

# Shot Clocks, Building Materials and the Death of Annexation

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## This Session Discusses

- **Shot Clock:** HB 3167 (86<sup>th</sup> Leg.), and related bills in the 87<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session.
  - Other bills amending various provisions of Tex. Local Gov't Code Ch. 212.
- **Building Materials:** HB 2439 (86<sup>th</sup> Leg.) and related bills in the 87<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session.
- **Annexation:** SB 6 (85th Leg.), (SB \_\_ (86<sup>th</sup> Leg.), and related bills in the 87<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session.
  - **ETJ:** Bills this session limiting municipal authority in the ETJ, granting additional authority to other entities, special district issues.

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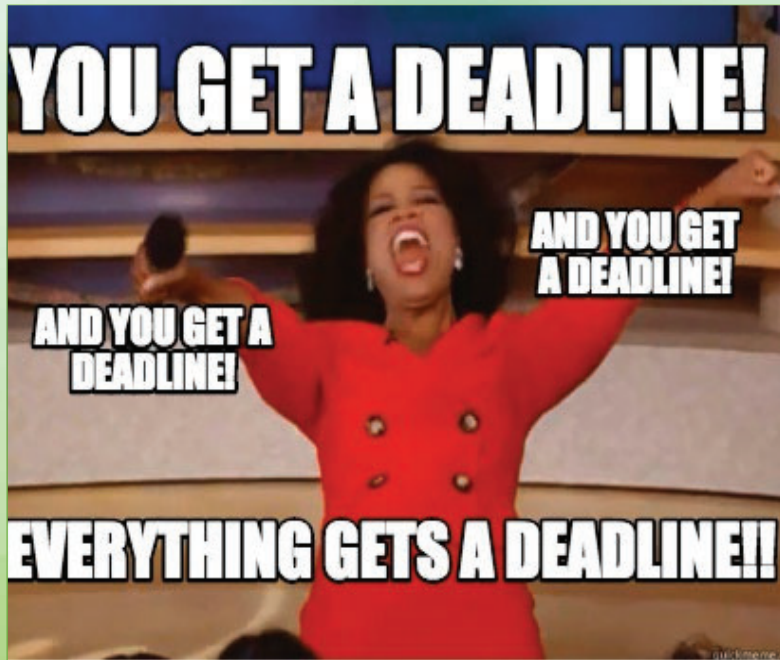
*“... any mayor, county judge that was dumb ass enough to come meet with me, I told them with great clarity, my goal is for this to be the worst session in the history of the legislature for cities and counties”*

- Former Speaker Dennis Bonnen

*“I hope the next session’s even worse”*

- Rep. Dustin Burrows (Lubbock)

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Shot Clock:  
Deadlines for  
everything.

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## Shot Clock—Processing plans and plats

- Chapter 212, (Muni. Reg. of Subdivisions and Property Development) has always contained a “shot clock”:
  - Sec. 212.009(a) The municipal authority responsible for approving plats shall act on a plat within 30 days after the plat is filed. A plat is considered approved by the municipal authority unless it is disapproved within that period.
- What is “filed”?
  - Sec. 212.008 A person desiring approval of a plat must apply to and file a copy of the plat with the municipal planning commission or, if the municipality has no planning commission, the governing body.

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