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## PROCEEDINGS

SIXTH DAY (CONTINUED) — MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

The house met at 12 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 49).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Toth.

Absent — Bryant; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Goodwin; Morales, C.; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Vo.

The invocation was offered by Ron Joy, Texas Department of Public Safety, Leander.

The chair recognized Representative Tepper who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

V. Jones on motion of Ward Johnson.

Toth on motion of Schatzline.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of the week because of illness:

Geren on motion of Walle.

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING  
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES  
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List Nos. 1 and 2.)

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Intergovernmental Affairs, 1:30 p.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

**SB 5 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Bonnen, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 5**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 5**: Bonnen, chair; Fairly, M. González, Kitzman, and Raymond.

**MAJOR STATE CALENDAR  
HOUSE BILLS  
SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

**HB 17 ON SECOND READING  
(by Meyer)**

**HB 17**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the requirements regarding notice of certain property tax-related information to be provided by taxing units and appraisal districts.

(Landgraf in the chair)

(Bryant now present)

**HB 17 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Bryant raised a point of order against further consideration of **HB 17** under Article III, Section 40, of the Texas Constitution on the grounds that the subject matter of the bill is not included in the field of legislation designated by the governor's proclamation.

(Speaker in the chair)

The point of order was withdrawn.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

State Affairs, 2 p.m. today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

(Goodwin and Vo now present)

**HB 17 - (consideration continued)****Amendment No. 1**

Representative Bernal offered the following amendment to **HB 17**:

Amend **HB 17** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike page 1, line 6, through page 10, line 6.

(2) On page 12, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

(a-1) This section applies only to a taxing unit other than a school district.

(3) On page 14, lines 23-24, strike "or Section 44.004, Education Code, as applicable".

(4) On page 15, strike lines 1 and 2.

(5) On page 15, line 14, strike "; and".

(6) Strike page 15, line 15, through page 16, line 1.

Amendment No. 1 failed of adoption by (Record 50): 56 Yeas, 84 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Lambert; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Toth.

Absent — Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; King; Morales, C.; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 50 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

King

**HB 17** was passed to engrossment by (Record 51): 85 Yeas, 55 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Phelan; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lambert; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Toth.

Absent — Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; King; Morales, C.; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 51 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

King

When Record No. 51 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Lalani

When Record No. 51 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

C. Morales

When Record No. 51 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

M. Perez

When Record No. 51 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

Rodríguez Ramos

**CSHB 16 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by Leach)**

**CSHB 16**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government, including court security, court documents and arrest warrants, document delivery, juvenile boards, constitutional amendment election challenges, record retention, youth diversion, court-ordered mental health services, the powers of the Texas Supreme Court, jurors, and the special prosecution unit; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.

Representative Leach moved to postpone consideration of **CSHB 16** until 1 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

(A. Davis now present)

**MAJOR STATE CALENDAR**  
**SENATE BILLS**  
**SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

**SB 10 ON SECOND READING**  
**(Meyer - House Sponsor)**

**SB 10**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the calculation of the voter-approval tax rate for certain taxing units.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Reynolds on motion of Gervin-Hawkins.

**SB 10 - (consideration continued)**

**Amendment No. 1**

Representatives Money and V. Perez offered the following amendment to **SB 10**:

Amend **SB 10** (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) On page 2, line 1, strike "; [✖]" and substitute "; or".
- (2) On page 2, strike lines 2 through 7.
- (3) On page 2, line 8, strike "(C)" and substitute "(B)".

(4) On page 2, line 9, strike "or a municipality or county described by Paragraph (B)".

(5) Strike page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 5.

(6) On page 3, lines 7 through 9, strike "OR MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 THAT IS NOT A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT".

(7) Strike page 3, line 26, through page 4, line 5.

(8) On page 4, lines 7 through 9, strike "OR MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 THAT IS NOT A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT".

(9) On page 5, strike lines 7 through 13.

(10) On page 5, lines 15 through 17, strike "OR MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 THAT IS NOT A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT".

(11) On page 6, line 10, strike "applicable".

(12) On page 6, strike lines 11 through 18.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

## **Amendment No. 2**

Representative Hopper offered the following amendment to **SB 10**:

Amend **SB 10** on page 2, line 8, by inserting "a Municipal Utility District or" between the words "for" and "a".

Representative Meyer moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table was lost by (Record 52): 61 Yeas, 74 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Button; Campos; Capriglione; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; DeAyala; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Harless; Harris; Hickland; Hull; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Lujan; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, V.; Phelan; Romero; Shaheen; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Ward Johnson; Wharton.

Nays — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Bernal; Bucy; Bumgarner; Cain; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cook; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dorazio; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; González, J.; Goodwin; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meza; Money; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Perez, M.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Smithee; Swanson; Talarico; Tinderholt; Turner; Vasut; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Bowers; Garcia, J.; Guerra; Guillen; Hernandez; Leach; Lopez, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Bhojani

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Bowers

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Cunningham

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Guillen

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Hickland

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

LaHood

When Record No. 52 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

J. Lopez

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Oliverson

When Record No. 52 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Slawson

Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

### Amendment No. 3

Representative Patterson offered the following amendment to **SB 10**:

Amend **SB 10** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike "1.025" and substitute "1.01" in each of the following places it appears:

(A) page 2, line 11;

- (B) page 3, line 10;
- (C) page 4, line 10;
- (D) page 5, line 18; and
- (E) page 6, line 20.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0445 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0445. TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES. (a) In this section, "public safety expenditures" for a tax year means the amount of expenditures derived from maintenance and operations tax revenue made by a taxing unit in the period beginning on July 1 of the year preceding the tax year for which a tax is adopted and ending on June 30 of the tax year for which the tax is adopted on costs to equip, train, house, supervise, compensate, and provide other benefits to individuals who provide firefighting services, law enforcement services, jail and detention services, and emergency medical services.

(b) This section applies only to:

(1) a municipality or county with a population of 75,000 or more that is not a special taxing unit; or

(2) an emergency services district created under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, that is not a special taxing unit.

(c) If the public safety expenditures of a taxing unit to which this section applies exceed the amount of those expenditures for the preceding tax year, the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the taxing unit is increased by the rate computed according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Current Tax Year's Public Safety Expenditures} - \text{Preceding Tax Year's Public Safety Expenditures}}{\text{Current Total Value} - \text{New Property Value}}$$

(d) The taxing unit shall include a notice of the increase in the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate provided by this section, including a description and amount of public safety expenditures, in the information published under Section 26.04(e) and, as applicable, in the notice prescribed by Section 26.06 or 26.061.

Amendment No. 3 was adopted by (Record 53): 94 Yeas, 43 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Romero;

Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bernal; Bhojani; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Plesa; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C); Harrison.

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Bowers; Dutton; Garcia, J.; Guerra; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Rodríguez Ramos.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 53 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Bowers

When Record No. 53 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Campos

When Record No. 53 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Money

When Record No. 53 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Schoolcraft

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of illness:

Phelan on motion of Metcalf.

The following members were granted leaves of absence temporarily for today to attend a meeting of the Conference Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs:

C. Bell on motion of Holt.

Leo Wilson on motion of Lozano.

### HOUSE AT EASE

At 1:38 p.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease.

The chair called the house to order at 2 p.m.

(C. Bell and Leo Wilson now present)

**SB 10 - (consideration continued)**

**Amendment No. 4**

Representative Zwiener offered the following amendment to **SB 10**:

Amend **SB 10** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 26.012, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (9-a) to read as follows:

(9-a) "Eligible local government" means:

(A) a municipality or county with a population of less than 75,000 that is not a special taxing unit; or

(B) an emergency services district operating under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, that is not a special taxing unit.

(2) On page 2, lines 2 and 3, strike "a municipality or county with a population of less than 75,000 that is not a special taxing unit" and substitute "an eligible local government".

(3) On page 2, line 9, strike "a municipality or county described by Paragraph (B)" and substitute "an eligible local government".

(4) Strike "MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 THAT IS NOT A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT" and substitute "ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT" in each of the following places it appears:

(A) page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 2;

(B) page 3, lines 7 through 9;

(C) page 3, line 26, through page 4, line 1;

(D) page 4, lines 7 through 9; and

(E) page 5, lines 7 through 9 and 15 through 17.

(5) On page 6, lines 11 and 12, strike "a municipality or county with a population of less than 75,000 that is not a special taxing unit" and substitute "an eligible local government".

(6) On page 6, lines 17 and 18, strike "a municipality or county described by Paragraph (A)" and substitute "an eligible local government".

Amendment No. 4 was withdrawn.

**SB 10**, as amended, was passed to third reading by (Record 54): 81 Yeas, 55 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson;

Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Bumgarner; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Harrison; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; Lopez, R.; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Lalani; Lambert; Morales, C.; Perez, M.; Rodríguez Ramos.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Bhojani

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Kerwin

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Lambert

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Manuel

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

C. Morales

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

M. Perez

When Record No. 54 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

Rodríguez Ramos

### POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

**CSHB 16 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by Leach)**

**CSHB 16**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government, including court security, court documents and arrest warrants, document delivery, juvenile boards, constitutional amendment election challenges, record retention, youth diversion, court-ordered mental health services, the powers of the Texas Supreme Court, jurors, and the special prosecution unit; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.

**CSHB 16** was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

**Amendment No. 1**

Representative Leach offered the following amendment to **CSHB 16**:

Amend **CSHB 16** (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) On page 4, line 17, immediately after "COUNTY.", insert "(a)".
- (2) On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:
  - (b) The 501st Judicial Court shall give preference to family law matters.
- (3) On page 45, line 11, between "SECTION 7.02" and "Subchapter", insert "(a)".
  - (4) On page 46, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following subsection:
    - (b) This section takes effect January 1, 2026.
  - (5) On page 62, line 13, strike "52.001" and substitute "154.001".
  - (6) In SECTION 7.23 of the bill, strike "reporting" and substitute "recording" in each place it appears in that section, including:
    - (A) page 62, lines 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 24; and
    - (B) page 63, lines 7 and 10.
  - (7) On page 81, line 18, strike "Section 45A.251(a-1), Government Code" and substitute "Article 45A.251(a-1), Code of Criminal Procedure".
  - (8) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 9 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that Article accordingly:

SECTION 9.\_\_\_\_. (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.006 to read as follows:

Art. 102.006. FEES IN EXPUNCTION PROCEEDINGS. (a) In addition to any other fees required by other law and except as provided by Subsections (b) and (b-1), a petitioner seeking expunction of a criminal record in a district court shall pay the following fees:

    - (1) the fee charged for filing an ex parte petition in a civil action in district court;
    - (2) \$1 plus postage for each certified mailing of notice of the hearing date; and
    - (3) \$2 plus postage for each certified mailing of certified copies of an order of expunction.

(a-1) In addition to any other fees required by other law and except as provided by Subsection (b), a petitioner seeking expunction of a criminal record in a justice court or a municipal court of record under Chapter 55A shall pay a fee of \$100 for filing an ex parte petition for expunction to defray the cost of notifying state agencies of orders of expunction under that chapter.

(b) The fees under Subsection (a) or the fee under Subsection (a-1), as applicable, shall be waived if the petitioner seeks expunction of a criminal record that relates to an arrest for an offense of which the person was acquitted, other than an acquittal for an offense described by Article 55A.151, and the petition for expunction is filed not later than the 30th day after the date of the acquittal.

(b-1) The fees under Subsection (a) shall be waived if the petitioner is entitled to expunction:

(1) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(A) after successful completion of a veterans treatment court program created under Chapter 124, Government Code, or former law; or

(2) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(B) after successful completion of a mental health court program created under Chapter 125, Government Code, or former law.

(c) A court that grants a petition for expunction of a criminal record may order that any fee, or portion of a fee, required to be paid under Subsection (a) be returned to the petitioner.

(d) This section expires January 1, 2026.

(b) This section takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this section takes effect on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Notwithstanding Section 19, **SB 1760**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, Section 1023.0071, Estates Code, as added by Section 5, **SB 1760**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, takes effect January 1, 2026.

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SECTION 9. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 23.303, Government Code, as added by **SB 293**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and effective September 1, 2025, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) The business court, a district court, or a statutory county court shall, with respect to a motion for summary judgment:

(1) set the motion for a hearing by ~~hear~~ oral argument ~~[on the motion]~~ or by submission on a date ~~[consider the motion without oral argument]~~ not later than:

(A) the 60th ~~[45th]~~ day after the date ~~[the response to]~~ the motion was filed; or

(B) the 90th day after the date the motion was filed:

(i) if the court's docket requires a hearing on a date later than the 60th day after the date the motion was filed;

(ii) on a showing of good cause; or

(iii) if the movant consents; and

(2) file with the clerk of the court and provide to the parties a written ruling on the motion not later than the 90th day after the date the motion was heard ~~[argued]~~ or considered.

~~(b) The [If a motion for summary judgment is considered by a court described by Subsection (a) without oral argument, the] court shall record in the docket the date the motion was heard or considered [without argument].~~

(b-1) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a motion for summary judgment that is withdrawn.

(b) Section 23.303, Government Code, as amended by this section, applies only to a motion for summary judgment filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A motion for summary judgment filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the motion was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(Vasut in the chair)

Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Representative Leach moved to postpone consideration of **CSHB 16** until 2:30 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

The chair laid before the house and had read the following special message from the governor:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, SECOND CALLED SESSION:

WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state Constitution have placed in the hands of the governor the power to call and set the agenda for special sessions of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a gubernatorial proclamation issued on August 15, 2025, the members of the 89th Legislature convened in a Second Called Session to consider the subjects designated in that proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Section 40, and Article IV, Section 8(a), of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following additional subjects to the 89th Legislature, Second Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation to prohibit same day voter registration in Texas.

Legislation authorizing contracts with sheriffs and constables for the provision of law enforcement services and legislation relating to the appropriation or transfer of funds to or from a law enforcement agency.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor

Austin, Texas  
August 25, 2025

### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

State Affairs, scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. today, was canceled.

### **GENERAL STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

#### **CSHB 27 ON SECOND READING (by Harris, Ashby, Alders, Hefner, et al.)**

**CSHB 27**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a groundwater study of certain aquifers underlying the territory of the Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District by the Texas Water Development Board before the issuance of permits or permit amendments by the district.

**CSHB 27** was passed to engrossment.

#### **HB 23 ON SECOND READING (by Harless, Oliverson, Swanson, Hull, Ashby, et al.)**

**HB 23**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain nonprofit corporations, located in a populous county, and used to promote agriculture, support youth, and provide educational support in the community.

**HB 23** was passed to engrossment.

### **GENERAL STATE CALENDAR SENATE BILLS SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

#### **SB 15 ON SECOND READING (Hefner - House Sponsor)**

**SB 15**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certain files maintained by a law enforcement agency regarding certain employees of the agency.

#### **Amendment No. 1**

Representative Collier offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

On page 1, line 8, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (a) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 1, line 11, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (b) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 1, line 13, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (c) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 1, line 22, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (d) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 2, line 1, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (e) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 2, line 7, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (f) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

On page 2, line 13, senate engrossed **SB 15**, amend Subsection (g) between "department" and "file" by adding the word "personnel".

### REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Collier moved to print remarks between Representative Hefner and Representative Collier on Amendment No. 1 on **SB 15**.

The motion prevailed. [The text of the debate was not available at the time of printing.]

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 1.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 55): 85 Yeas, 53 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Gámez; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 55 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Bucy

When Record No. 55 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

**Amendment No. 2**

Representative Manuel offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

Amend **SB 15** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 13, strike "A" and substitute "Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a".

(2) On page 1, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(c-1) A department file may not contain any letter, memorandum, or document relating to a second or subsequent allegation of racial profiling by the license holder.

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 56): 83 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 56 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

#### Amendment No. 3

Representative J. González offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

Amend **SB 15** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 13, strike "A" and substitute "Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a".

(2) On page 1, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(c-1) A department file may not contain any letter, memorandum, or document relating to a second or subsequent allegation of misconduct by the license holder involving conduct constituting an offense under Chapter 39, Penal Code.

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 3.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 57): 83 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 57 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

**Amendment No. 4**

Representative Bernal offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

Amend **SB 15** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(f-1) A department file maintained under this section is subject to disclosure if requested in relation to a pre-suit deposition.

(2) On page 2, line 11, strike "and (f)" and substitute "(f), and (f-1)".

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 4.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 58): 81 Yeas, 56 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; McLaughlin; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Garcia, J.; Harless; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 58 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Harless

When Record No. 58 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

**Amendment No. 5**

Representative Manuel offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

Amend **SB 15** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 8, strike "only".

(2) On page 2, between lines ~~T0~~ and 11, insert the following:

(f-1) A law enforcement agency shall disclose information contained in a license holder's department file to:

(1) a member of a civilian oversight board;

(2) staff of an independent civilian oversight or monitoring department created by state or local law; or

(3) an expert consultants brought in to evaluate and recommend improvement to police policy or training.

(3) On page 2, line 11, strike "and (f)" and substitute "(f), and (f-1)".

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 5.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 59): 82 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Garcia, J.; McLaughlin; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 59 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

**Amendment No. 6**

Representative Moody offered the following amendment to **SB 15**:

Amend **SB 15** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 11, between "by" and "Subsections", insert "this subsection and".

(2) On page 2, line 16, strike "A" and substitute "Except for information, records, or notations described by Section 552.108(c-1), Government Code, that are contained in a license holder's department file, a".

Representative Hefner moved to table Amendment No. 6.

The vote of the house was taken on the motion to table Amendment No. 6 and the vote was announced yeas 71, nays 67.

A verification of the vote was requested and was granted.

The roll of those voting yea and nay was again called and the verified vote resulted, as follows (Record 60): 69 Yeas, 61 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Paul; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dorazio; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Hopper; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Lambert; Little; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Jones, V.; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth.

Absent — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Garcia, J.; Hull; Lozano; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Noble; Orr; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield; Wu.

(Speaker in the chair)

The chair stated that the motion to table prevailed by the above vote.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was absent because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Hull

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Orr

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Pierson

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### **SB 15 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Moody raised a point of order against further consideration of **SB 15** under Article III, Section 40, of the Texas Constitution.

(Landgraf in the chair)

The speaker sustained the point of order, announcing his decision to the house as follows:

Representative Moody raised a point of order against further consideration of **SB 15** under Article III, Section 40, Texas Constitution on the grounds that the subject matter of the bill is not included in the governor's proclamation.

The proclamation submits the subject of "legislation that protects law enforcement officers from public disclosure of unsubstantiated complaints in personnel files." As pointed out by Mr. Moody, the bill does not deal with personnel files, but instead department files. Under the Occupations Code, a personnel file does not include any unsubstantiated complaints. *E.g.*, Section 1701.435(a)(2)(A), Occupations Code. In addition, the department files authorized under the bill do not solely include unsubstantiated complaints, but also include "any letter, memorandum, or document relating to the license holder not included in a personnel file." Indeed, the background and purpose statement in the bill analysis states that the bill covers "background hiring information" in addition to unsubstantiated complaints. Accordingly, the bill's matter is not embraced by the language of the governor's call.

Accordingly, the point of order is well-taken and sustained.

The ruling precluded further consideration of **SB 15**.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Canales on motion of E. Morales.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Dutton on motion of Zwiener.

Flores on motion of Zwiener.

Hull on motion of Slawson.

Lozano on motion of Guillen.

Morales Shaw on motion of Zwiener.

Wu on motion of Zwiener.

### **POSTPONED BUSINESS**

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

#### **CSHB 16 ON SECOND READING**

(by Leach)

**CSHB 16**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government, including court security, court documents and arrest warrants, document delivery, juvenile boards, constitutional amendment election challenges, record retention, youth diversion, court-ordered mental health services, the powers of the Texas Supreme Court, jurors, and the special prosecution unit; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.

**CSHB 16** was read second time earlier today, postponed until 1 p.m. today, an amendment was offered and disposed of, and **CSHB 16** was again postponed until this time.

#### **Amendment No. 2**

Representative Leach offered the following amendment to **CSHB 16**:

Amend **CSHB 16** (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) On page 4, line 17, immediately after "COUNTY.", insert "(a)".
- (2) On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:
  - (b) The 501st Judicial Court shall give preference to family law matters.
- (3) On page 45, line 11, between "SECTION 7.02" and "Subchapter", insert "(a)".
  - (4) On page 46, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following subsection:
    - (b) This Section takes effect January 1, 2026.
  - (5) On page 62, line 13, strike "52.001" and substitute "154.001".
  - (6) In SECTION 7.23 of the bill, strike "reporting" and substitute "recording" in each place it appears in that section, including:
    - (A) page 62, lines 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 24; and
    - (B) page 63, lines 7 and 10.
  - (7) On page 81, line 18, strike "Section 45A.251(a-1), Government Code" and substitute "Article 45A.251(a-1), Code of Criminal Procedure".
  - (8) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 9 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that Article accordingly:

SECTION 9.\_\_\_\_. (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.006 to read as follows:

Art. 102.006. FEES IN EXPUNCTION PROCEEDINGS. (a) In addition to any other fees required by other law and except as provided by Subsections (b) and (b-1), a petitioner seeking expunction of a criminal record in a district court shall pay the following fees:

(1) the fee charged for filing an ex parte petition in a civil action in district court;

(2) \$1 plus postage for each certified mailing of notice of the hearing date; and

(3) \$2 plus postage for each certified mailing of certified copies of an order of expunction.

(a-1) In addition to any other fees required by other law and except as provided by Subsection (b), a petitioner seeking expunction of a criminal record in a justice court or a municipal court of record under Chapter 55A shall pay a fee of \$100 for filing an ex parte petition for expunction to defray the cost of notifying state agencies of orders of expunction under that chapter.

(b) The fees under Subsection (a) or the fee under Subsection (a-1), as applicable, shall be waived if the petitioner seeks expunction of a criminal record that relates to an arrest for an offense of which the person was acquitted, other than an acquittal for an offense described by Article 55A.151, and the petition for expunction is filed not later than the 30th day after the date of the acquittal.

(b-1) The fees under Subsection (a) shall be waived if the petitioner is entitled to expunction:

(1) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(A) after successful completion of a veterans treatment court program created under Chapter 124, Government Code, or former law; or

(2) under Article 55A.053(a)(2)(B) after successful completion of a mental health court program created under Chapter 125, Government Code, or former law.

(c) A court that grants a petition for expunction of a criminal record may order that any fee, or portion of a fee, required to be paid under Subsection (a) be returned to the petitioner.

(d) This section expires January 1, 2026.

(b) This section takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this section takes effect on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.\_\_\_\_. (a) Notwithstanding Section 19, **SB 1760**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, Section 1023.0071, Estates Code, as added by Section 5, **SB 1760**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, takes effect January 1, 2026.

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SECTION 9.\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 23.303, Government Code, as added by **SB 293**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and effective September 1, 2025, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) The business court, a district court, or a statutory county court shall, with respect to a motion for summary judgment:

(1) set the motion for a hearing by [hear] oral argument [on the motion] or by submission on a date [consider the motion without oral argument] not later than:

(A) the 60th [45th] day after the date [the response to] the motion was filed; or

(B) the 90th day after the date the motion was filed:

(i) if the court's docket requires a hearing on a date later than the 60th day after the date the motion was filed;

(ii) on a showing of good cause; or

(iii) if the movant consents; and

(2) file with the clerk of the court and provide to the parties a written ruling on the motion not later than the 90th day after the date the motion was heard ~~[argued]~~ or considered.

(b) The [If a motion for summary judgment is considered by a court described by Subsection (a) without oral argument, the] court shall record in the docket the date the motion was heard or considered ~~[without argument]~~.

(b-1) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a motion for summary judgment that is withdrawn.

(b) Section 23.303, Government Code, as amended by this section, applies only to a motion for summary judgment filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A motion for summary judgment filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the motion was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

**CSHB 16**, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR**  
**(consideration continued)**

**SB 18 - RULES SUSPENDED**  
**ADDITIONAL SPONSORS AUTHORIZED**

Representative King moved to suspend Rule 8, Section 5(d), of the House Rules to designate Representatives Bumgarner and Leo Wilson as additional sponsors to **SB 18**.

The motion prevailed.

**SB 18 ON SECOND READING**  
**(Gerdes - House Sponsor)**

**SB 18**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain dams or reservoirs operated and maintained for the purposes of erosion, floodwater, and sediment control.

**SB 18** was passed to third reading.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

State Affairs, 7 p.m. today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Meyer moved that the house adjourn until 4:40 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 4:35 p.m., adjourned until 4:40 p.m. today.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

**List No. 1**

**HB 253** (By Kitzman), Relating to the establishment of the Institute for Animal Health Research and Response at Texas A&M University.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HCR 13** (By Guillen), Urging the federal government to take immediate action to curb the spread of the New World screwworm in Texas.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**List No. 2**

**HCR 14** (By Vasut), Congratulating Lori Rickert on her retirement as presiding judge for Brazoria County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court.

To Local and Consent Calendars.