Burnet County Improvement District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land and establishment of defined areas. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose an assessment and operation and maintenance, contract, and property taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1012

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Guillen

Relating to the McMullen Groundwater Conservation District

Codifies McMullen Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) legislation that created this GCD. In addition to general provisions relating to the McMullen GCD, this bill requires that the appropriate number of directors, on the uniform election date in November of each odd-numbered year, be elected. The bill defines district powers and duties, including taxing limitations.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1026 by Duncan **House Sponsor:** Ritter

Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning special districts, including conforming amendments.

Codifies the enabling legislation of several districts into special district local laws code without any substantive changes

Effective Date: 4/1/2015

SB 1031 by Taylor **House Sponsor:** Callegari

Relating to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District; providing authority to impose a fee.

Updates the district's statute to recognize large aggregate permits. In addition, several administrative changes are made to clarify certain permit exemptions, provide for appointment of an investment officer, and define certain terms.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1064 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 208.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 208, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1065 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 209.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 209, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1066

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 210.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 210, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1067

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 211.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 211, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1068

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 212.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 212, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1069

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 213.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 213, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1071

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Murphy

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 532.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 532, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1072

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Murphy

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 533.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 533, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1073

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Murphy

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 534.

Creates the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 534, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1075

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the addition of land in the territory of the Ranch at Clear Fork Creek Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Provides that consent of the City of San Marcos is required for the inclusion in the Ranch at Clear Fork Creek Municipal Utility District No. 1 of the 203.47-acre tract previously in dispute between the City of San Marcos and the City of Umland.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1086

by Campbell

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the authority to regulate certain water and sewage utilities to ensure public safety in and around certain municipalities

Authorizes a city to impose fire flow requirements on an investor-owned utility (IOU) or water supply corporation (WSC), subject to TCEQ monitoring, in and around Buda, Cibolo, and Kyle. Amends current law relating to the authority to regulate certain water and sewage utilities to ensure public safety in and around certain municipalities.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1098

by Hinojosa

House Sponsor: Hunter

Relating to the creation of the Padres Isles Management District.

Creates the Padre Isles Management District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Establishes that an action of the district or the district's board of directors does not create a liability against the City of Corpus Christi or any other political subdivision and provides for, among other provisions, license and certification requirements for certain district contractors and employees and dissolution of the district by the City of Corpus Christi. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1116

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Kuempel

Relating to the creation of the Crystal Clear Special Utility District

Creates the Crystal Clear Special Utility District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill sets out provisions relating to the dissolution of the Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation and the transfer of the corporation's assets, debts, and contractual rights and obligations to the district. The bill provides for, among other provisions, a limited power of eminent domain and the services to be provided by the district or the City of New Braunfels. The bill establishes the district's powers and duties and authorizes the district, subject to certain restrictions, to impose a water service impact fee.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1241

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Miller

Relating to the Edwards Aquifer Authority's regulation of wells with limited production capabilities.

Authorizes water wells drilled prior to June 1, 2013 for any purpose under Article 1 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Act, to be exempted from EAA requirements to have a permit under certain conditions. The exemption would apply to wells not capable of producing more than 1,250 gallons of water a day; or those not producing more than 1.4 acre-feet of water in a calendar year.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1266

by Nichols

House Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 135.

Creates the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 135, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1268

by Lucio

House Sponsor: Guillen

Relating to recreational vehicles and recreational vehicle parks.

Makes small changes to various statutes to update and clarify different aspects of the recreational vehicle and recreational vehicle park industry. Amends current law to simplify the definition of a recreational vehicle park, providing definitions and requirements related to recreational vehicles (RVs) and RV parks, and manufactured homes. Additionally, the bill provides safeguards for park owners regarding customer electricity usage, and ensures that unrelated fees are not part of the billing process for water utility service.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1299

by Patrick

House Sponsor: Callegari

Relating to powers of the West Harris County Regional Water Authority relating to certain wells.

Authorizes the authority to impose a charge on a well or class of well located in Harris or Fort Bend County that ceases to be subject to a groundwater reduction requirement or is no longer subject to regulatory provisions, permitting requirements, or jurisdiction of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District or the Fort Bend Subsidence District.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1411

by Deuell

House Sponsor: Gooden

Relating to regulation of traffic in a conservation and reclamation district by a commissioners court.

Authorizes the commissioners court of a county to enter into an interlocal agreement with the board of a special district to regulate traffic on a public road owned, operated and maintained by the district. Authorize a commissioners court to adopt regulations establishing a system of traffic control devices in restricted zones on property abutting a public road owned by a special district if a prior interlocal agreement is currently established.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1423

by Hinojosa

House Sponsor: Hunter

Relating to validating certain acts of the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District transferring real property rights.

Amends current law relating to validating certain acts of the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District transferring real property rights.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1479

by Watson

House Sponsor: Dale

Relating to the provision of emergency services in the Williamson-Travis Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1-F.

Authorize District 1-F to disannex from Travis County Emergency Services District 14 upon a limited purpose annexation by the City of Cedar Park, wherein the city provides fire protection services to District 1-F pursuant to a strategic partnership agreement.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1480

by Watson

House Sponsor: Dale

Relating to the provision of emergency services in the Williamson-Travis Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1-G.

Authorize District 1-G to disannex from Travis County Emergency Services District 14 upon a limited purpose annexation by the City of Cedar Park, wherein the city provides fire protection services to District 1-G pursuant to a strategic partnership agreement.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1481

by Watson

House Sponsor: Dale

Relating to the provision of emergency services in the Bella Vista Municipal Utility District

Authorizes the district to disannex from Travis County Emergency Services District 14 upon a limited purpose annexation by the City of Cedar Park, wherein the city provides fire protection services to the district pursuant to a strategic partnership agreement.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1601

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Raymond

Relating to the creation of the Central Laredo Municipal Management District.

Creates the Central Laredo Municipal Management District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, dissolution of the district by the City of Laredo. The district's powers and duties include the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1635 by Deuell **House Sponsor:** Burkett

Relating to the transfer of the assets of and the dissolution of the Dallas County Water Control and Improvement District No.6.

Authorizes Balch Springs to adopt a resolution to dissolve the district and transfer all assets, debts, and contractual rights and obligations of the district to the city. Reduces overlapping governments and therefore reduce costs, and will improve service to existing and prospective residents and developments in Balch Springs by having all municipal services coordinated through one entity. Neither Mesquite nor Dallas will be affected because the district has no facilities or customers in those cities.

Effective Date: 10/1/2013

SB 1771 by Campbell **House Sponsor:** Kuempel

Relating to the adjustment of the boundaries of the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority.

Changes the boundaries of the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1811 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Zerwas

Relating to the Fort Bend Subsidence District.

Clarifies certain permit exemptions, provides for appointment of an investment officer, and defines certain terms.

Effective Date: 5/25/2013

SB 1820 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Bell

Relating to the creation of Waller County Improvement District No. 1; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

Creates the Waller County Improvement District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, rail facilities and the annexation of land. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1821

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Bell

Relating to the creation of Waller County Improvement District No. 2; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

Creates the Waller County Improvement District No. 2 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, rail facilities and the annexation of land. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments, property taxes, operation and maintenance taxes, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1822

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Morrison

Relating to the name and powers and duties of the Port O'Connor Municipal Utility District.

Amends current law relating to the name and powers and duties of the Port O'Connor Municipal Utility District, and provides authority to impose a sales and use tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1823

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the administration, powers, and duties of the Fort Bend Municipal Utility District No. 134.

Authorizes the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 134 to design, acquire, construct, finance, improve, operate, and maintain certain roads, turnpikes, and improvements. The bill also provides for the division of the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1824

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the powers of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 188, including powers related to the construction, operation, and financing of roads.

Establishes provisions relating to the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 188. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes. Establishes that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authorities, duties, and functions that it had before the bill's effective date.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1825

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Fort Bend Subsidence District.

Amends the enabling statute for the Fort Bend Subsidence District (District) and adds two new directors to the present 13-member board. Provides that the North Fort Bend Water Authority appoint the two new members as soon as practicable. Provides that the District's 15 directors serve staggered terms, nine with terms expiring January 1 of off-numbered years, and six with terms expiring on January 1 of even-numbered years.

Effective Date: 5/25/2013

SB 1828

by Deuell

House Sponsor: Sheets

Relating to the creation of Mesquite Medical Center Management District.

Creates the Mesquite Medical Center Management District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. Provides for, among other provisions, the eligibility for all or any part of the area of the district to be included in special zones, the applicability of municipal management district laws, and the annexation of land. The bill sets out the district's powers and duties, including, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain. The bill establishes that the City of Mesquite is not required to pay a bond, note, or other obligation of the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1829

by Williams

House Sponsor: Toth

Relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 105; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

Grants road powers, including the authority to construct and finance roads, to Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 105, which is located within an unincorporated area of Montgomery County. Provides authority to issue bonds and to impose fees and taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1830

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the powers and duties of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 194.

Grants supplemental authority to construct, finance, and maintain roads to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 194 (district).

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1831

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the power and duties of the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Fort Bend County.

Authorizes the district to construct and finance road projects located outside the boundaries of the district, whereas the current law limits the district's authority to inside the boundaries of the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1835 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Morrison

Relating to the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District

Amends the enabling legislation for the creation of the district to allow the temporary board of directors to call for a confirmation election before December 31, 2016. It also allows the district to impose a tax not to exceed two cents on each \$100 valuation if approved by the voters.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1838 by Zaffirini **House Sponsor:** Bonnen

Relating to the creation of the Cotton Center Municipal Utility District No. 2 of Caldwell County ; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Creates the Cotton Center Municipal Utility District No. 2 of Caldwell County, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects, makes the district eligible for inclusion in a tax increment reinvestment zone, and provides for the effect of annexation by the City of Martindale and division of the district. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes and provides for a certain maintenance tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1840 by Nichols **House Sponsor:** Paddie

Relating to the creation of the Deep East Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Creates the Deep East Texas Groundwater Conservation District. The bill dissolves the district on September 1, 2015, if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election before such date. The bill, among other provisions, provides for the addition of an adjacent county to the district, a permit to transfer groundwater, and the refund of certain permit fees. The bill prohibits the district from purchasing groundwater rights for any purpose, from producing groundwater for the purpose of sale, from requiring that a meter be placed on a well that is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater per day, and from exercising the power of eminent domain. The bill caps the rate of property taxes that the district may impose at five cents on each \$100 valuation of taxable property in the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1841

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Davis

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 161.

Creates the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 161, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for the applicability of certain law governing metropolitan water control and improvement districts. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill, if it receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain outside the district boundaries to acquire a site for a water treatment plant, water storage facility, wastewater treatment plant, or wastewater disposal plant; a site for a park, swimming pool, or other recreational facility; an exclusive easement through a county regional park; or a site or easement for a road project.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1843

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 2.

Creates the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 2, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1845

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 48.

Creates the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 48, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1846

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 49.

Creates the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 49, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1847

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Thompson

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 50.

Creates the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 50, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1852

by Paxton

House Sponsor: Laubenberg

Relating to the powers and duties of the Collin County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3.

Establishes provisions relating to the Collin County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 to provide certain improvements and road projects. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose property taxes. The bill establishes that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authorities, duties, and functions that it had before the bill's effective date.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1854

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Miller

Relating to certain project powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 7; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

Provides the district the authority to finance, construct, and acquire a reuse project, by purchase or lease, that facilitates the recycling of and reuse of water, wastewater effluent, or other water or wastewater byproducts.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1862

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the creation of the Crosswinds Municipal Utility District

Creates the Crosswinds Municipal Utility District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill, if it does not receive a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1864

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of Fulshear Parkway Improvement District.

Creates the Fulshear Parkway Improvement District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land, access to road facilities, and road standards and requirements. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1867

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of Fulshear Parkway Improvement District.

Creates the Cascades Municipal Utility District No. 1, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for a certain strategic partnership agreement regarding the continuation of the district after annexation by a municipality and also provides for municipal annexation and notice. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1868

by Campbell

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the creation of the Needmore Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Creates the Needmore Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1869

by Campbell

House Sponsor: Miller

Relating to the creation of the Kendall County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Creates the Kendall County Municipal Utility District No. 1, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1870

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the West Fort Bend Water Authority.

Creates the West Fort Bend Water Authority to provide certain water services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the annexation or exclusion of land, water supply or drought contingency plans, and a groundwater reduction plan. The bill establishes the authority's powers and duties, including the authorization to acquire, construct, and operate water systems; to purchase water from another entity; and to sell or reuse water or any by-product of the authority's operations. The bill authorizes the authority, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations; establish user fees, rates, and charges; require the payment of interest and penalties on late or unpaid fees; impose administrative penalties and injunctions; and enforce liens. The bill prohibits the authority from imposing a property tax.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1872

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Rodriguez

Relating to the creation of Onion Creek Metro Park District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

Creates the Onion Creek Metro Park District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the eligibility for all or any part of the area of the district to be included in special zones, the applicability of municipal management district laws, and the location of improvement projects. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain. The bill establishes that the City of Austin is not required to pay a bond, note, or other obligation of the district.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1873 by Estes **House Sponsor:** Fallon

Relating to the authority to issue bonds of the Mustang Special Utility District.

Enables the district to pass on cost savings to district customers in Denton County and more effectively meet capital improvement demands.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1876 by Hegar **House Sponsor:** Morrison

Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District.

Moves the elections for the board of directors of the Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District to the uniform election date in November of even-numbered years to increase voter participation, and allow for a joint election with the county, thereby saving taxpayer funds.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1877 by Estes **House Sponsor:** Alvarado

Relating to the creation of the Venable Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Denton County.

Creates the Venable Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Denton County, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent.

Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for firefighting services, annexation by the City of Aubrey, and division of the district into two or more new districts. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations; adopt and enforce charges, fees, or rentals; and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1878

by Estes

House Sponsor: Fallon

Relating to the creation of Highway 380 Municipal Management District No. 1.

Creates the Highway 380 Municipal Management District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land by the district. The district's powers and duties include the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1884

by Taylor

House Sponsor: Bonnen

Relating to the creation of the Westwood Management District.

Creates the Westwood Management District, subject to municipal consent, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, applicability of municipal management districts law, the annexation or exclusion of land, competitive bidding, and dissolution of the district. The district's powers and duties include a project development agreement with the City of League City, the authorization to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill establishes that the City of League City is not required to pay a bond, note, or other obligation of the district. The district is prohibited from imposing assessments or exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1893

by Birdwell

House Sponsor: Orr

Relating to the creation of the Chisholm Trails Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Creates the Chisholm Trails Municipal Utility District No. 1, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district

the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for compliance with municipal regulations and division of the district into two or more districts. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1899

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor:

Relating to the creation of the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Creates the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 1, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1900

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the creation of the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 2.

Creates the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 2, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1902

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the creation of the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 4.

Creates the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 4, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain

requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1903

by Zaffirini

House Sponsor: Isaac

Relating to the creation of the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 5.

Creates the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 5, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1906

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of Fort Bend County Municipal Management District No. 1.

Creates the Fort Bend County Municipal Management District No. 1 to provide, subject to certain requirements, certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill grants the district a limited power of eminent domain, but, if the bill does not receive a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, the bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013

SB 1910

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Zerwas

Relating to the creation of the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 3.

Create the Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 3, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. Grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for the division of the district.

Authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1913

by Nichols

House Sponsor: Creighton

Relating to authorizing certain special districts in Montgomery County to enter into strategic partnership agreements.

Authorizes the continuation of Montgomery County Utility District No. 3 and No. 4 as limited districts after the full-purpose annexation by a municipality of the applicable district if the district and the annexing municipality state the terms of the limited district's existence in a strategic partnership agreement. Requires such a strategic partnership agreement to be valid, binding, and enforceable. Establishes that such a strategic partnership agreement is not a joint enterprise for liability purposes and that the bill's provisions do not waive sovereign immunity to suit for a cause of action for a negligent or intentional tort or for a cause of action brought by any person or entity that is not a party to the agreement.

Effective Date: 9/1/2013

SB 1921

by Hegar

House Sponsor: Stephenson

Relating to the creation of Kendleton Improvement District.

Creates the Kendleton Improvement District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the annexation or exclusion of land by the district, strategic partnership agreements, rail facilities, establishment of defined areas, and district dissolution and municipal annexation. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

Effective Date: 6/14/2013