



# 87th Legislative Session briefing

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# *Add to Legislative Values Document*

- *Support efforts to diversify and improve the sustainability and resilience of Texas' electric grid and energy generators during extreme weather events, efforts to effectively oversee generators' actual ability to keep pace with increasing energy demands, and efforts to prevent widespread consumer power outages during periods of high demand.*
- *Bills: TBD*

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- *Support legislation which improves election administration.*
  - *Bills: SB 231, HB 22, HB 478*
- *Support legislative efforts to combat sexual assault and exploitation, domestic violence, and human trafficking.*
  - *Bills: HB 390, HB 404*

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- *Support legislation to improve animal welfare and combat animal cruelty.*
  - *Bills: HB 873*
- *Oppose legislative efforts that impede the work of local government animal welfare departments or animal shelters.*
  - *Bills: HB 652*

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- *Support efforts to maintain and improve delivery of, and availability of, legal indigent defense, and support legislative appropriations requests for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, specifically in ensuring Texas counties are provided additional funding to offset the cost of providing indigent defense.*
  - *Bills: HB 295*
- *Support legislation which gives active duty military members a discount on, or exception to, paying toll road fees.*
  - *Bills: HB 737*



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- *Support additional resources to local governments to respond to declared disasters.*
  - *Bills: HB 729*
- *Oppose legislation that would impede timely bond decision by magistrates, including but not limited to legislation that would limit a court's discretion to make individualized bond decisions using evidence-based tools and information provided by the parties in each case.*
  - *Bills: SB 21*

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- *Support efforts to decrease rates of food insecurity in Texas.*
  - *Bills: SB 224 / HB 701*
- *Support reforms that divert non-violent, low-level drug offenders from jails to treatment, and support funding for diversion programs.*
  - *Bills: SB 1256*

# *Bills regarding authority during declared disasters*

- SB 26 – Will prohibit any order - even in a disaster - that has the effect of closing places of worship. Violations can result in claims for damages.
- SJR 27 – Constitutional amendment prohibiting government from limiting or prohibiting religious services.
- HB 3 – “Texas Pandemic Response Act,” expands the Governor’s role in times of pandemic
- SB 1025 – If the governor finds that a state of disaster requires, the governor shall convene the legislature in special session to respond to the state of disaster.





*Questions?*