

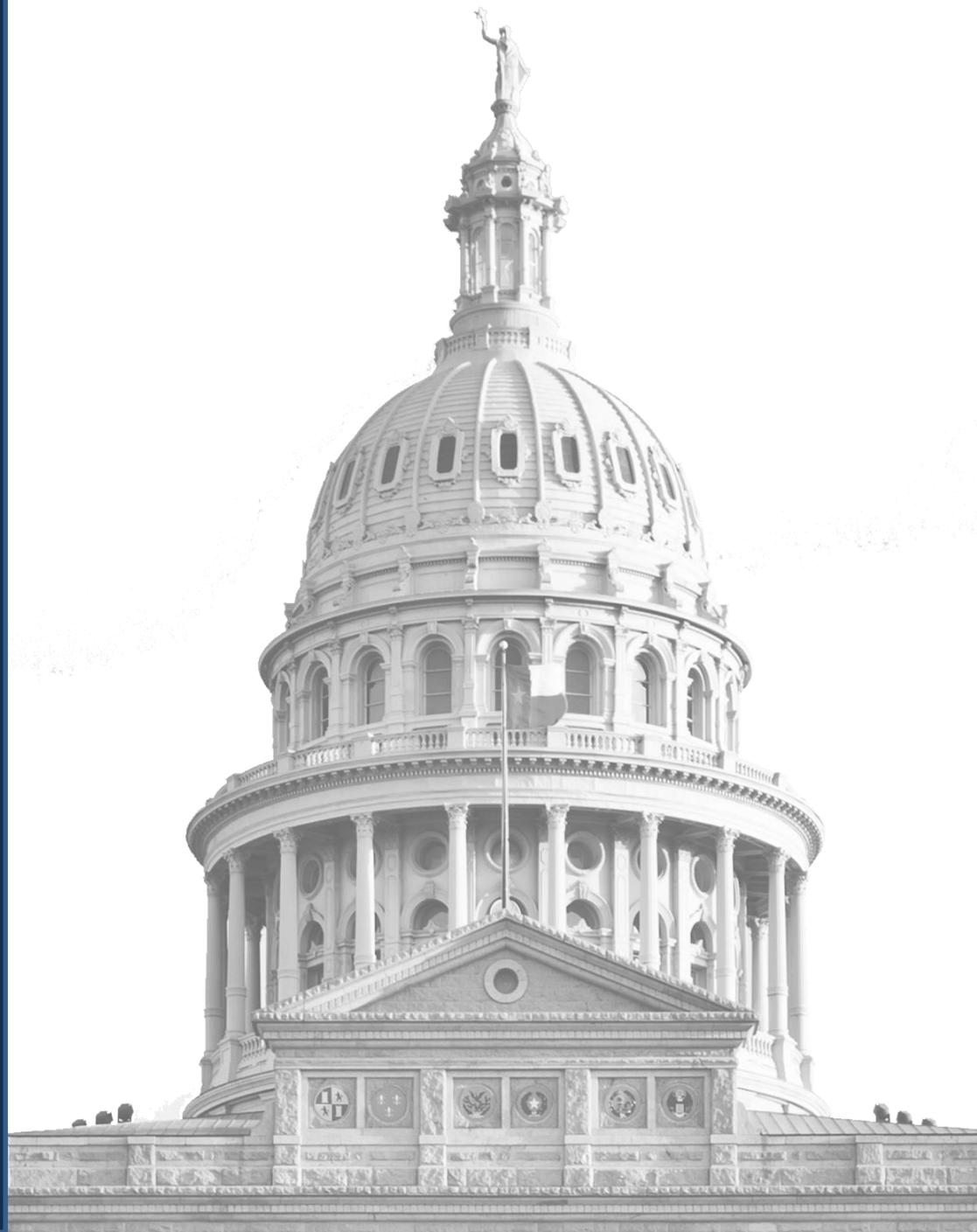


El Paso County

*State Legislative  
Agenda*

June 24, 2019

86<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Texas Legislature





# LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP:

- **County Bills Signed by Governor:**
  - **HB 145** amend fees for services by the offices of sheriff and constables.
  - **HB 156** relating to the supervision by a personal bond office of individuals granted an occupational driver's license.
  - **SB 1402** regarding undeveloped lots 25 years has passed the Senate and received by the House
  - **HB 2747** relating to the licensing and regulation of massage therapy
  - **HB 1318** emergency detention orders under the age of 18; amended to **SB 1238**



# LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP:

- **Senate Bill 2: Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019**
  - Caps revenue of counties at 3.5%
  - **Tax Rate**
    - Renames the “rollback” rate to “voter-approval” rate
    - Renames the “effective” rate to “no-new-revenue” rate
  - **Indigent Defense**
    - Exempts from the voter approval tax rate calculation the amount paid to assigned counsel for indigent defense cases
    - Not to exceed 5%



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- **SB 2 cont'd:**
  - **Declared Disasters**
    - Permissive that in a declared disaster area, a taxing unit, other than a special taxing unit, may use the 8% voter-approval rate for two years if values return to pre-disaster levels or three years have elapsed
  - **Public Hospitals**
    - Excludes increased expenditures for indigent health care for county hospitals from the voter-approval rate
  - **Uniform Election Date** – November election date



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- **SB 2 cont'd:**
  - **Taxing Unit Responsibilities**
    - Requires a taxing unit to adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receiving the certified appraisal roll
    - If the proposed rate will exceed 3.5%, the rate must be set by the 71st day before the next uniform election date that occurs in November
    - Mandates that all counties maintain an internet website and requires certain tax hearing notices and tax information be posted on the website
    - For the FY 2021, prohibits the governing body of a taxing unit from adopting a budget or taking any other action that has the effect of decreasing the total compensation of a first responder from the previous FY



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*Legislative Wrap-Up*

QUESTIONS?