

2025 Texas Legislative Update

This update highlights new state laws affecting city operations, including elections, transparency, land use, public safety and emerging tech.

General Governance

- **H.B. 1522 -** Agendas must be posted **3 full business days** before meetings (effective Sept. 1, 2025)
- S.B. 986 The Attorney General may impose fines on cities for improper or bad-faith denials of Public Information Act (PIA) requests
- **S.B. 1494 -** Cities may adopt a resolution to move May elections to November of odd-numbered years only (deadline: Dec. 31, 2025)

Finance, Taxation, and Debt

- H.B. 9 Personal Property Tax threshold increased from \$25K to \$125K
- S.B. 1453 Tax Rate Calculations debt only current obligations without vote
- H.B. 1950 Municipal Court Building Security and Technology Funds

Land Use, Development

H.B. 24 - Zoning protest threshold at 60% of area lots within 200 feet

H.B. 2464 - No-impact, home-based businesses cannot be prohibited

Personnel and Human Resources

H.B. 331 - First Responder Disease Presumption changes in the event of acute heart attack and stroke

H.B. 4144 - Provides for supplemental benefits for retired (within 3 years) firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses

Utilities and Infrastructure

H.B. 2867 - Caps on water/wastewater late fees

S.B. 1882 - Impact fee changes; 30-day notice, audit, CIAC Board 50% developers

Technology

H.B. 3512 - Annual AI training required for city staff using IT systems

H.B. 149 - Must disclose AI use in public-facing tools





Questions?