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Every Friday, this newsletter will keep you up to speed on some of the legislation important to Texas Farm Bureau members that Austin staff are following. Please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate staff with any questions.

Legislative Deadlines

Sine Die was Monday, June 2. That was the last day for the House and Senate to pass conference committee reports or concur on House and Senate amendments.

June 22 is the last day the governor may sign or veto bills passed during the regular session. We will send a final session wrap-up Austin Newsletter after the veto period has ended.

Updates from the 89th Legislative Session

SB 7: Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.

[Perry, Charles](#) / [Harris, Cody](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

SB 7 went back to the Texas Senate where they concurred with the House amendments with a 31-0 vote. SB 7 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports SB 7.

TFB 2025 Policy: Surface Water Section 155: Page 78, Lines 17-21, Page 79, Lines 23-27, Page 80, Lines 126-130, Page 81, Lines 175-183 Water Management Section 156: Page 83, Lines 23-29, Page 84, Lines 39-40, Page 84, Lines 56-59, Page 84, Lines 71-76, Page 85, Lines 110-111, Page 85, Lines 139-141, Page 86, Lines 180-182.

SB 17: Relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by certain aliens or foreign entities.

[Kolkhorst, Lois](#) / [Hefner, Cole](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

SB 17 went back to the Texas Senate where they concurred with the House amendments with a 23-8 vote. SB 17 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports SB 17.

TFB 2025 Policy: Real Property Rights Section 151, Page 65, Lines 142-147; Real Property Rights Section 151, Page 67, Lines 261-263.

HB 119: Relating to the registration as a lobbyist of persons who engage in certain lobbying activities on behalf of a foreign adversary and to prohibitions on the receipt of compensation related to those lobbying activities.

[Gerdes, Stan](#) / [Hughes, Bryan](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

HB 119 went back to the Texas House of Representatives where they concurred with the Senate amendments with a 101-36 vote. HB 119 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports HB 119.

TFB 2025 Policy: Texas Legislature Section 168, Page 106, Lines 79-83.

HB 143: Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to address a failure by an operator to maintain an electrical power line serving a well site or certain surface facilities.

[King, Ken](#) / [Hancock, Kelly](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

HB 143 went back to the Texas House of Representatives where they concurred with the Senate amendments with a 124-12 vote. HB 143 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports HB 143.

TFB 2025 Policy: Minerals Section 153, Page 73, Lines 164-166.

HB 144: Relating to plans for the management and inspection of distribution poles.
[King, Ken](#) / [Schwertner, Charles](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

HB 144 went back to the Texas House of Representatives where they concurred with the Senate amendments with a 110-18 vote. HB 144 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports HB 144.

TFB 2025 Policy: Utilities Section 149, Page 56, Lines 12-19.

HB 3000: Relating to a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties.
[King, Ken](#) / [Perry, Charles](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

HB 3000 went back to the Texas House of Representatives where they concurred with the Senate amendments with a 112-24 vote. HB 3000 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports HB 3000.

TFB 2025 Policy: Rural Living Section 184, Page 125, Lines 18-19.

HB 3619: Relating to the rights and liabilities of the owner of the surface estate of the tract of land on which a well to be plugged or replugged by the Railroad Commission of Texas is located.

[Dean, Jay](#) / [Zaffirini, Judith](#)

This bill was summarized in a previous edition of the [Austin Newsletter](#).

Update:

HB 3619 went back to the Texas House of Representatives where they concurred with the Senate amendments with a 108-27 vote. HB 3619 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports HB 3619.

TFB 2025 Policy: Water Quality Section 157, Page 86, Lines 2-8 & 23-35.

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