



Legislative Update

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Overview

- **Regular session—January 10-May 29**
 - House member expelled
 - Attorney General impeachment vote
 - No deal reached on property tax relief
- **First special session—May 29-June 27**
 - No deal reached on property tax relief
 - Regular session bills vetoed
- **Second special session—June 27-July 13**
 - Property tax deal reached/signed by Governor
- **AG Impeachment trial—September 5**
- **Third special session—Fall 2023**

Water Funding

- **SB 28/SJR 75—Texas Water Fund/New Water Supply for Texas Fund**
 - **\$ 1 Billion if approved by voters in November**
- **Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)**
 - **\$625 Million to FIF in budget**



Sunset Bills

- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**
- **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**
- **Public Utility Commission (PUC)**
- **River Authorities**

Surface Water

- **HB 2460—WAM updates**
- **HB 2815—Powers/duties of water districts**
- **HB 3232—WWTP integration/enforcement suspension**
- **HB 3810—Public water system notices**
- **SB 1289—Wastewater reuse permitting**



Groundwater

- **HB 1971—GCD shot clock**
- **HB 2443—GCD rules petition**
- **HB 3059—Fees charged by GCDs**
- **HB 3278—Joint planning of DFCs**
- **SB 2440—Subdivision proof of groundwater supply**



Transparency

- **HB 3033—AG decisions/public info law**
- **HB 3440—Internet posting of agendas**
- **SB 943—Govt entity public notice posting**



Contracting

- **HB 2965—Construction liability claims on public works contracts**
- **HB 3437—Change orders on water district facilities**
- **HB 3507—Construction of water district facilities**



Other

- **HB 1845—Wastewater operator licensing**
- **SB 29—Prohibiting local govt mask/vaccine mandates**
- **SB 1290—Study on effects of solar, wind, battery**
- **SB 1893—Social media apps on government devices**



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