

Memo

To: Alan Day
From: Heather Harward
cc: Monique Norman
Date: April 15, 2019
Re: Legislative Update

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

The 86th Texas Legislature convened on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**. Following 140 days, the 86th Legislature will adjourn Sine Die on **Monday, May 27, 2019**.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick presides over the Texas Senate and Speaker Dennis Bonnen presides over the Texas House of Representatives.

The bill filing deadline was **Friday, March 8, 2019**. While bills can be introduced after the deadline, doing so requires approval of the chamber in which the bill is to be introduced.

Other important dates of interest are as follows:

Monday, April 15, 2019 – First day that a Senator may place five bills on the Senate Notice of Intent.

Monday, May 6, 2019 – Last day for House committees to report house bills and house joint resolutions.

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – Last day for the House to consider house bills and house joint resolutions on 2nd reading on the daily or supplemental calendar.

Friday, May 10, 2019 -- Last day for the House to consider consent house bills on 2nd and 3rd reading and all 3rd reading house bills or house joint resolutions on the supplemental calendar.

Friday, May 17, 2019 -- Last day for the House to consider local house bills on 2nd and 3rd reading. First day the Senate can consider bills and resolutions the first day they are posted on the Senate Notice of Intent.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 -- Last day for house committees to report senate bills and senate joint resolutions.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 -- Last day for the House to consider 2nd reading senate bills and senate joint resolutions on the daily or supplemental calendar.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 -- Last day for the House to consider local and consent senate bills on 2nd and 3rd reading and all 3rd reading senate bills and senate joint resolutions on the supplemental calendar. Last day for Senate to consider all bills and joint resolutions on 2nd or 3rd reading (this is a practical deadline).

Friday, May 24, 2019 -- Last day for the House to act on senate amendments (concur or request a conference committee). Before midnight -- deadline for the Senate to print and distribute senate copies of conference committee reports on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment bills.

Sunday, May 26, 2019 -- 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.

Senate Water and Rural Affairs (SWRA) Committee

Committee membership of SWRA for the 86th Legislature is as follows: Perry (Chair), Creighton (Vice-Chair), Alvarado, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Rodríguez, and Taylor.

SWRA will meet on Mondays at 3:00 p.m., or upon adjournment of the Senate.

Committee agendas may be viewed here:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Committees/MeetingsByCmte.aspx?Leg=86&Chamber=S&CmteCode=C700>

House Natural Resources Committee (HNRC)

Committee membership of HNRC for the 86th Legislature is as follows: Larson (Chair) Metcalf (Vice-Chair) Dominguez, Farrar, Harris, King, T.O., Lang, Nevarez, Oliverson, Price, and Ramos.

HNRC will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., or upon adjournment of the House.

Committee agendas may be viewed here:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Committees/MeetingsByCmte.aspx?Leg=86&Chamber=H&CmteCode=C390>

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS (TAGD)

TAGD announced that Leah Martinson will replace Sarah Schlessinger as Executive Director, effective March 1, 2019.

TAGD will hold their next Regular Business Meeting June 4 - 5, 2019, at the Omni Southpark Austin Hotel.

The Texas Groundwater Summit will be held August 20 - 22, 2019, in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort.

TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (TWCA)

TWCA will hold their Mid-Year Conference June 19 – 21, 2019, at the Moody Gardens Hotel on Galveston Island.