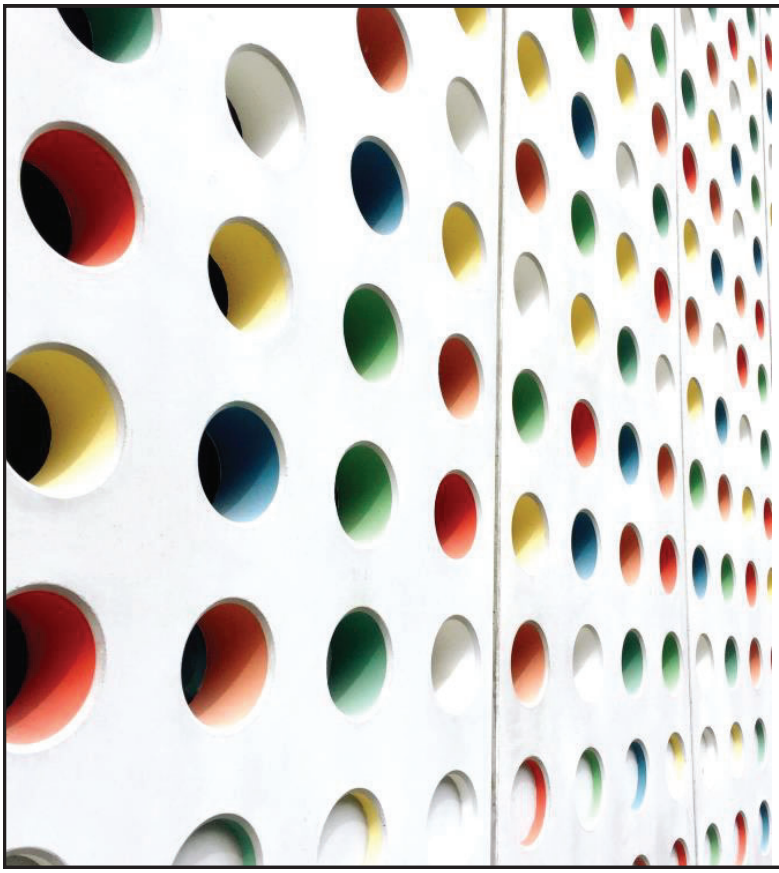


2021 Legislative Update:

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FAST FACTS

6,927 HOUSE & SENATE BILLS FILED; 1,073 (15.5%) PASSED BOTH HOUSES; 20 VETOED BY GOVERNOR

COMPARE TO 86TH R.S. – 7,324 BILLS; 1,429 (19.5%) PASSED; 56 VETOED BY GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE THEMES AFFECTING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW: DISASTER PREPARATION AND OPERATIONS, ELECTRIC & GAS RELIABILITY & OVERSIGHT, BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT, ACCESS TO INFORMATION, AND MORE

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2021 SUNSET REVIEW

- Evaluated 19 entities, including TDLR, TRS and Dept. of Agriculture.
- Legislature adopted 78% of recommendations through 12 bills.
- 115 statutory changes and 114 management directives:
  - Increasing accountability
  - Streamlining licensing and services
  - Decreasing burdens on individuals

2021 SUNSET BILLS

- Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) –
  - Addressed regulations and functions no longer needed or no longer cost effective.
  - SB 705: TAHC to close its disease testing laboratory and consolidates testing at Texas A&M.
  - SB 703: Eliminates aquaculture licensing program and two inactive entities. Improves fairness and performance of GO TEXAN marketing program and continues the Prescribed Burning Board Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

2021 SUNSET BILLS, Cont'd

- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation – HB 1560
  - Codes Affected: Alcoholic Beverage, Criminal Procedure, Education, Family, Government, Health & Safety, Human Resources, Occupations, and Transportation.
  - TDLR to post additional statistical analysis of complaints.
  - Requires risk- based inspections.
  - TDLR to study Auctioneering
  - Eliminates licensing for Polygraph Examiners.
  - Consolidates licenses and certificates for both Barbers and Cosmetologists
  - Repeals Residential Service Company Act, including licensing. Regulates through the Service Contract Regulatory Act.
  - Postpones Sunset review of certain programs transferred to TDLR until 2032-33

2021 SUNSET BILLS, Cont'd

- Teachers Retirement System (TRS)-
  - HB 1585: improve outreach to members; establish ombudsman to investigate complaints and increase member input.
  - Sunset Commission Directives: related to contracting and to transparency of investment decisions
- **Next Up:** Sunset Review for 21 entities, including PUC, ERCOT, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and TCEQ

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