



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

April 17, 2015

Weekly legislation "movement" update.

Be advised, the caption of the bill may not adequately describe in enough detail what the bill actually does! Each bill listed is linked so that you may see the proposed legislation in full.

Please do not hesitate to contact the TADC should you have any concerns about any bills filed this session.

TADC tracked legislation movement - April 13, 2015 - April 17, 2015:

[HB 221](#) [Stephenson, Phil\(R\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as a campaign treasurer of a general-purpose political committee.

Last Action: 4-13-15 Committee action pending House Elections

[HB 230](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Last Action: 4-13-15 Received in the Senate

[HB 257](#) [Farney, Marsha\(R\)](#) Relating to a justice or judge having an interest in a business entity that owns, manages, or operates a private correctional or rehabilitation facility.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 262](#) [Miles, Borris\(D\)](#) Relating to liability of an owner, lessee, or occupant of land that allows land to be used as a community garden.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 335](#) [Thompson, Ed\(R\)](#) Relating to named driver insurance policies and certain related exclusions.

Companions: [SB 1755](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)
3-24-15 Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Last Action: *4-15-15 Committee action pending House Insurance*

[HB 419](#) [Wu, Gene\(D\)](#) Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 492](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Last Action: *4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry*

[HB 496](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to civil and criminal liability for the disclosure or promotion of certain intimate visual material.

Last Action: *4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence*

[HB 512](#) [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to waiver of immunity in certain employment discrimination actions in connection with a workers' compensation claim.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry*

[HB 574](#) [Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans with respect to health care providers.

Companions: [SB 1098](#) Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)
3-16-15 Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Last Action: *4-15-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Insurance*

[HB 604](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to the collection of certain judgments through court proceeding.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 801](#) [King, Ken\(R\)](#) Relating to planning for the use of and liability resulting from prescribed burns by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Last Action: *4-13-15 Received in the Senate*

[HB 866](#) [Thompson, Ed\(R\)](#) Relating to the exemption from jury service of a person who is the primary caretaker of another person.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 899](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#) Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in certain family law proceedings.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 956](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#) Relating to the scope of a health care liability claim.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

<u>HB 969</u>	<u>King, Ken(R)</u>	Relating to the availability and use of certain evidence in connection with an award of exemplary damages.
Companions:		<u>SB 735</u> Fraser, Troy(R) (Identical) 4-13-15 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs
Last Action:		<i>4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</i>
<u>HB 971</u>	<u>Bohac, Dwayne(R)</u>	Relating to requirements governing officers and directors of condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.
Last Action:		<i>4-14-15 Committee action pending House Business and Industry</i>
<u>HB 1040</u>	<u>Paddie, Chris(R)</u>	Relating to the liability of certain sports officials and organizations.
Last Action:		<i>4-13-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar</i>
<u>HB 1050</u>	<u>White, James(R)</u>	Relating to liability of food donors.
Last Action:		<i>4-13-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar</i>
<u>HB 1091</u>	<u>Schofield, Mike (F)(R)</u>	Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.

Companions: [SB 455](#) Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) (Identical)
4-20-15 Meeting set for 12:00PM, SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

Last Action: *4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 1124](#) [Workman, Paul\(R\)](#) Relating to adjudication of claims arising from written contracts with state agencies.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 1129](#) [Sheets, Kenneth\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from the attorney occupation tax for attorneys exclusively offering pro bono legal services.

Last Action: *4-13-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar*

[HB 1200](#) [Simpson, David\(R\)](#) Relating to civil liability of a person who produces, distributes, sells, or provides or aids in the production, distribution, sale, or provision of certain synthetic substances to another person for damages caused by the other person

Companions: [SB 1629](#) Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3-23-15 Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1203](#) [Murr, Andrew \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to limited liability for an agritourism entity involved in an agritourism activity.

Companions: [SB 610](#) Perry, Charles (F)(R) (Identical)
3-20-15 Received in the House

[HB 1306](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by court reporters in judicial districts composed of more than one county.

Last Action: 4-13-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

[HB 1390](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#) Relating to remedies for discrimination by a public employer against a public employee in connection with a claim for workers' compensation.

Last Action: 4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 1403](#) [Sheets, Kenneth\(R\)](#) Relating to the definition of health care liability claim for the purposes of certain laws governing those claims.

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1455](#) [King, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to procedures required before a condominium association files a suit or initiates an arbitration proceeding for a defect or design claim.

Companions: [SB 834](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
(F)(R)
4-20-15 Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 1492](#) [Miller, Doug\(R\)](#)

Relating to consideration of asbestos or silica trust claims in certain actions asserting asbestos- or silica-related injuries.

Last Action: *4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 1603](#) [Villalba, Jason\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.

Last Action: *4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry*

[HB 1692](#) [Sheets, Kenneth\(R\)](#)

Relating to the doctrine of forum non conveniens

Last Action: 4-16-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1779](#) [Murr, Andrew \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the confidentiality of a physician's patient information in certain judicial proceedings.

Companions: [SB 1733](#) Uresti, Carlos(D) (Identical)
4-16-15 Committee action pending in Senate State Affairs

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 2049](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to indemnification and duties of engineers and architects under certain governmental contracts.

Companions: [SB 799](#) Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical)
4-14-15 Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

Last Action: 4-13-15 Reported favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 2089](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

Companions: [SB 765](#) Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical)
3- 3-15 Committee action pending Senate Finance

Last Action: 4-14-15 Reported from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 2182](#) [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#) Relating to the collection and refunding of certain fees and deposits by a county clerk or district clerk.

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 2303](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#) Relating to a landowner's liability for injuries incurred during certain recreational activities.

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 2390](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to civil liability arising from an employee wellness program.

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 2512](#) [Zedler, Bill\(R\)](#) Relating to the adoption of a uniform collaborative law Act.

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. ***TADC testified in AGAINST this legislation***

[HB 2633](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to the release of information regarding motor vehicle accidents.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 2734](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the voluntary certification of roofing companies by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Last Action: *4-13-15 Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures*

[HB 2747](#) [Landgraf, Brooks \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to juror service qualifications.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 2822](#) [Smithee, John\(R\)](#) Relating to a notice or document sent by mail or electronic mail by a court, justice, judge, magistrate, or clerk of a judicial court.

Companions: [SB 1116](#) West, Royce(D) (Identical)
4-16-15 Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate State Affairs

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[HB 3168](#) [Simmons, Ron\(R\)](#) Relating to remedies for oppression of minority shareholders by directors of closely held corporations.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Committee action pending House Business and Industry*

[HB 3426](#) [Pena, Gilbert \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to concurrent jurisdiction of a statutory county court with a district court in certain civil cases.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence*

[SB 418](#) [Whitmire, John\(D\)](#) Relating to requests by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct for certain records held by court reporters.

Last Action: *4-14-15 Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Criminal Justice*

[SB 450](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to the liability of a political subdivision of this state for certain claims relating to land acquired by the political subdivision under certain circumstances.

Companions: [HB 1406](#) Sheets, Kenneth(R) (Identical)
3- 9-15 Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: *4-16-15 Received in the House*

<u>SB 455</u>	<u>Creighton, Brandon</u> <u>(F)(R)</u>	Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.
Companions:		<u>HB 1091</u> Schofield, Mike (F)(R) (Identical) 4- 7-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
Last Action:		<i>4-20-15 Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs</i>
<u>SB 479</u>	<u>Schwertner, Charles</u> <u>(R)</u>	Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.
Companions:		<u>HB 1562</u> Schofield, Mike (F)(R) (Identical) 3- 9-15 Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
Last Action:		<i>4-15-15 Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs</i>
<u>SB 491</u>	<u>Schwertner, Charles</u> <u>(R)</u>	Relating to consideration of asbestos or silica trust claims in certain actions asserting asbestos- or silica-related injuries.
Last Action:		<i>4-13-15 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs</i>
<u>SB 627</u>	<u>Huffman, Joan</u> <u>(R)</u>	Relating to certain publications that are privileged and not grounds for a libel action.

Companions: [HB 1766](#) Hunter, Todd(R) (Identical)
3-13-15 Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: 4-15-15 Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

[SB 735](#) [Fraser, Troy\(R\)](#) Relating to the availability and use of certain evidence in connection with an award of exemplary damages.

Companions: [HB 969](#) King, Ken(R) (Identical)
4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: 4-13-15 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs. TADC testified ON this legislation

[SB 799](#) [Eltife, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to indemnification and duties of engineers and architects under certain governmental contracts.

Companions: [HB 2049](#) Darby, Drew(R) (Identical)
4-13-15 Reported favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

Last Action: 4-14-15 Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 824](#) [Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#) Relating to the number of jurors required in certain civil cases pending in a statutory county court.

Companions: [HB 1122](#) Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical)
3-25-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Last Action: *4-16-15 Received in the House*

[SB 834](#) [Creighton, Brandon \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to procedures required before a condominium association files a suit or initiates an arbitration proceeding for a defect or design claim.

Companions: [HB 1455](#) King, Phil(R) (Identical)
4-14-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: *4-20-15 Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs*

[SB 900](#) [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and the renaming of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association as the Texas Coastal Insurance Association.

Companions: [HB 2245](#) Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)
3-13-15 Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

Last Action: 4-14-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 1139](#) [Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation and administration of and practice in courts in the judicial branch of state government and the composition of certain juvenile boards.

Companions: [HB 2768](#) Smithee, John(R) (Identical)
4- 7-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: 4-16-15 Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

[SB 1369](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to reports on attorney ad litem appointments made by courts in this state.

Last Action: 4-15-15 Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

[SB 1457](#) [Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#) Relating to bad faith claims of patent infringement.

Last Action: 4-15-15 Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

[SB 1600](#) [Kolkhorst, Lois \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to a limit on the award of attorney's fees in certain actions brought against a governmental entity.

Last Action: 4-20-15 Meeting set for 12:00 P.M.,
SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State
Affairs

[SB 1620](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to qualifications of special
judges.

Companions: [HB](#)
[1923](#) Naishtat, Elliott(D) (Identical)
3-11-15 Introduced and referred
to committee on House Judiciary
and Civil Jurisprudence

Last Action: 3-23-15 Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 1628](#) [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#) Relating to insurance claims and
certain prohibited acts and practices
in or in relation to the business of
insurance.

Companions: [HB](#)
[3646](#) Smithee, John(R) (Identical)
3-27-15 Introduced and referred
to committee on House
Insurance

Last Action: 4-14-15 Voted favorably from committee
as substituted Senate Business and
Commerce

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