

The image features the Texas state flag waving against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The flag is divided into three vertical sections: a blue field on the left with a white five-pointed star, a white field in the center, and a red field on the right. The text "88th Legislative Session" is overlaid in a bold, red, serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the white and blue sections of the flag.

**88th Legislative
Session**

STRUCTURE



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- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- Comptroller
- Agriculture Commissioner
- Railroad Commission
- Texas School Board

(All elected by voters)

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- Texas Senate

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- Texas Supreme Court
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

The Senate Floor



Lieutenant Governor

Dan Patrick



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Miles Dist. 13 D <i>Harris</i>	Gutierrez Dist. 19 D <i>Bexar</i>	Johnson Dist. 16 D <i>Dallas</i>	Springer Dist. 30 R <i>Cooke</i>	Bettencourt Dist. 7 R <i>Harris</i>	Creighton Dist. 4 R <i>Montgomery</i>	Middleton Dist. 11 R <i>Galveston</i>	Alvarado Dist. 6 D <i>Harris</i>
West Dist. 23 D <i>Dallas</i>	Nichols Dist. 3 R <i>Cherokee</i>	Campbell Dist. 25 R <i>Kendall</i>	Schwertner Dist. 5 R <i>Williamson</i>	Kolkhorst Dist. 18 R <i>Washington</i>	Perry Dist. 28 R <i>Lubbock</i>	Paxton Dist. 8 R <i>Collin</i>	Hall Dist. 2 R <i>Van Zandt</i>
Whitmire Dist. 15 D <i>Harris</i>	Huffman Dist. 17 R <i>Harris</i>	Hinojosa Dist. 20 D <i>Hidalgo</i>	Zaffirini Dist. 21 D <i>Webb</i>	Hancock Dist. 9 R <i>Tarrant</i>	Menéndez Dist. 26 D <i>Bexar</i>	Birdwell Dist. 22 R <i>Hood</i>	

Sergeant-at-Arms

Senate Floor Seating Chart
88th Legislative Session
(January, 2023)



ROSENTHAL 149	HAYES 146	HINDOIA 138	TALARICO 128	BUCY 118	M. GONZALEZ 108	MOODY 98	ORTIZ 78	MUCK 68	CANALIS 58	HUNTER 46	R. LOPEZ 36	WPHZ000P 26
ANCHIA 147	ORTIGUA 137	TURNER 136	J.E. JOHNSON 127	HOWARD 117	FLORES 107	MEZA 97	CAIN 75	VANUT 65	J. GONZALEZ 55	MANUEL 45	BUMBARIS 35	HERRERO 25
COLE 145	HERNANDEZ 135	HERNANDEZ 134	BERNAL 126	NO 116	SCHWARTZ 106	BLAYTON 96	C.J. HARRIS 74	BUCKLEY 64	COLLER 54	BIRDMAN 44	BETH 34	WALLE 24
LONGORIA 144	ROSE 134	GAMEZ 133	K. KING 125	DUTTON 115	DONADO 105	ORR 95	GRIFFIN 73	LUNAN 63	BURNS 53	HANDEPATER 43	BOODFIELD 33	COURBON 23
PLUBA 140	J. JOHNSON 132	HALL 131	KUSMIREL 124	DEAVALA 114	IBAC 104	J. LOPEZ 94	KITZMAN 72	CORTIZ 62	MUIR 52	LINDORAF 42	COLOWAY 32	BONNEN 22
HILL 141	BAWSON 131	JEYON 130	CHADWICK 121	PRICE 111	BAUER 101	MARTINEZ 91	OTIZ 71	E. NOVALES 61	HOLLAND 51	MEYER 41	BURROWS 31	LEACH 21
CHAMPO 139	GARCIA 129	COOK 119	NOBLE 109	LOZANO 99	ALLEN 92	BRINNING 82	TEPPER 70	SPILLER 60	INTERDON 50	SHANKEN 40	MICALF 30	BOHNER 20
REYNOLDS 134	DAVIS 88	TRONCLAIR 87	V. JONES 86	GOODMAN 85	HARLESS 84	RANEY 83	E. THOMPSON 69	PAUL 59	TOTH 49	WILSON 39	HERNER 29	C. BELL 19
CLINCHAM 80	THAMESH 79	C.E. HARRIS 78	MORRISON 77	COOKE 76	REBEZ 66	SHOJANI 56	J.D. JOHNSON 48	HARRISON 38	ROMERO 27	REVALONC 17	SWANSON 16	TRINGHOLI 15

REYNOLDS 84	DAVIS 88
TRONCLAIR 87	V. JONES 86
GOODMAN 85	HARLESS 84
RANEY 83	MORRISON 77

COOK 119	NOBLE 109
LOZANO 99	ALLEN 92
BRINNING 82	BAUER 101
MARTINEZ 91	REBEZ 66

SPEAKER DADE PHELAN	
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GULLEN 18	RAYMOND 12
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ALLISON 15	GUERRA 11
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DEAN 14	SHINE 10
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SMITHEE 13	DARBY 9
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CLINCHAM 80	THAMESH 79	C.E. HARRIS 78	MORRISON 77
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HOUSE SEATING CHART
WITH LEGISLATURE

MURICE 8	RAMOS 4
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STUCKY 7	LAMBERT 3
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ASHBY 6	CLARDY 2
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GEREN 5	T. KING 1
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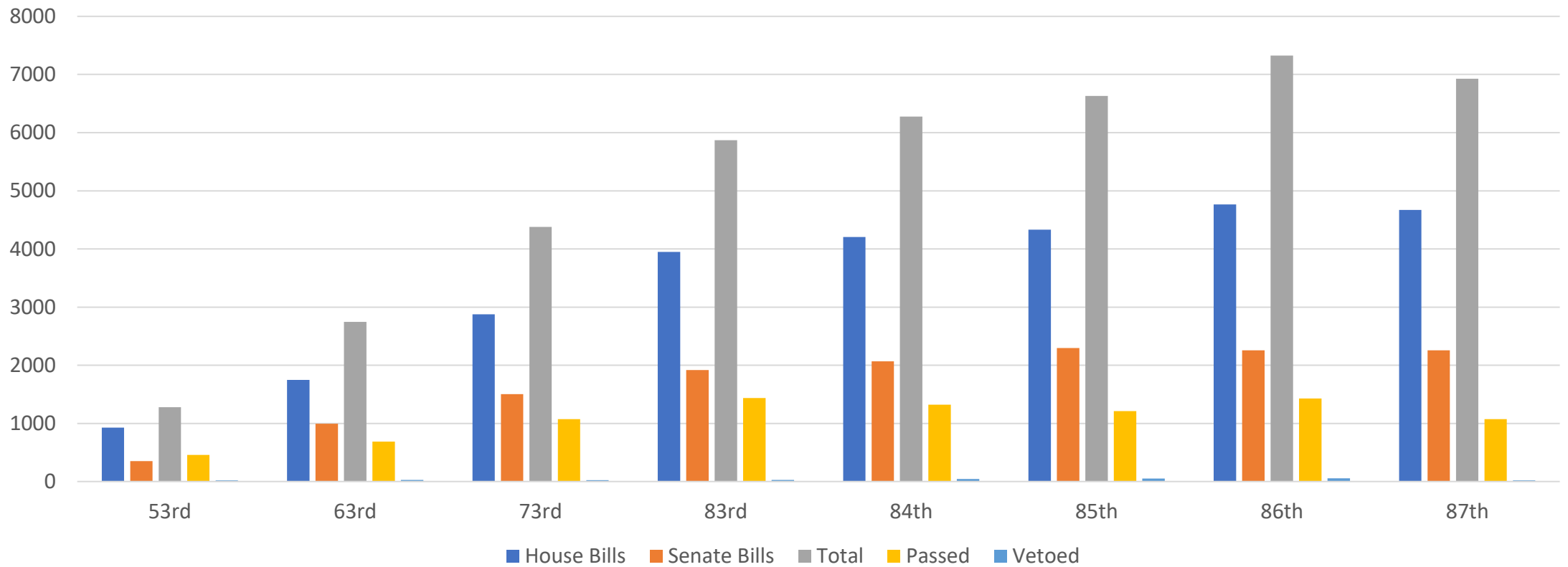
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88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

- NOVEMBER 8: GENERAL ELECTION
- NOVEMBER 14: FIRST BILLS MAY BE FILED
- EARLY JANUARY: COMPTROLLER PROVIDES BIENNIAL REVENUE ESTIMATE (~JANUARY 11)
- JANUARY 10: 88TH LEGISLATURE CONVENES
- JANUARY: OATH OF OFFICE, SPEAKER ELECTION, GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE, COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
- MARCH 10: LAST DAY TO FILE (MOST) BILLS
- MAY 29: SINE DIE

FORECASTED PRIORITIES

- SURPLUS: \$27 BILLION (!)
- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
- RUSSIA DIVESTMENT
- OPERATION LONE STAR
- ABORTION LAW
- ELECTRIC GRID
- BROADBAND EXPANSION
- SOCIAL ISSUES

SELECTED LEGISLATION

HB 445 by Rep. Schofield

Requires ballot in bond election to detail projects to be funded, amount for each. Prohibits expenditures on projects beyond voter approved amount and transfer of funds between projects. Grants voters injunctive relief.
Heard in House Committee 4/19.

HB 1489 by Rep. Tepper

Under current law a certificate of obligation may be issued for a public work, an undefined term. HB 1489 would define a public work and authorize a county to issue only in response to a public health emergency, declared disaster, or lawsuit. *Heard in House Committee 4/5.*

House Joint Resolution 109 by Rep. Burns

Proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate the office of county treasurer in Somervell County. *Heard by House Committee on County Affairs 4/19.*

Senate Joint Resolution 28 by Sen. Middleton

Proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate the office of county treasurer in Galveston County. *Referred to House Committee on County Affairs 4/12; identical companion, HJR 134, approved by same committee 4/26.*

Senate Bill 175 by Sen. Middleton

Would prohibit the expenditure of public funds on anyone required to register as a lobbyist with the Texas Ethics Commission or for the payment of dues to a nonprofit state association who contracts with one, such as TAC or TACA. *Referred to House Committee on State Affairs 4/13.*

HB 2014 by Rep. Leach

Would raise jury pay on first day from \$6 to \$20; state would newly reimburse first day, at \$14. Would raise, from \$40 to \$58, jury pay for subsequent days; state currently reimburses subsequent days at \$34/ea.—this bill would raise reimbursement to \$52/day. *Received in the Senate 5/1.*

House Bill 537 by Rep. Wu

Requires governmental entities to make records relating to an internal audit available to the public on request and to post the final audit reports within 30 days of completion on a publicly accessible website. Failure to comply without good cause subjects the governmental entity to liability to the requestor for expenses incurred attempting to access the records, including attorney fees. Maintains current law's protection for audit working papers. *Considered in Calendars 4/13.*

House Bill 458 by Rep. Craddick

Would require the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to take custody of a youth committed to TJJD within 30 days or compensate the county for the cost of detention for the 31st and subsequent days. *Referred to Senate Committee on Criminal Justice 4/24.*

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Texas Legislature Online

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The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website in a browser window. The browser's address bar displays "https://capitol.texas.gov". The website header includes the text "87th Legislature Third Called Session" and "Texas Legislature Online". A navigation menu contains links for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. A status bar at the top right indicates "House: Adjourned sine die" and "Senate: Adjourned sine die".

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January 10

TAC Building
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Come and enjoy breakfast and a legislative discussion in person at the TAC building.

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