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Senator Huffines Passes Senate Bill 1679 out of the Senate
*Giving local business and property owners an opportunity to fight back
against burdensome economic regulations.*

Austin - Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas) passed [SB 1679](#) in the Texas Senate yesterday. The bill requires that local governments thoughtfully consider changes to their building codes and provide opportunities for public input. [SB 1679](#) requires a municipality to perform a cost-benefit analysis prior to amending a building code, and requires two public hearings on building code amendments.

"Because of the potential for far-reaching economic impacts on business owners and homeowners, municipalities should think seriously and deliberately before they amend their building codes," said Senator Huffines. "We also want to give business owners and residents of communities an opportunity to review potentially onerous, unnecessary, or costly regulations by political subdivisions. This gives local business and property owners an opportunity to fight back against burdensome economic regulations."

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Senator Don Huffines is a real estate developer serving his first term in the Texas Senate. He believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and that individuals have the God given right to pursue their own path, to succeed or fail. He represents Senate District 16, which serves a portion of Dallas County.