

BILL	AUTHOR	STATUS	ACTION REQUESTED	COMMENTS
HB 668 (666)	Harris	Filed 11/30/2020		<p>GCD LEGISLATION</p> <p><u>ATTORNEY'S FEES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amends §36.066, Water Code to change “shall” to “may” regarding court granting GCD attorney fees if GCD prevails - Makes same change to all GCD enabling acts <p><u>PETITION FOR RULEMAKING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adds §36.1025 to allow a person with groundwater rights in the GCD to petition to adopt or modify a GCD rule. - requires petitioner to provide written notice to all affected by proposed rule - GCD must grant or deny petition within 90 days after a hearing and GCD “<u>shall provide an explanation for the action the district takes on the petition, including a determination about the consistency of the action with the concerns raised by the petitioner’s explanation</u>” - GCD shall engage in granted rulemaking as soon as practicable <p><u>NOTICE REQUIRED FOR PERMIT APPLICATION/AMENDMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amends §36.114(h) and adds §36.1141, Water Code, is amended to require permit (or amendment) applicant to “<u>provide notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each person with a real property interest in the groundwater beneath the land within the space prescribed by the district’s spacing rules for the proposed or existing well</u>” before the application can be administratively complete. The people receiving notice are deemed to have “<u>a personal justiciable interest</u>” to “<u>contest the application for the permit or permit amendment.</u>”
SB152	Perry	Filed 11/10/2020		

HB 966	Burns	Filed 1/05/2021		<p><i>ATTORNEY'S FEES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amends §§36.066 and 36.102, Water Code to change “shall” to “may” regarding court granting GCD attorney fees if GCD prevails - Makes same change to all GCD enabling acts
				WATER LEGISLATION TO WATCH
HB 152	Buckley	Filed 11/09/2020		TWDB study for a scientific inquiry and analysis regarding current and projected groundwater production and to assess the effects of that production on groundwater conditions for the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers north of the Colorado River in Bell, Burnet, Milam, Travis, and Williamson Counties ”
SB 307	Eckhardt	Filed 1-11-21		Adds §13.551, Water Code, to apply “ <u>only to transmission of water by a pipeline of more than 24 inches in diameter</u> ” to state “ <u>A person may transmit potable water by pipeline across two or more county lines for the purpose of providing wholesale water service only if the person is a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, to aid and act on behalf of the counties through which the pipeline travels.</u> ”
				LEGISLATION AFFECTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING GCDS
HB 634	Morales	Filed 11-23-20		<p>Relating to the type of newspaper required for the publication of notices by governmental entities or representatives in certain counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gives third option for newspaper of general circulation for governmental entity notices to be published in the county as the commissioners court designate it by official action “<u>as the newspaper for publication of notices</u>”

HB 749 SB 234	Middleton Hall	Filed 12-07-20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits a political subdivision from spending public funds on hiring a registered lobbyist or pay a nonprofit associations or organization that primarily represents political subdivisions and hires lobbyists. - Authorizes taxpayer or resident of political subdivision that violates paid lobbying prohibition to get injunctive relief and recover attorney fees
HB 768	Patterson	Filed 12-08-20		<p>Relating to the requirement that certain governmental bodies make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires “<u>and any political subdivision located wholly or partly in a county that has a population of 5,000 or more</u>” to make a video and audio recording of reasonable quality of each regularly scheduled open meeting that is not a work session or a special called meeting; and make available an archived copy of the video and audio recording of each meeting
HB 1030	Shaheen	Filed 1-08-21		<p>Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision by alternative media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a political subdivision “<u>may satisfy a requirement in any other law to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by publishing the notice</u>” on another media or internet website has a “<u>greater circulation than the newspaper with the greatest circulation in the political subdivision</u>” - provides method for doing this and includes social media, utility bills, etc.

HB 1154	Jetton	Filed 1-15-21		<p>Relating to the requirement that certain political subdivisions cause certain information to be posted on an Internet website (applies to most taxing GCDs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amends § 403.0241(c), Government Code, to require the Texas Comptroller’s SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION DATABASE to include special purpose district's internet website - Amends TOMA to require “<u>A district shall provide links to Internet websites used by the district to comply with Section 2051.153, Government Code, and Section 26.18, Tax Code, on the district's Internet website if the district maintains an Internet website</u> - <u>Requires taxing special districts that have outstanding bonds or over \$250,000 of debt or cash/temporary investments over \$250,000 and has over 500 people required list of information on the political subdivision’s website</u>
HB 1473 SB 526	Gates Kolkhorst			<p>Relating to the requirements for meetings held and Internet websites developed by certain special purpose districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires water districts subject to Chapter 51, 53, 54, or 55, Water Code, that has a population of 500 or more, have a website that includes listed information, including live stream and video recordings of meetings