

86th Texas Legislature

Study Session
April 2, 2019



FARMERS
BRANCH



Significant/Impactful Legislation Filed

Property Tax Bills

- HB 2 & **SB 2** (Numerous Bills) Property Tax Cap @2.5%, Required voter approval for exceeding cap, November only (timing), Certificates of Obligation not allowed in Debt Service rate
- HB 322 Establishes over-65 tax freeze
- HB 878 Establishes 5% Appraisal Increase Cap per year on residential & commercial property
- HB 1036 Mandatory Sales Price Disclosure

Public Safety

- HB 901 (Numerous Bills) – Eliminates Red Light Camera Enforcement and/or Car Registration Holds
- SB 77 Does not allow use of license plate readers
- HB 1287 & SB 1023 Reduces city speed limits from 30 to 25 mph

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Sales Tax Bills

- SB 70 & **HB 2153** Establishes Remote Seller Single Tax Rate
- HB 1192 Reduce State Sales Tax Administrative Fee
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Lobbying Activities

- SB 702 Requires authorization and reporting of lobbying activities

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Municipal Revenues/Expenditures

- HB 984 & SB 849 Budget must highlight new or increased fees. Email notification system must be utilized.
- HB 852 & SB 855 Residential building permits and inspection fees cannot be based on improvement value.
- SB 1152 Eliminates Telecom or Cable Franchise Fees
- HJR 138 Constitutional Amendment capping total expenditure growth at rate of population/inflation growth unless voter authorized.
- HB 4238 Caps Apartment rental license fees at \$10 per unit up to \$1,500 maximum.

Court Revenues

- HB 1021 Requires waiving court costs and fees for indigent defendants.

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Miscellaneous

- SB 312 & HB 672 Allows Brewery sale of beer for off premise consumption
- HB 2439 & SB 1266 Prohibits restrictions on building materials for residential or commercial structures
- HB 3778 Prohibits short-term rental prohibition
- HB 3779 Authorizes Comptroller to collect/remit local short-term rental hotel occupancy taxes.
- SB 2013 – Preemption of municipal authority
- HB 3899 – Preemption – Commercial Activity Reg.
- SB 2370 Plats automatically approved within 30 days of filing unless disapproved.

