

**FORT BEND COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
PROPOSALS 2023**

POSSIBLE FORT BEND COUNTY-SPECIFIC PRIORITY LEGISLATION

- 1. Trail Accessibility in Centerpoint Easements
 - 2. Hotel Occupancy Tax
 - 3. Pension Bonds
 - 4. SB 2 in re: Revenue Caps
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PREVIOUS AREAS OF INTEREST – TRACK, MONITOR & SUPPORT/OPPOSE

- 1. Support bills that Promote Local Control
- 2. Monitor Election bills
- 2. Support Animal Protection bills – see [Our Legislative Priorities - Texas Humane Network \(thln.org\)](http://thln.org); animal cruelty offender database; criminal responsibility for certain vicious dog attacks
- 3. Support Medicaid Expansion bills
- 4. Oppose Unfunded Mandate bills/provisions
- 5. Oppose Revenue Caps
- 6. Support the Continuation of HB3 funding for Schools
- **Note that as of 12-12-22, 1275 bills have been filed, and there are usually around 7000 bills filed during a session; thus, it isn't possible at this time to give you a full landscape of bills for your consideration, but we can give you weekly updates of bills filed.
- **Note that House & Senate interim reports have not yet been released, which can/do shed light on where the different chambers are headed on all policy fronts.

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FUNDING ISSUES

- SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. Mental health
 - 2. Criminal/Juvenile Justice -- Juvenile Services, Pre-trial Programs, CSCDs
 - 3. Transportation/Infrastructure
- **Note that the budget bills have not yet been filed.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCEPTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. Reduce red tape for County Atty's office for Civil Commitments.
 - 2. Allow Dist. Clerk to accept checks and money orders for passport offices.
 - 3. Allow Dist. Clerk to recoup its expense for sending certified notices to persons having an interest in excess proceeds from the sale of delinquent property.
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COMMISSIONER ANDY MEYERS'S PROPOSALS

- 1. Increase transparency and accountability of special purpose districts.
 - 2. Place emphasis on next generation energy, such as nuclear energy.
 - 3. Increase funding for broadband and mobility.
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