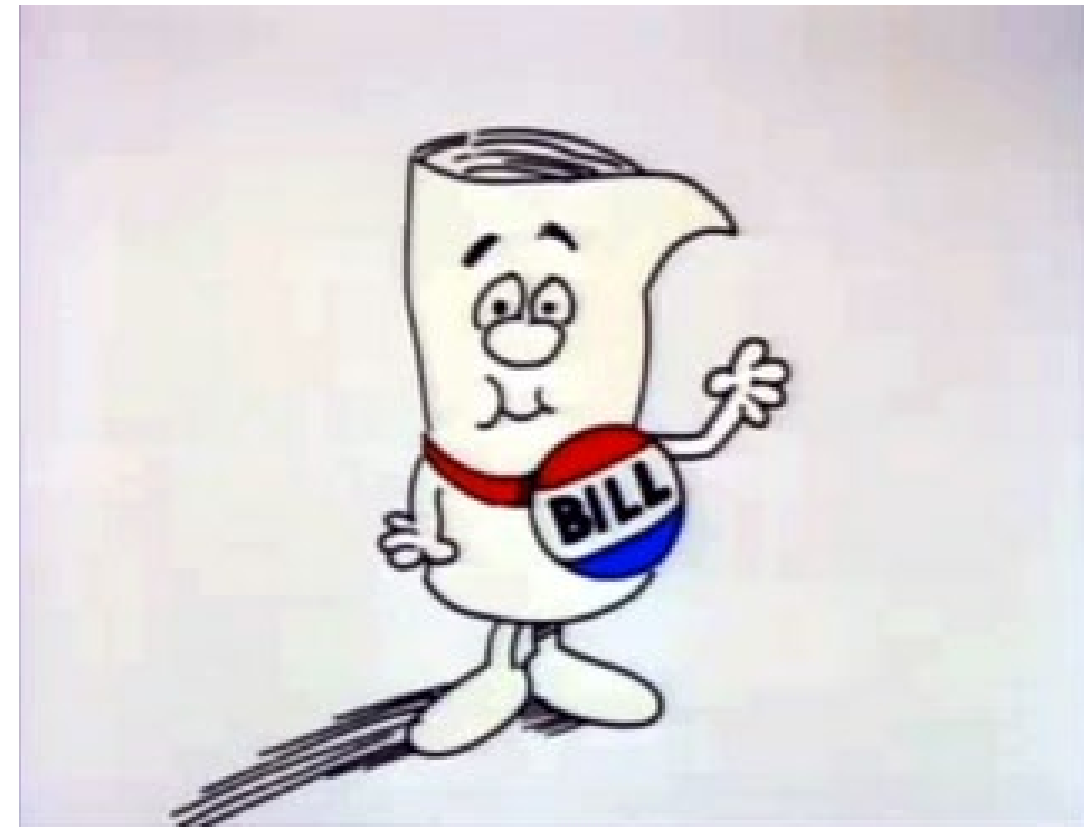


# Legislative Update Summer 2021

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- Early session impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Slow start with limited public access
  - Focused on basics (budget, redistricting, pandemic, etc.)
- Winter Storm Uri
  - Utility weatherization and securitization
- Session ended with walkout in House
  - Meltdown at critical deadline
  - Special session(s)

- 6,927 bills filed
- 2,156 bills had a city impact (31%)
- 1,073 bills passed
- 247 city related bills passed



# Proposed But Not Passed

- Community censorship
- Sales tax sourcing
- Partisan city elections
- Expansion of videoconferencing and teleconferencing under Texas Open Meetings Act
- Land development shot clock expansion
- Preemption of city employment regulations

- **H.B. 988** – Class A misdemeanor for city official to communicate with chief appraiser to influence appraised value of property
- **H.B. 1869** – Modifies definition of “debt” for property tax rate calculation purposes; intended to limit certificates of obligation
- **H.B. 2429** – Truth-in-Taxation fix for cities under 30,000 population
- **S.B. 1427** – Disaster tax exception clarification

- **H.B. 2404** – Chapter 380 agreement database
- **S.B. 1090** – Minor clean-up to 2019 building materials bill

- **H.B. 692** – Public works contract retainage
- **S.B. 219** – Contractor and engineer liability
- **S.B. 13 and 19** – Limits city contracts with companies that boycott energy companies and/or boycott firearm and ammo industry
- **S.B. 2116** – Limitations on “critical infrastructure” contracts with companies with ties to certain foreign countries

- **H.B. 1128** – Election bystanders in polling place
- **S.B. 1116** – Posting election information online
- **S.B. 598** – Auditable voting systems
- **S.B. 1111** – Changes to residency for voting; residual effect on candidacy



# Passed: Finance and Administration

- **H.B. 3069** – 8-year statute of repose for certain governmental entity contract claims
- **S.B. 790** – Ambulance balance billing

# Passed: Open Government

- **H.B. 872** – Confidentiality of utility information
- **H.B. 1082** – Confidentiality of elected officials' personal information

- **H.B. 2073** – Paid quarantine leave for first responders
- **S.B. 22** – COVID-19 workers compensation presumption for first responders
- **S.B. 1359** – Mental health leave for law enforcement

- **H.B. 929** – Body worn cameras
- **H.B. 1938** – Grants for body worn cameras
- **S.B. 69** – Duty to intervene and ban on chokeholds
- **S.B. 2212** – Duty to request and render aid
- **H.B. 558** – Blood/breath specimens for intoxication offense
- **H.B. 1069** – First responders carrying handguns
- **S.B. 24** – Hiring procedures for law enforcement agencies

- **H.B. 17** – Prohibits city limitations on utility services based on source of energy delivered to end-user
- **H.B. 4492** – Electric market financing following Winter Storm Uri (securitization)
- **S.B. 3** – Utility preparedness and weatherization for electric generation and transmission facilities; also impacts water utilities
- **S.B. 398** – Distributed renewal generation

- Governor's list of items
- Redistricting

**Questions?**