

Looking Over the 87<sup>th</sup> Lege:  
An Overview of Bills that Passed, Bills the Died, and  
Bills that May Live Again

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"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it  
everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying  
the wrong remedies."



Groucho Marx

## *87<sup>th</sup> Lege - Bill Statistics*



Filed: 6,927 bills

Historically speaking: 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest

- 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature (2009): 7,419
- 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2019): 7,324

Passed: 1,070 bills

- 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2019): 1,429
- 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature (2009): 1,459
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Legislature (1991): 960\*

## *87<sup>th</sup> Lege Demographics*

- 181 seats
  - House – 150 (83 R / 67 D)
  - Senate – 31 (18 R / 13 D)
- 64 licensed attorneys
  - 55 – House
  - 9 – Senate

## *Legislative Priorities*

- Budget
- ERCOT
- Emergency Powers
- Redistricting
- Healthcare
- Education
- Social “hot button” issues



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## *Bills that Passed*



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