

#### TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE District 60

Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens

#### Friends,

On Tuesday, January 12th, I had the honor of being sworn in to the 87th Texas Legislature, representing the eight counties that comprise House District 60. Due to the safety guidelines for the pandemic, I was not able to have as many supporters attend as I would have liked, though I was thankful to have my family present.













Since taking office, the House has convened five times to discuss business. We elected Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont), passed HR 3 general house keeping items, and HR 4 the House Rules.

While the House has been adjourned, I have had the privilege to spend time back in the district. This opportunity has allowed me to meet with elected officials, interest groups, organizations, and community leaders from across the district.

One of my priorities has been to address the availability of COVID-19 vaccines within the district. Rural Texas has been overlooked during the vaccine rollout process, and my team and I have been hard at work to remedy this issue. Myself along with Representative Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) and Representative Stan Lambert (R-Abilene) have sent a letter to Governor Abbott, Texas Department of State Health Commissioner John Hellerstedt, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd addressing the healthcare challenges in rural areas. Click <u>here</u> to read the full letter.

On Thursday, February 4th, committee assignments were announced. I am proud to have been selected to serve on the House Committee on Transportation and House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

The House Committee on Transportation hears matters pertaining to the Texas highway system, regulation and control of commercial and passenger vehicles, and issues related to railroads, airports, and water transportation. The committee oversees Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and Texas Transportation Commission.

Services (PIFS) hears matters pertaining to the state banking system, credit unions, privacy and identity theft, retirement systems, the regulation of securities and investments, and issues surrounding several departments and agencies, such as the Teacher Retirement System.

The House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial

state of Texas.

I look forward to working hard for House District 60 and the great



## **Bills Filed**

### **HB 1471** In 1992, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was deeded a

tract of land to build a Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Stephens County. Currently, the facility sits on small portion of the deeded property. HB 1471 would transfer the unused land back to Stephens County to be used for public use. **HB 1554** 

Currently, the law limits a municipal development district's funding of certain economic development projects to projects that are within the district's boundaries, even if the project outside of the district is determined to have a positive investment returns for the district. HB 1554 will allow a district to use money from its development project fund for a project located outside the district under certain conditions.

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and I are ready and available to hear from you! Currently, the Capitol is open to the public. Masks are required throughout the building, and there are free Covid testing sites located at the north entrance. If you ever find yourself in Austin, call my office to set up a time to visit. Chief of Staff, Jordyn Senkirik Steinberger

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