



**DAWN BUCKINGHAM**

STATE SENATOR

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## **Senator Dawn Buckingham Files Special Session Legislation**

Statement from Senator Dawn Buckingham:

"Now that Governor Abbott has called us back into special session the legislature has an opportunity over the next 30 days to deliver conservative reforms that did not pass during the regular session. I have filed legislation to defend private property rights, protect against skyrocketing property taxes, reduce unfunded mandates, and improve educational representation. Once the Senate approves the sunset extension items Governor Abbott included on his initial call, I will encourage my colleagues in the Senate to support the additional legislation I have filed."

### **Buckingham Special Session Legislation**

- ***SB12: Limiting Regulation of Real Property***  
A priority of Governor Abbott, SB12 will defend Texans from governmental overreach by preventing local governments from being able to change the rules in the middle of the game regarding regulation of real property.
- ***SB50: Property Tax Protest Protection***  
Property owners who protest the assessed value of their property should not face the threat of an additional increase during a property tax protest hearing.
- ***SB51: Elimination of Exclusive Educational Consultation***  
School districts should not adopt policies relating to exclusive consultation agreements with employee organizations nor limit eligibility to members of a single professional organization.
- ***SJR8: Reducing Unfunded Mandates***  
This proposed constitutional amendment would establish that laws passed by the state legislature imposing a mandate on a local municipality or county would not take effect unless the state provides funding for the mandate.