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**83rd Legislature - Third Called Session**

Only minutes after the Texas Legislature adjourned Sine Die on the Second Called Session, Governor Perry issued a call for a third session. The official proclamation can be read here. It states that the members must return to work to address issues relating to the funding of transportation infrastructure projects.

Less than one week after that call, the Texas Legislature adjourned Sine Die on Monday, August 5. As requested, the heard, debated and passed legislation to address transportation infrastructure funding. It came in the form of House Bill 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 1. The measures will now go to the Texas voters as possible Constitutional Amendments on the November 2014 general election ballot. You can read more about both pieces of legislation below.

You can read more about what was accomplished during the third called session of the 83rd Legislature below. If you would like to learn more about any of the items listed in this newsletter, please contact my staff at either the District Office, 281-360-9410, or the Capitol Office, 512-463-0520. And remember you can always contact me through the House website at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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## **Texas Lege Passes HB 1 & SJR 1**

Earlier this week, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 1 and House Bill 1. These measures provide a new dedicated funding source and set up a research initiative for transportation infrastructure needs across the state. As Texas's economic climate continues to draw businesses and jobs to our state, our population correspondingly swells. Our transportation infrastructure must adapt to the needs of our growing state. To meet the ever-increasing demand for road construction, maintenance and congestion relief across the state, Texas must allocate additional funds to transportation.

SJR 1 seeks to make use of excess revenue from the state's oil and natural gas production taxes. While some of this excess revenue is currently deposited into the Economic Stabilization Fund, SJR 1 allows for a portion of these funds to be directly deposited into the State Highway Fund. These deposited funds can be used only for constructing, maintaining and acquiring rights-of-way for non-toll public roadways. Current projections indicate the first transfer would amount to an additional \$878 million available for transportation funding in 2015.

House Bill 1, the companion bill, contains a trigger that will direct funds back to the Economic Stabilization Fund if it is below a certain low balance. This ensures our "rainy day fund" maintains a safe balance for future needs. A select committee appointed by the Speaker of the House and Lieutenant Governor will adopt the needed threshold for the fund balance. The bill also creates joint Select Committees on Transportation Funding, Expenditure and Finance to study existing transportation funding sources, alternatives, and needs, as well as opportunities for efficiencies. Additionally, the bill requires TxDOT to identify \$100 million in savings and to use those savings to pay down existing debt.

A dedicated source of funding to support transportation infrastructure is necessary to meet the growing needs of our state. According to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the state will need to invest \$370 billion over the next two decades to maintain the existing transportation infrastructure, prevent congestion in urban areas, and ensure rural mobility and safety. Additionally, the Institute estimates the average Texas household will pay about \$232 a year in state taxes and fees for transportation — if there are no changes to infrastructure funding levels.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Larry Phillips said, "Passage of SJR 1 and HB 1 are a much needed step toward ensuring sustainable transportation infrastructure funding, within our existing revenues, for future generations of Texans. By acting now, the Legislature has taken the bold, fiscally responsible step necessary to appropriately plan for the phenomenal growth of our state." He added, "Our work is not yet finished, and we must continue to look for ways to reform and revamp our transportation funding system. We must prioritize future spending on transportation—on the roads that get us to our businesses, schools and hospitals."

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## **Statements from Leadership regarding the Passage of HB 1 and SJR1**

### **Governor Rick Perry**

Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement regarding the final passage of HB1 and SJR1 by the Texas Legislature: "Today's action by the Texas Legislature moves our state closer to securing a strong economy well into the future by providing more resources for building and maintaining a transportation system that will keep our economy growing and our population moving. Just as important is the fact that we are increasing funding for transportation without raising taxes, which sends an incredibly strong message that Texas is committed to keeping the wheels of commerce turning, while protecting taxpayers."

### **Speaker Joe Straus**

Speaker Joe Straus today issued the following statement regarding the passage of HB1 and SJR1 by the Texas House: "I would like to thank Chairman Pickett, Chairman Phillips, and all of the Members who have worked for many weeks to address our transportation needs in a constructive way. After today's votes, I am happy that we have completed our work on this issue and our citizen legislators can return to their families, businesses and home communities."

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## Humble ISD Back-to-School Information for All Students

### Register Your Student via Home Access center (HAC)

All students new to Humble ISD must register online at [www.humbleisd.net/Page/34](http://www.humbleisd.net/Page/34), then contact their child's school to complete the enrollment process. Enrollment information for each campus can be found at this link: <http://www.humbleisd.net/Page/37>. Parents of all returning students must update each child's enrollment information via Home Access Center (HAC) between Aug. 5 and Sept. 6. Visit <https://eshac.humble.k12.tx.us/homeaccess/> to update or to set up your account. All new and returning students must show proof of residency to register for 2013-14. School websites will have the most up-to-date schedules and additional information on campus registration and orientations.

### School Supply Lists

You can view school supply lists for each all elementary, and some middle, schools at this link: <http://www.humbleisd.net/Page/38296>. Most secondary students get supply lists during the first week of school. Students should bring paper, pencils and pens on the first day of school.

### Humble ISD School Supply Sale

This year, Humble ISD and Educational Products Incorporated are offering school supply kits for pre-K through fifth grade containing everything students will need for the school year. The kits will be on sale one day only: **Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at two central locations: **Park Lakes Elementary** (4400 Wilson Road, Humble, 77396) and **Woodland Hills Elementary** (2222 Tree Lane, Kingwood, 77339). Cost: Pre-K, \$28; kindergarten, first and second grades, \$38; third, fourth and fifth grades, \$40. You can learn more about this one-day program [by clicking here](#).

Park Lakes Elementary will be selling kits for: Atascocita Springs, Eagle Springs, Fall Creek, Fields, Humble, Lakeland, Lakeshore, Maplebrook, North Belt, Oak Forest, Oaks, Park Lakes, River Pines, Ridge Creek, Summerwood, Timbers and Whispering Pines elementary schools. Woodland Hills Elementary will be selling kits for: Bear Branch, Deerwood, Elm Grove, Foster, Greentree, Hidden Hollow, Pine Forest, Shadow Forest, Woodland Hills and Willow Creek elementary schools.

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## Sales Tax Holiday Weekend: August 9 - 11, 2013

All Texans should take advantage of this weekend's back-to-school tax-free shopping holiday to help ensure students are ready to learn. From clothing and shoes to school supplies, most products under \$100 will not be taxed. Exceptions include anything bought by mail, online or by telephone.

### Qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

- Binders
- Book bags
- Calculators
- Cellophane tape
- Blackboard chalk
- Compasses
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders; expandable, pocket, plastic and manila
- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Index card boxes
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers (including dry erase markers)
- Notebooks
- Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board and construction paper
- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Writing tablets

More information can be found at this link: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/>, including a full list of qualifying clothing, shoes and other items that will be tax exempt.

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