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Flores Passes First Bills in the 88th Legislature

Senator Flores passes SB 1008, SB 1236, and SB 1237 out of the Texas Senate

AUSTIN, TEXAS – This week, Senator Pete Flores (SD-24) passed his first three bills out of the Texas Senate; Senate Bills 1008, 1236, and 1237.

“I was proud to pass bills out of the Senate this week that were brought to me by the wonderful constituents in Senate District 24,” said Flores. **“These bills will provide our military families with more time to find housing, protect private property rights along riverbeds, and ensure adequate pay for Texas peace officers.”**

“It is always my goal to prioritize the needs of my district here in Austin. These bills make SD 24, and in turn the entire State of Texas, a better place to live and work. I was proud to work with my Senate colleagues to pass all three of these bills with bi-partisan unanimous support, 31-0.”

“The Senate has already passed a number of top priority bills including property tax reforms and bills that further secure our elections and protect our children from vulgar, inappropriate materials and ideologies. Additionally, the Finance committee has worked many long weeks to put together a fiscally conservative and robust budget that provides needed funding for our schools and retired teachers, as well as infrastructure funds for our water systems and electrical grid. I’ve been proud to vote for and support these, and many other, important pieces of legislation. As session continues, I look forward to continuing to pass good policy that betters SD-24 and the great State of Texas.”

Background:

SB 1008 will provide much needed relief for Texas’ military families. As we have all seen, the housing market in central Texas is booming, and our relocating military families are not exempt from the troubles that brings. Extending the time period that military families have to provide proof of residency will give these students more stability and remove a barrier for families that see so many obstacles during their relocation. SB 1008 extends the current 10 day period that military families have to provide proof of residency to school districts to 90 days.

SB 1236 further protects private property rights along Texas riverbeds. This legislation will prohibit the discharge of certain firearms along navigable riverbeds. There have been many reports of reckless firearm use along property lines that backup to riverbeds. Bad actors have shot into private land and left damaged property in many instances. SB 1236 restricts the use of certain firearms along riverbeds to protect landowners and private property rights in our State.

SB 1237 will ensure that Texas peace officers that are employed by the Comptroller will receive fair and equitable pay compared to other peace officers in the State. These peace officers enforce the Tax Code in all 254 counties across Texas, making felony arrests every year. SB 1237 moves Comptroller Peace Officers to Salary Schedule C where the vast majority of our state peace officers are.

Senate District 24 is comprised of the following 13 counties: Atascosa (partial), Bandera, Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Medina, Sutton, and Williamson (partial).

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