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Deep Dive Texas

The Basics

House

- 150 members
- 83 Republicans/67 Democrats*
- Two-year terms

Senate

- 31 members
- 22 Republicans/19 Democrats
- Four-year terms*

2019 Session Stats

- **7541** House/Senate bills & joint resolutions filed
- **1439** bills & joint resolutions passed
- **56** Bills vetoed

Favorite veto

HCR 86 Designating the Bowie knife as the official state knife of Texas.

2019 Major Legislation

- \$251 b. budget
- School finance reform
- Property tax reform
- Disaster planning/response
- Opioid abuse prevention

*“Texas Democrats
shut out of statewide
office longer than
Democrats in other
states”*

PolitiFact Texas September 26, 2012



Interim Issues

- Election cycle
 - Speaker scandal
- Interim studies
- Regulatory activity

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2021 Session Calendar

Pre-filing

November 9, 2020

Session begins

January 12, 2021

Bill filing deadline*

March 12, 2021

Sine die

May 31, 2021

Veto deadline

June 20, 2021

Likely to
Dominate in
2021

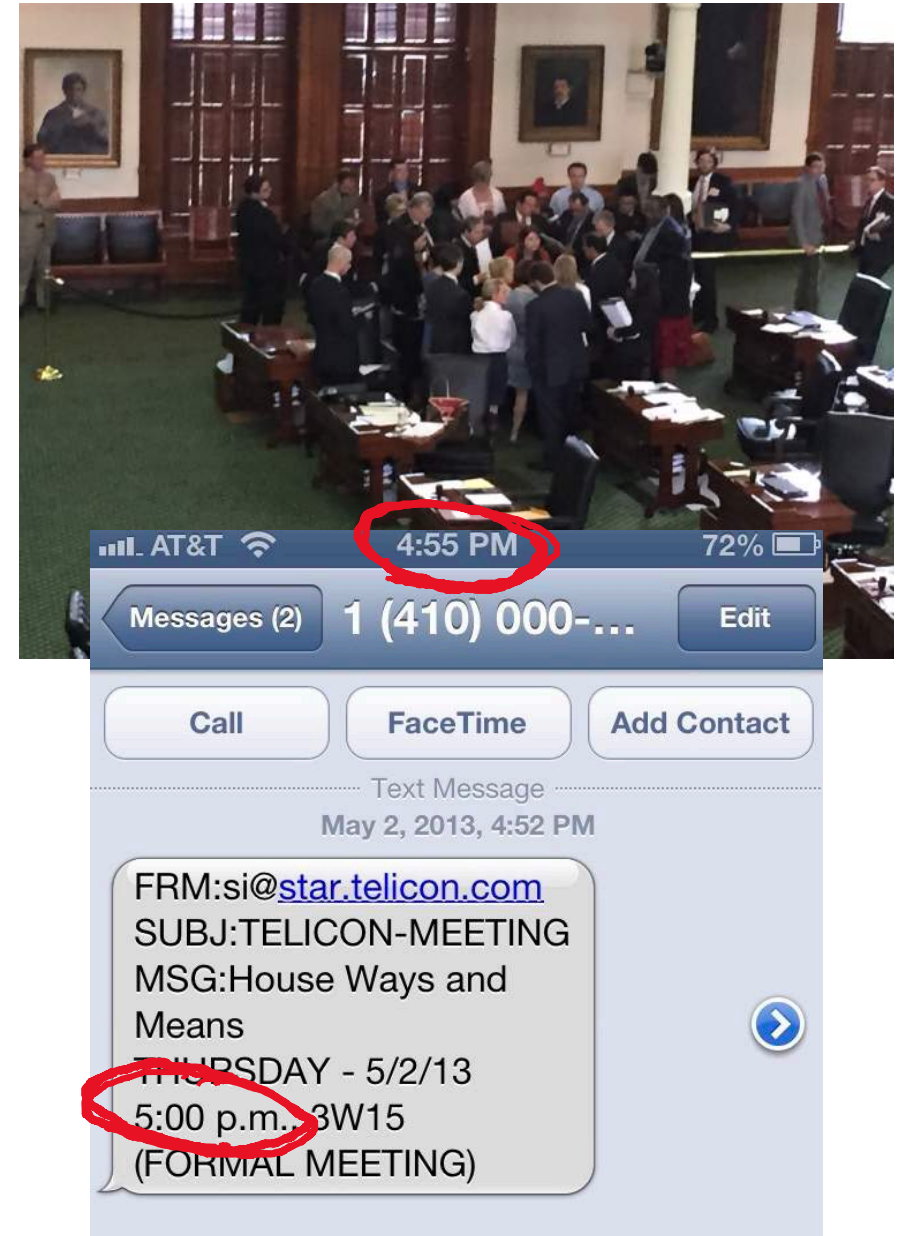
- Redistricting
- Budget

A Few Tips

- Start early
- Contact bill author/staff before the hearing – esp. if you oppose
- Communicate with committee and leadership policy staff

Potential Road Hazards

- Legislative Council drafting
- High fiscal notes
- Dealing w/calendar committees
- Slowdown rules
- Desk meetings
- Chubbing/Points of Order in the House







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Today's Top BUZZ Items - Click Here for Complete BUZZ

- Texas House officially kicks off redistricting work for the 2021 session
- Five takeaways from county leaders
- Strong at home: Brazoria County GOP rejects resolution condemning Speaker Bonnen
- Confirmed: Sen. Pat Fallon considering primary challenge of Sen. Cornyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS! *****

- People on the Move: No career move is too big or small in the Texas Capitol community. Send career news to ksbraddock@gmail.com and use POTM as the subject line.



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Redistricting Gets Under Way. Amid New Push for Fair Maps
Dem-friendly coalition wants process in sunlight without gerrymandering as Texas House opens hearings.

Some GOP Senators Grumbling on Guns Without Defiance Hints
Republicans who've been Patrick followers face major loyalty test in new-found hot seat on guns.

Patrick Reverse Might Be Prompt

Speaker Race Rankings: House Could Have GOP Majority with Dem at Helm
Bonnen gets bump with bid to keep base amid scandal that could produce historic scenario with two-party leadership.

Hailey's Comment: Caucus Vote Snub Buys Time for

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- Bill text/history
- Livestream hearings/session
- Free bill tracking
- Links to House/Senate sites
 - Committee info
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 - District demographics



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