

## LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT

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### Dates of Interest:

- May 24: Last day for House to consider Senate bills
- May 30: Sine Die



Look for the “Final Wrap-Up”  
*Legislative Update* in early  
June.



## The Big Issues

### Truth in Taxation/Revenue Caps

- SB 1771 (Williams)/HB 874 (C. Howard) – Truth in taxation
- SB 720 (Williams): Rollback rate reduced from 8% to 5%, can raise back in emergency. Pending in committee.

### Texas Municipal Retirement System

- SB 642 (Seliger): Provides increased flexibility in offering COLAs

### State Budget

- HB 1 in conference committee
- HB 4 on Senate calendar

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## The Big Issues Cont.

### Sanctuary cities

- HB 12 (Solomons)/SB 11 (Williams): Legislation limiting "Sanctuary Cities"
- HB 183 (Solomons): Law enforcement must verify immigration status. Reported from House State Affairs
- SB 9 (Williams): Homeland Security

### Eminent domain

- SB 18 (the "process" bill): Sent to the governor

### Voter ID

- SB 14 (Fraser): Conference committee

### Indemnity

- SB 361 (Duncan)/HB 2010 (Smithee): Eliminate "broad form indemnity" in construction contracts

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## The Big Issues Cont.

### State Water Plan

- HB 3273 (Ritter)/HJR 138 (Ritter): State tax on retail water customers

### Open Government

- SB 1571 (Watson): Vendors subject to PIA
- SB 1826 (Gallegos): Definition of "meeting"

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## Other Issues: Land Use

### Permit vesting

- SB 1442 (Shapiro)/HB 2732 (Oliveira): Fair notice definition
- HB 3534/HB 3535 (Kleinschmidt): immunity waiver

### Annexation

- HB 524 (F. Brown): Easier disannexation for services

### Takings

- HB 3105 (Keffer): Mineral interests

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## Other Issues: Misc.

### Election Dates

- HB 111 (V. Taylor)/SB 100 (Van de Putte)
  - Implement federal MOVE Act
  - Uniform election dates
  - City concessions

### Procurement

- HB 611 (Murphy): Interlocals for TxDOT/COG services
- HB 628 (Callegari): Alternative procurement consolidation

### Personnel

- HB 2075 (Martinez): Presumption

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## Major Updates

### Court fees

- **HB 258 (Gonzalez):** Raises the State Traffic Fine from \$30 to \$45. LBB recommendation. Governor supports. Reported from House Ways and Means.
- **SB 1811 (Duncan):** State fiscal matter bill. Provisions from SB 726 (Rodriguez) added on Senate floor. Includes a \$5 state court fee for indigent defense.

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## Major Updates Cont.

### Cable/Satellite

- **SB 1087 (Carona)/HB 256 (Hilderbran):** Termination of existing grandfathered local cable franchises
- **HB 259/HB 3675 (Eiland):** State satellite “assessment” of 6-1/4 percent

### Electric

- **HB 3610 (Thompson)/SB 1693 (Carona):** Periodic electric rate adjustment for invested capital

### FCC NOI

- Right-of-way authority at risk

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- TML Legislative Update
- Legislative Update “App”
- E-Lists
- Live Wrap Up in Austin June 27



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