

Senator Campbell Primary Author/Sponsor Bills Passed 85R

Total Bills Authored: **106**

Bills Passed in Senate: **57**

Effective or Signed by the Governor: **51**

WYATT'S LAW:

SB 239 Campbell (Larson)

Signed by the Governor on 6/14

Protects a parent's right to view the body of their deceased child before an autopsy is performed. The viewing may be supervised by a Medical Examiner (ME), Justice of the Peace (JP), healthcare professional, or law enforcement acting on behalf of an ME or JP.

VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY:

SB 27 Campbell (Blanco)

Signed by the Governor on 6/9

Also known as the Help for Texas Heroes Act. Allows for the addition of licensed mental health professionals at Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) to provide interventions for veterans and their families. Builds on the success of the Veterans Mental Health Program established in 2015 to employ more clinicians who can exclusively serve veterans. SB 27 will help reduce the alarming number of traumas among our veteran population.

SB 277 Campbell (Frank)

Signed by the Governor on 6/8

Also known as the Mission Preparedness Protection Act. Protects pilot safety and bases' mission readiness by ending Ch. 312 and 313 tax abatements for wind turbines located within 25 nautical miles of a fixed-wing military aviation facility. This will help improve the value of Sheppard Air Force Base and Corpus/Kingsville Naval Air Station to insulate those bases from BRAC.

SB 588 Lucio | Campbell (Blanco)

Signed by the Governor on 6/1

Improves employment opportunities for veterans by allowing the Texas Workforce Commission to publicize and publish a list of businesses and civilian employers in Texas who have established a veterans hiring preference and desire to share that information with the public.

SB 751 Campbell (Wilson)

Signed by the Governor on 6/9

Allows the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Military Value Task Force to work with military bases to assess vulnerabilities and recommend improvements while keeping their findings confidential. Follows the model of other states and to ensure the interest of Texans' in keeping our military bases operating here for both national security and economic purposes.

SB 1843 Campbell (Blanco)*Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Improves student access to opportunities for military-related careers by requiring schools to make the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery exam available at least once per year during normal school hours in grades 10 through 12. Schools may also opt to offer the test more often with the Department of Defense bearing costs for printing, administering, and grading the exams.

SB 1844/HB 3069 Campbell (White)*Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Also known as the Texas Veterans Fresh Start Act. Allows a graduate of a Veterans Treatment Court to petition for a non-disclosure of an offense once they have completed the program as long as they are not arrested for two years and the offense was not a violent offense or a DWI. Law enforcement remains able to see the veteran's criminal offense, but the public does not.

SB 1845 Campbell (Blanco)*Amended to SB 1781, Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Establishes uniformity in the College Credit for Heroes curriculum (created by SB 806 during the 84th Legislature, also by Senator Campbell), which has helped 25,000 military service members turn their military experience into college credits. This will allow all public universities in Texas to give credit to veterans for military training that translates into existing coursework. Curricula uniformity to be overseen and developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SB 1901 Campbell (Huberty)*Signed by the Governor on 6/12*

Creates Texas Military Heroes Day, in which public schools set aside a day to honor and learn about the heroism and sacrifice of Texas heroes who have served in United States Armed Forces.

HB 377 Oliverson (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Allows the surviving spouse of a veteran to obtain military award specialty license plates even if the deceased veteran did not have those plates in Texas. The Department of Motor Vehicles estimates this will apply to 385 surviving spouses, many of whom moved to Texas after their spouse passed away. Also creates Distinguished Flying Cross w/ Valor specialty license plates.

HB 493 Perez (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor on 5/29*

Creates a reporting mechanism to determine how many former military service members are taking advantage of and earning course credits through the College Credit for Heroes Program, overseen by the Texas Workforce Commission and the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HCR 122 Dean (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor on 5/29*

Designates Master Sergeant Travis Watkins as the recipient of the Texas Medal of Honor by the 85th Texas Legislature for courageous and noble actions prior to 1956.

EDUCATION:**SB 457** Campbell (Dutton)

Passed Senate on 4/27, Died in House

Provides public charter schools with facilities funding for the first time through Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) and Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) at the state average tax rate. A floor amendment would have also increased facilities funding for independent school districts, splitting \$100 million per year between charter schools and fast-growth public schools.

SB 587 Campbell (VanDeaver)

Signed by the Governor on 5/26

Expands the virtual school network program in Texas so that children of military service members who move to Texas can enroll full-time in a virtual school without having to first attend a brick and mortar public school in Texas for one year.

SB 601 Campbell (Isaac)

Passed Senate on 3/30, Died in House

Requires municipalities that provide drainage fee exemptions to help construct traditional public schools to provide the same exemptions to public charter schools. This will prevent cities and municipalities from treating public charter schools differently than traditional public schools.

SB 671 Campbell (Guillen)

Signed by the Governor on 5/22

Allows a student to earn a high school foreign language credit for enrollment and participation in a dual-language immersion program in elementary school, thus incentivizing more public school children to begin learning a foreign language at a younger age.

SB 1005 Campbell (Deshotel)

Signed by the Governor on 6/12

Eliminates the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) Test, a graduation requirement for students enrolled in high school prior to 2012 and allows these students to take the ACT or SAT instead to satisfy this requirement. Saves the state \$2 million per year.

SB 1883 Campbell (Meyer)

Passed Senate on 5/04, Died in House

Creates an appeals process for high quality charter schools applying to operate in Texas to help meet the demand of 140,000 Texas students on charter school waiting lists. Makes the Texas Education Agency Commissioner the final arbiter of charter school applications while still including input from State Board of Education members in the appeals process.

BALLOTS AND ELECTIONS:

SB 5 Huffman | Burton | Campbell | Creighton | et al. (P. King)

Signed by the Governor on 6/1

Revises the photo identification requirements for voting and establishes a mobile unit program for issuing election identification certificates to ensure that the Texas Voter ID Law can continue and remains constitutional according to the courts. SB 5 requires a voter to present an acceptable form of photo ID as long as it has not been expired for more than two years while a person over 70 years may use an acceptable form of photo identification regardless of the expiration date.

SB 752 Campbell (Cortez)

Signed by the Governor on 5/27

Protects the constitutional rights of active duty military members who are stationed overseas in combat zones to vote through electronic ballots. To participate, counties must have the appropriate technological capabilities as determined by the Texas Secretary of State.

SB 957 Campbell (Laubenberg)

Signed by the Governor on 6/1

Provides greater clarity and reduces ballot confusion by requiring that state propositions be enumerated and local propositions be alphabetized. In addition, it requires that statewide ballot initiatives be listed first on the ballot and that the entity sponsoring the ballot initiative be identified with the proposition.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND OPERATION:

SB 200 Campbell (Elkins)

Passed Senate on 5/10, Died in House

Provides an online resource for citizens to find the tax rates, boundaries, debt, and financial information of every political subdivision that affects them (county, city, school district, hospital, special district, etc.) in one easy stop, aggregated and published on the Comptroller's website.

SB 510 Zaffirini | Buckingham | Campbell (Smithee)

Signed by the Governor on 5/27

Adds state judges to the list of persons allowed to remove their residential address from tax appraisal rolls. This change would allow judges to protect the privacy and safety of their families, reducing the possibility of disgruntled litigants easily finding out where they live.

SB 564 Campbell (Capriglione)

Signed by the Governor on 6/9

Current state law provides limited authority to governmental bodies to discuss security issues in closed session, but does not generally apply to data or cybersecurity. SB 564 extends closed meeting protections to government bodies for the purposes of discussing, improving, and protecting data or cybersecurity.

SB 1440 Campbell (Larson)*Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Protects free speech by making it clear that participation in a candidate forum or political debate by elected officials serves the public interest and does not constitute an open meeting or lead to the establishment of a quorum under requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE:**SB 323** Nelson | Buckingham | Burton | Campbell | Huffman (Burkett)*Signed by the Governor on 6/9*

Protects young women by expanding the conduct that constitutes an offense involving female genital mutilation to include knowingly consenting to or permitting the act of female genital mutilation to be performed on a minor under the age of 18 years of age

SB 395 Campbell (Workman)*Amended to HB 1424, signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Adds correctional facilities to the list of critical infrastructure where flying an unmanned aircraft, or drone, is prohibited. A first-time offense is a class B misdemeanor (180 days in jail or a \$2,000 fine), and a subsequent offense is a class A misdemeanor (1 year in jail or \$4,000 fine).

SB 2060/HB 1866 Campbell (Geren)*Signed by the Governor on 6/1*

Helps reunite crime victims with any damages they may have been awarded by a judge ordering an offender to pay restitution. This bill strengthens the reporting requirements for counties to provide regarding unclaimed restitution, decreases the percentage of funds kept by counties if they are unable to locate the victims, and allows the Comptroller to publish and advertise unclaimed restitution payments on their website along with other unclaimed property.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:**SJR 1** Campbell | Menendez | Uresti | Zaffirini (Fallon | Button)*Filed with Secretary of State on 5/25*

Enables the surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty to apply for a full homestead property tax exemption. The exemption follows the spouse even if they move homes and only terminates upon the remarriage of the surviving spouse. This measure has to be approved by the voters and will be on the November ballot as a constitutional proposition.

SB 1138 Whitmire | Bettencourt | Campbell | et al. (Krause | Dean)*Signed by the Governor on 6/1*

Directs appropriate state agencies and law enforcement to develop and implement a statewide "blue alert system" to be activated to aid in the apprehension of an individual suspected of killing or causing serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer.

CONVENTION OF STATES:

SB 21 Birdwell | Bettencourt | Campbell | Creighton | et al. (P. King)

Signed by the Governor on 6/06

Provides the structural guidelines for the qualification, selection, duties, and limitations for the Texas delegates to a Convention of States to amend the U.S. Constitution. Prohibits delegates from taking any action that they do not have legislative authority to address.

SJR 2 Birdwell | Bettencourt | Campbell | Creighton | et al. (R. Miller)

Filed with the Secretary of State on 5/11

This resolution is an application of the 85th Legislature to Congress to call an Article V Convention of States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power of the federal government, and impose term limits on members of Congress and other federal officials.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE:

SB 29/HB 89 Creighton | Campbell | Hall (P. King)

Signed by the Governor on 5/2

Prohibits a state agency or political subdivision of the state from entering into a contract with a company for goods and services unless the contract contains a written verification by the business that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

SB 550 Campbell (J. Rodriguez)

Signed by the Governor on 5/4

Promotes the private preservation of certified historic structures and buildings in Texas through an expansion of the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, thus saving the state millions in renovation costs. The bill expands the program so that a credit can be transferred to an entity that will use it against either the franchise tax or the insurance premium tax.

SB 1176 Campbell (Guillen)

Signed by the Governor on 5/18

Cuts bureaucratic red tape by creating a new class of TABC permit, the waterpark permit, so that delivery of certain goods can be delivered to one entrance of the park instead of multiple entries.

SB 1199 Campbell (Minjarez)

Signed by the Governor on 6/1

Modifies the definition of a service contract to include a depreciation benefit program. The program is a credit towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle at a participating dealer.

SB 1400 Campbell (Holland)

Signed by the Governor on 6/15

Updates laws relating to the acquisition of state banks, Texas banks, and Texas bank holding companies. Creates a process for banks and safe deposit companies to terminate that service.

SB 1401 Campbell (Dean)*Signed by the Governor on 6/9*

Modernizes state law regulating banks and trust companies. Prohibits out of state trust companies from conducting business under the name of a state licensed trust company and clarifies that third parties that provide banking services are regulated by the banking department. Creates administrative flexibility – if in the previous 24 months a third party provider has undergone federal review those results can be used to comply with state review.

SB 1402 Campbell (Dean | Parker)*Signed by the Governor on 5/22*

Clarifies and streamlines the administration of perpetual care cemeteries. The bill requires the trust to own the land (cemetery), and allows the pooling of trust fund operating costs.

SB 1403 Campbell (Burrows)*Signed by the Governor on 5/23*

Reforms the Texas Money Services Act, which establishes a licensing framework for money services businesses (MSBs), which are money transmitters and currency exchangers. The bill requires MSBs to maintain minimum net worth, to provide a security bond, and sets in place several enhanced enforcement mechanisms.

SB 1797/HB 3329 Campbell (Paddie)*Signed by the Governor on 5/29*

Reduces duplicative red tape for electricians by prohibiting a municipality from collecting a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who already holds a license issued by the state for work performed in the municipality or region.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:**SB 1066** Schwertner | Buckingham | Campbell | Huffman (Lozano)*Signed by the Governor on 6/12*

Requires a new medical school to present a funding plan for Graduate Medical Education (GME) slots. The plan would have to propose an increase in the number of first year residency positions that, when combined with the total number of existing first-year residency positions in Texas, would be sufficient to keep medical students in Texas.

SB 1075/HB 271 Buckingham | Campbell (R. Miller)*Signed by the Governor on 5/29*

Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) through existing resources to create and operate the Veterans Recovery Pilot Program, funded by gifts and grants, to provide diagnostic services, hyperbaric oxygen treatment, and support services to eligible veterans.

SB 1148 Buckingham | Burton | Campbell | et al. (G. Bonnen)*Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Prohibits hospitals, health facilities, and managed care insurance plan issuers from differentiating between physicians based on whether the physician has maintained his or her board certification.

SB 1406 Creighton | Campbell (Smittee | Fallon)*Signed by the Governor on 5/23*

Directs the Texas Department of Insurance to request a state innovation waiver for small employer health benefit plans to allow for flexibility of the actuarial value requirements.

SB 1602 Campbell (Capriglione)*Passed Senate on 5/2, Died in House*

Strengthens reporting of medical data and allows the state to track health complications that result from abortion. The bill requires hospitals, abortion facilities, and emergency care providers to report a complication within 30 days of diagnosis and abortion doctors within 72 hours.

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION:**SB 8** Schwertner | Campbell | Kolkhorst | Nelson (Burkett | Laubenberg)*Signed by the Governor on 6/06*

Protects the lives of the unborn from cruel and inhumane procedures and promotes a culture of life in Texas by adding requirements for the disposition of fetal tissue remains and prohibiting partial-birth and dismemberment abortions. Also bans the sale and donation of fetal tissue from an elective abortion, as well as the sale of fetal tissue by imposing civil and criminal penalties.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:**HB 3859** Frank (Campbell | Perry)*Filed as SB 1536, Signed by the Governor on 6/15*

Reinforces protections under the First Amendment to rights of conscience for child welfare placement agencies (in both foster care and adoption) and allows families and agencies to consider religious values and faith-based preferences when placing a child in a home. Prevents religious agencies from being forced by government to act against their core religious beliefs.

ANNEXATION REFORM:**SB 715** Campbell | Creighton | Buckingham | Bettencourt | Birdwell (Huberty)*Passed Senate on 4/24, Committee Report Filibustered on 5/28*

Reforms the municipal annexation process to make it more democratic - requiring the consent of more than 50% of the registered voters in an area proposed for annexation. The bill streamlines voluntary annexation, ends forced annexation, and prohibits limited purpose annexation by cities.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL BILLS:

SB 914 Campbell (Kuempel)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/9

Establishes the Kendall County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 using standard template language. No groundwater will be used in the creation of the special district, a master-planned community located within Boerne's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

SB 1198 Zaffirini | Campbell (Isaac)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/15

Converts the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Authority to an Alliance Regional Water Authority, allowing the organization to better meet the growing needs of Buda, Kyle and San Marcos.

SB 2245 Campbell (Isaac)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/12

Creates the North Hays County Municipal Utility District No.2, a commercial and industrial site wholly located within the city of Kyle. This development will provide much needed infrastructure to create desirable and competitive commercial space for tech companies.

SB 2255 Campbell (Bernal)

Signed by the Governor on 5/28

Adds the Judge of the 22nd District Court of Comal County to the Comal County Juvenile Board and increases the size of the board by one member. The 22nd District Court Judge hears juvenile cases and has valuable input about local issues facing juveniles involved in the court system.

SB 2263 Campbell (Kuempel)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/12

Grants standard road powers to the already created Lerin Hills Municipal Utility District in Kendall County. Lerin Hills was created through the TCEQ administrative process and required legislation in order to build and maintain roads leading to the district.

SB 2273 Campbell (Kuempel)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/12

Establishes the Kendall County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4. This bill follows the standard template language for the creation of a special district. The district will be a low density, high value residential development and does not anticipate using any groundwater.

SB 2292 Campbell (Kuempel)

Effective without Governor's signature on 6/12

Grants standard road powers to the already created Meyer Ranch Municipal Utility District in Comal County. This was a district created through the TCEQ administrative process and required legislation in order to build and maintain roads leading to the district.

SCR 29/HCR 70 Isaac (Campbell)

Signed by the Governor on 6/15

Designates Dripping Springs as the Wedding Capitol of Texas for the next 10 years.