

TCAA MINUTE

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Capitol Deadlines

The deadline to file new budget riders in the House was Friday, March 1st, and the deadline to file new bills in the House or Senate is Friday, March 8th, which is the 60th day of the 140-day legislative session. Because of these deadlines, the pace of activity at the Texas Capitol is picking up. Once the 60th day passes, committees can begin passing all legislation for consideration by the full House and Senate. Before that point, only items designated by the Governor as an emergency can be considered. The legislative session ends May 27, 2019.

Bills of Note

With the passage of these procedural deadlines, committee hearings will begin considering full agendas the week of March 11th. TCAA is monitoring thousands of pieces of legislation, and several have the potential to impact community associations in Texas, including:

- [**HB 302**](#) by Rep. Dennis Paul relates to the carrying, storage, and possession of a firearm or ammunition in an apartment or condominium.
- [**SB 639**](#) by Sen. Joan Huffman is a wide ranging bill addressing the operation and management of condominium unit owners' associations, including issues related to the meetings, records, and elections of those groups.
- [**HB 660**](#) by Rep. Matt Shaheen addresses the assessment of fines by property owners' associations.
- [**SB 227**](#) by Sen. Paul Bettencourt tackles the issue of when a property owners' association may regulate religious displays at a residence.

On these bills and others, TCAA looks forward to working with the bill authors to address the concerns of homeowners and community associations.

Legislative Resources

If you would like to follow legislative activity during the legislative session, visit [Texas Legislature Online](#) (TLO). TLO is a comprehensive resource that enables the public to search for bills, view and print bill text, and create personal bill tracking lists. Committee information and calendars can also be viewed, as well as links to live and archived video of committee hearings and House and Senate deliberations. TLO also includes information from previous sessions as well as Texas statutes and other resources.

Looking Ahead

TCAA will continue working with the members of the 2019 Texas Legislature, and we look forward to hearing from you about the issues of concern to you and your neighbors. For more information on the Texas Legislature and updates on TCAA activities and events, please visit the TCAA website at:

www.txcommunityassociationadvocates.org