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Friends,

The 87th Legislature came to an end on Monday, May 31st. This session truly was like no other the state has ever seen. It began with so many unknowns about what restrictions we would face with COVID regulations. There were rumors that the legislature would only pass a budget and adjourn until a safer date. We were able to adopt acceptable rules in order to conduct business. After a month of our COVID session, Mother Nature intervened and revealed serious issues associated with the state's electrical grid. My colleagues and I shifted focus from COVID to addressing the concerns brought on by winter storm Uri. With these large challenges and policy issues we were still able to have the most conservative session in Texas history.

It has been an honor to serve the wonderful people of House District 60. When reflecting over the past 140 days, it is evident my colleagues and I passed meaningful legislation for the state of Texas. We spent numerous nights, that often turned into early mornings on the House floor, debating contentious policy items. The work is not finished.

I look forward to spending time in the district and getting to meet with many of you to discuss challenging issues that affect our district and state. The legislature will be back in a special session this fall (and possibly sooner) to consider high priority items like redistricting, the allocation of federal funds, and other issues that Governor Abbott could place on the call.



Representative Rogers with Governor Abbott on the House floor

### My Bills

I was able to pass 12 bills out of the House and 7 have made their way to the Governor's desk. There were some bills that did not quite make it over the finish line and I hope to be back next session to see them through.

#### HB 1554

*Sent to the Governor*

Presently, state 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. With passage of this bill, many communities like Brownwood would be able to expand and promote economic development.

#### 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 2807

*Sent to the Governor*

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 3856

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 3856 will allow the Texas Animal Health Commission to increase administrative penalties from \$1,000 to \$5,000. This will allow the Commission to be better able to deter bad actors who are not compliant and whose actions could jeopardize our livestock health and economy. This bill will align the Texas Animal Health Commission with other agencies on the amount that an agency may impose for an administrative penalty. Presently, the most egregious offenses are only subject to minimal fines. These offenses can vary from failing to comply with quarantine or hold requirements to failing to report a disease. We want to keep our livestock healthy and pest and disease free. Some of these offenses merit a larger penalty for their potential negative impacts.

#### HB 4578

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 4578 creates Lakeview Point Municipal Utility District of Palo Pinto County. The district will encompass approximately 11.06 acres of land located within Palo Pinto County, Texas. The district is not located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction or corporate limits of any city, town, or village. House Bill 4578 is a standard template bill and provides for water, sewer, drainage, and road facilities, which need to be secured because the land to be located within the district will be developed for residential purposes.

#### SB 510 by Perry (R-Lubbock), Sponsor Rogers

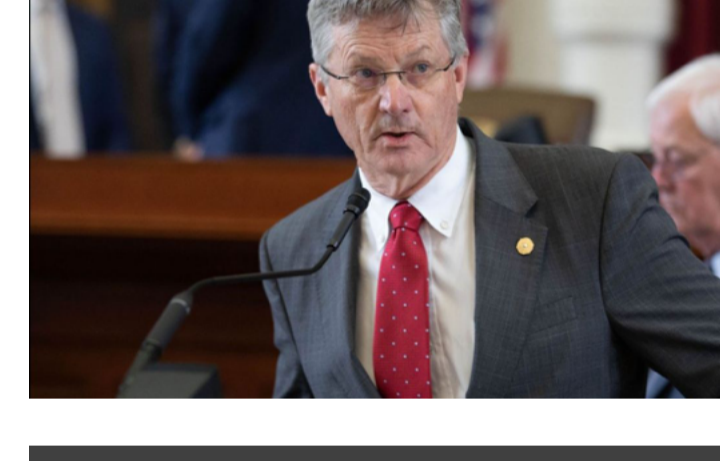
*Sent to the Governor*

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. SB 510 would transfer the unused land back to Stephens County for public use. HB 1471 by Rogers was the House companion.

#### SB 1997 by Springer (R-Muenster), Sponsor Rogers

*Sent to the Governor*

Classical Swine Fever, or "hog cholera" as it is defined in statute, is a serious, contagious, and often fatal swine disease. The United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas Animal Health Commission has been successful in eradicating this disease and it is now classified as an FAD, Foreign Animal Disease. Senate Bill 1997 will update the code by changing "hog cholera" to Classical Swine Fever. Classical Swine Fever is the term used to describe the disease at the federal level. Updating the nomenclature in statute will allow for the code to have correct terminology and would be beneficial for treatment, should the need arise. HB 3855 by Rogers was the House companion.



Representative Rogers laying out legislation on the House floor.

### Floor Update

#### SB 3 by Schwertner (R-Georgetown)

*Sent to the Governor*

Senate Bill 3 makes multiple reforms to ensure that Texas is prepared for future natural disasters, including:

- Making rules preventing lengthy rolling blackouts
- Issuing fines to utilities that are not prepared for severe weather events
- Creating a statewide power outage alert system so that utilities can quickly react to outages
- Making changes to the membership of the PUC to provide greater government oversight
- Ensuring that all services necessary to provide power to Texas' homes and businesses are budgeted for and protected from weather emergencies
- Creating the Texas Electricity Supply Chain Security and Mapping Committee to better prepare Texas' grid for potential supply-chain disruptions

#### HB 4 by Price (R-Amarillo)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 4 expands telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement, including preventative health, case management, physical therapy, and more.

#### HB 5 by Ashby (R-Lufkin)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 5 expands broadband services to rural and underserved areas across Texas. The bill:

- Creates the Broadband Development Office (BDO) within the Comptroller's Office to bring Broadband Development under a statewide umbrella
- Requires the BDO to establish and annually update a broadband connectivity map for those eligible to receive incentives for expansion in both rural and urban Texas
- Creates minimum statewide broadband standards to ensure that all Texans can experience the full benefits of new technology

#### SB 8 by Hughes (R-Mineola)

*Signed by the Governor on 5/19/21, Effective on 9/1/21*

Senate Bill 8, also known the Texas Heartbeat Act, prohibits abortion after the detection of an unborn child's heartbeat.

#### HB 525 by Shaheen (R-Plano)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 525 confirms religious organizations and their activities are essential at all times, including during a declared state of disaster.

#### HB 1239 by Sanford (R-McKinney)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 1239 ensures no church or house of worship is closed by a governmental entity.

#### HB 1280 by Capriglione (R-Southlake)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 1280 bans abortion procedures in Texas upon the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade.

#### HB 1900 by Capriglione (R-Southlake)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 1900 provides corrective solutions for municipalities that do not appropriately fund their police.

#### HB 1925 by Capriglione (R-Southlake)

*Sent to the Governor*

House Bill 1925 restores camping bans on public land and creates a low-level penalty for violating the ban.

#### HB 1927 by Schaefer (R-Tyler)

*Sent to the Governor*

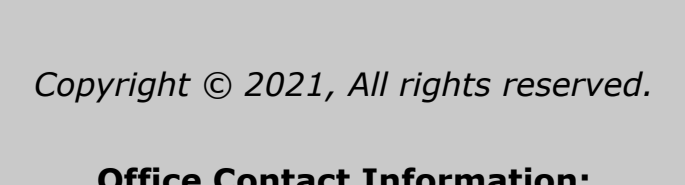
House Bill 1927 seeks to reduce barriers to the free exercise of Texans' constitutional right to bear arms and defend their lives and property by making it legal for individuals who are 21 years of age or older and who can legally possess a firearm to carry a handgun without first obtaining a license.

#### Co-Authored Bills

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

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