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What's new in District 122

Yesterday, the House adjourned Sine Die on the 30th day of the first called session. Tough decisions were made in the face of a \$25 billion shortfall. Fortunately for many members who are ready to get back home to their districts, the Texas Constitution limits the length of special sessions to 30 days. The Governor, however, may continue to call additional sessions and add items to the Legislature's agenda. Because most agenda items were accomplished during the special session, it doesn't seem likely that we will be called back a second time, but anything is possible in Texas government! I look forward to returning to San Antonio full time and connecting with many of you in the weeks to come.

Recap of the Special Session

The Legislature passed several important pieces of legislation during the special session that were not approved by both the House and Senate during the regular session. Each of the bills described below were passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for signature.

- SB 1 and 2, bills that determine how the budget is funded, also known as the "fiscal matters" bills.
- SB 6 and SB 8, which determine how text book funding may be used and removes state mandates on local school districts.
- SB 7, the health care savings bill, which will save Texas more than \$400 million over the next biennium by making Medicaid more cost-effective.
- SB 4, the congressional redistricting bill, adjusted districts of the U.S. House of Representatives to reflect population growth based on the 2010 Census. The new map includes 4 new congressional seats that Texas gained.
- HB 3, which provides a fix for ongoing issues with the Texas Wind Insurance Association.

- As you may have already heard, issues with process between the House and the Senate prevented SB 9, prohibiting sanctuary cities and SB 29, the TSA "anti-groping" from getting to the Governor's desk.

The 82nd Legislative Session by the numbers

5,796 bills were introduced by both the House and Senate
1,379 bills were passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor for signature
1,327 bills were signed by the Governor
27 were filed without the Governor's signature
24 were vetoed by the Governor

Please stay tuned for our next newsletter indicating when our district office grand opening will take place!

At the Capitol



The House Natural Resources Committee of the 82nd Legislative Session
We will continue to work on statewide water challenges during the interim.

If we may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact our Capitol office at (512) 463-0646, our District Office at (210) 402-5402 or by email at lyle.larson@house.state.tx.us. Please continue to let us hear from you!

Best,



