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Friends,

There are only 10 days left of session! Below is a list of major deadlines that the legislature must meet.

- May 25th, last day for the House to consider 2nd reading Senate bills or Senate Joint Resolutions on the daily or supplemental calendar.
- May 26th, last day for the House to consider local and consent Senate bills and the last day to consider Senate bills on 3rd reading. Last day for Senate to consider all bills and joint resolutions on 2nd and 3rd reading.
- May 28th, last day for the House to act on Senate amendments.
- May 30th, last day for the House to adopt conference committee reports or discharge House conferees and concur in Senate amendments. Last day for the Senate to concur in House amendments or adopt conference committee reports.
- May 31st, last day of session (Sine die) .

While there is still much work to be done, but the legislature has taken major steps by passing meaningful conservative legislation.

Governor Abbott signed into law SB 8, the Heartbeat Act, which is an immediate step toward protecting the pre-born by banning abortions after a heartbeat has been detected. I was proud to support Senator Hughes and Representative Slawson with passage of this bill. Every heartbeat matters and deserves the right to life.



Left photo: Representative Rogers with Heartbeat Act Bill Sponsor, Shelby Slawson holding the newly passed Heartbeat Act signed by the Governor. Right photo: Representative Rogers with Representative Doc Anderson and Joe Pojman, Executive Director of Texas Alliance for Life.

On Monday, May 17th Governor Abbott informed the U.S. Department of Labor that Texas would opt out of further federal unemployment compensation due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

My office prepared a letter to send to Governor Abbott to address the growing concerns of the Federal Pandemic-Related Unemployment Benefits. I appreciate the Governor for taking this position to encourage more Texans to get back to work and help with the unemployment shortages of our local businesses. Click [here](#) to read the letter.



Representative Rogers with Governor Abbott

My Bills

Click [here](#) to read my press release on my first bill signed by the Governor on Saturday May 15th.

HB 1831

Signed by the Governor, Effective 9/1/2021

Currently, there is no allowance in statute to allow a county or district clerk to carry over completed education hours from one year to the next. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a clerk might not be able to obtain the required 20 hours of continuing education annually. Examples of this could include a national or state emergency declaration, lack of technology to allow for virtual attendance of a class/conference, and an extended illness. The court clerks seek to have access to similar statutes as the County Commissioners, County Treasurers and Tax Assessors enjoy. HB 1831 allows clerks to carry over from the current calendar year to the following calendar year not more than 10 hours of completed continuing education hours that exceed the statutory 20 hours required annually.

HB 2557

Pending Senate committee hearing

Concerns have been raised about the availability of school security personnel and about the effect of potential shortages on emergency response times for incidents involving schools, particularly in rural areas of Texas. HB 2557 seeks to address these concerns by allowing a district in a county with a population less than 150,000 to design a plan for a veteran or qualified law enforcement officer to provide campus security on a volunteer basis.

HB 2766

Pending Senate committee hearing

Many rural low-socioeconomic high school students' GPAs, class rank, and subsequent automatic admission under the "top 10% law" are being adversely impacted by weighted dual credit courses due to lack of family and community college financial resources. HB 2766 creates a dual credit pilot program for small and medium enrollment public junior colleges to provide financial assistance to students who are economically disadvantaged

HB 2807

Placed on Local and Uncontested Calendars

Deputy Kenneth Maltby died in the line of duty on Farm-to-Market Road 570 in Eastland County after a long and successful career with the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. There have been calls to honor Deputy Maltby's career with a memorial highway designation in his name. HB 2807 seeks to designate a portion of that road in Eastland County as the Deputy Kenneth Maltby Memorial Highway.

HB 3385

Considered in Senate State Affairs

When certain projects, such as transmission lines, pipelines, etc., cross a persons' property it permanently decreases the value of the property. HB 3385 will make an addition to the Landowner's Bill of Rights that the property owner has the right to submit a form for a Report of Decreased Value, and be given a copy of the form. This form is used for a property owner, who believes the appraised value of the property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation, to render the property involved and state the nature of the cause of the decrease (Tax Code Section 22.03).

HB 3387

Placed on Local and Uncontested Calendars

Under current law, the only legal method of dumping milk in Texas is to transfer the milk to a disposal well. This system places an undue, expensive burden on our hardworking dairy farmers and co-ops, as the average cost to dump a truckload of milk (about 50,000 pounds) is \$3,000. During the Covid-19 pandemic and in the recent winter storm, our dairy producers were hard at work keeping their cows on their dedicated milking schedule. These dairymen were producing the same amount and at the same rate to get their product to the consumer. HB 3387 is our answer to ease the regulatory burdens on dairy farmers, benefit the environment, and save money that could be put to growing or maintaining the industry. This bill would allow the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to adopt rules for land application of "dairy waste" to be used as fertilizer in agricultural production. In doing so, this legislation also will allow for milk to be disposed of in a wastewater lagoon provided that the risk of water contamination and quality is not impaired.

HB 4004

Pending Senate committee hearing

Multiple counties across Texas have seen an increase in appraised values on agricultural land over the past few years. Concerns have been raised that the current methods employed by the comptroller of public accounts in appraising agricultural land for property tax purposes do not account for all expenses that are incurred in the production of agricultural commodities. There have been calls to account for all such expenses and income during the appraisal in order to have a better representation of the actual value of the land. HB 4004 seeks to address this issue by providing for a study of the appraisal of agricultural land for property tax purposes.

Floor Update

HB 1927 by Schaefer (R-Tyler)

Favorably Voted out of the House 87-58

Favorable voted out of the Senate 18-13

The Second Amendment enshrined the right to bear arms in the U.S. Constitution. There are concerns that state law infringes on the free exercise of that right, namely by requiring a license, which takes time and money to obtain, to legally be able to carry a handgun. HB 1927 seeks to reduce barriers to the free exercise of Texans' constitutional right to bear arms and defend their lives and property by making it legal for individuals who are 21 years of age or older and who can legally possess a firearm to carry a handgun without first obtaining a license. The bill retains the handgun license in statute as optional to allow reciprocity with states that have not yet passed similar legislation.

This bill is still moving forward through the legislative process! I was a proud coauthor and voted YES when it was considered in the House. The Senate passed the bill with some amendments that were not approved by the author, Representative Schaefer. This means that the bill would be considered by a conference committee comprised of 10 members, 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate. Once the conference committee has worked out the amendments, the bill can be passed. This bill is very important to me and my constituents and I hope to see it passed soon!

Co-Authored Bills

Click [here](#) to see the full list

My Office

Our Capitol office in Austin is open Monday-Friday 8-5, and my staff and I are ready and available to hear from you! Currently, the Capitol is open to the public. There are free COVID-19 testing sites located at the north entrance. If you ever find yourself in Austin, call my office to set up a time to visit.

Click [here](#) to read my latest news column about the importance of rural Texas!



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