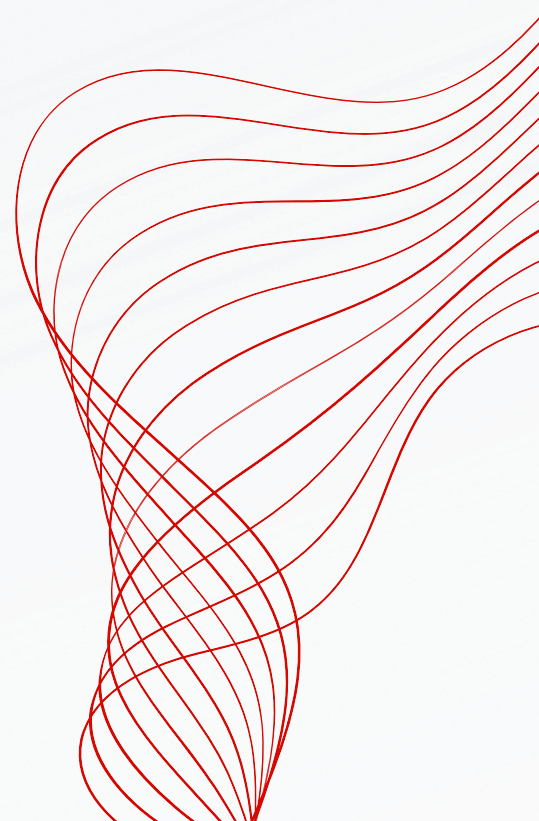




# THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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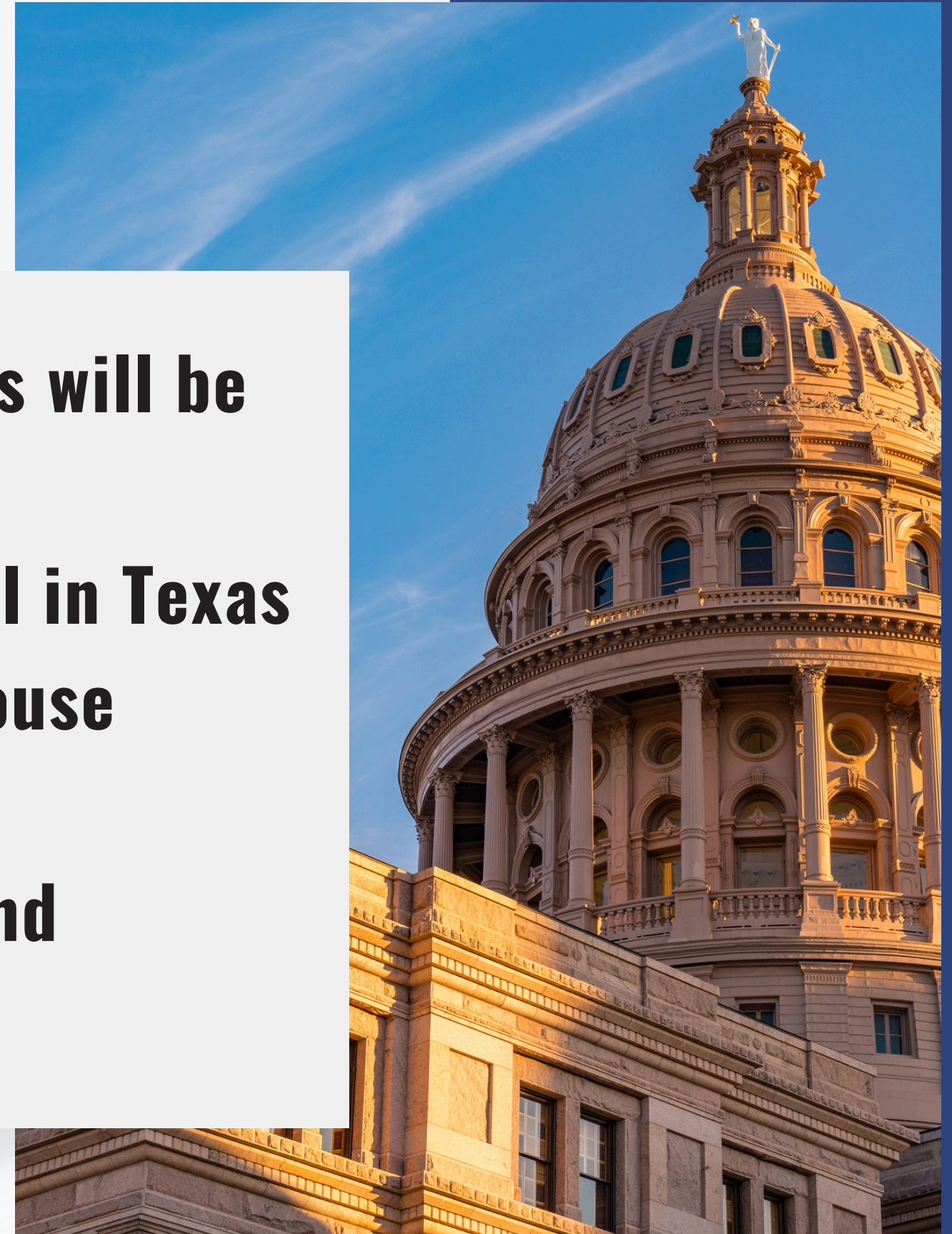


# OBJECTIVE



**By the end of this session, constituents will be able to:**

- **Explain the lifecycle of a House Bill in Texas**
- **Effectively research their state House representative**
- **Effectively research House Bills and amendments**



# STATE LEGISLATURE

Who represents you, what are their duties, which is the party in control?



# STATE LEGISLATURE

Texas Party Control: 1992-2024

Three years of Democratic trifectas • Twenty-two years of Republican trifectas

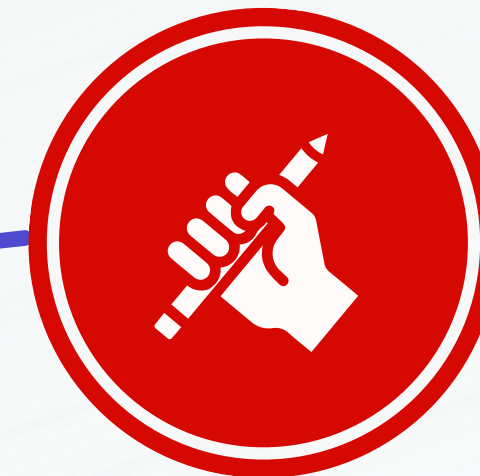
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Year	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Governor	D	D	D	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Senate	D	D	D	D	D	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
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The Texas Legislature is primarily responsible for writing and voting on the State laws, for these to become effective.

The Legislature meets in regular session on the second Tuesday in January of each odd-numbered year.[1]  
The Texas Constitution limits the regular session to 140 calendar days.

The lieutenant governor, elected statewide separately from the governor, presides over the Senate, while the Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected from that body by its members.



# STATE LEGISLATURE



**Governor:** Greg Abbott (R)

**Lieutenant Governor:** Dan Patrick (R)

**Senators:** Senate is Majority Republican.

## North Texas Senators:

Senator Bob Hall, District 2 (R)

Senator Angela Paxton, District 8 (R)



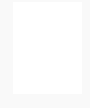
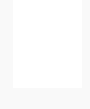
Senator Kelly Hancock, District 9 (R)

Senator Phil King, District 10 (R)

Senator Tan Parker, District 12 (R)

Senator Brian Birdwell, District 22 (R)

Senator Brent Hagenbuch, District 30 (R)

Party		As of November 2024
	Democratic Party	12
	Republican Party	19
	Other	0
	Vacancies	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>31</b>



= **RINO** (Republican In Name Only)



= **Watching Closely**



# STATE LEGISLATURE

**House of Representatives:** House is Majority Republican.



## North Texas Representatives:

Rep. Keith Bell, HD4 (R)

Rep. Brent Money, HD2 (R)

Rep. Brian Harrison, HD10 (R)

Rep. Katrina Pierson, HD33 

Rep. Helen Kerwin, HD58 (R)

Rep. Mike Olcott, HD60 (R) 

Rep. Andy Hopper, HD64 (R)

Rep. Jeff Leach, HD67 (R) 

Rep. Ramon Ramirez, HD90 (D)

Rep. David Lowe HD91 (R)

Rep. Salman Bhojani, HD92 (D)

Rep. Nate Schatzline, HD93 (R)

Rep. Tony Tinderholt, HD94 (R)

Rep. Nicole Collier, HD95 (D)





Rep. David Cook, HD96 (R) 

Rep. John McQueeney, HD97 (R) 

Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, HD98 (R) 

Rep. Charlie Geren, HD99 (R) 

Rep. Chris Turner, HD101 (D)

Party		As of November 2024
	Democratic Party	63
	Republican Party	87
	Other	0
	Vacancies	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>

 = **RINO** (Republican In Name Only)

 = **Watching Closely**

# ISSUES IMPACTED BY STATE LEGISLATURE

- ELECTION INTEGRITY
- QUALITY OF EDUCATION
- BORDER SECURITY
- PROPERTY TAXES
- GROOMING OF CHILDREN
- SAFETY/SCHOOL SAFETY
- GUN RIGHTS



**IN SPITE OF HAVING A REPUBLICAN VAST MAJORITY  
IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE. MOST OF  
THESE ISSUES ARE NOT SOLVED, OR ARE ONLY  
PARTIALLY SOLVED BECAUSE WE HAVE TOO MANY  
RINOS THAT SIDE WITH THE DEMOCRATS TO  
KILL REPUBLICAN PRIORITIES AND ONLY PUSH  
FOR BILLS THAT BENEFIT THEIR DONORS.**

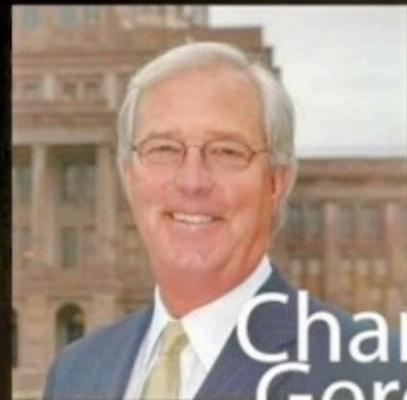




# Dade Phelan's

# *Dirty*

# *Dozen*



Charlie  
Geren



These 12 “Republicans In Name Only” are responsible for killing or “watering down” Republican priorities, by siding with the Democrats and Dade Phelan, who is the biggest RINO of the Texas House. Many of them have been primaried out or have not ran for re-election.



Justin  
Holland



Andrew  
Murr



Stephanie  
Klick



Glenn  
Rogers



Jacey  
Jetton



Todd  
Hunter



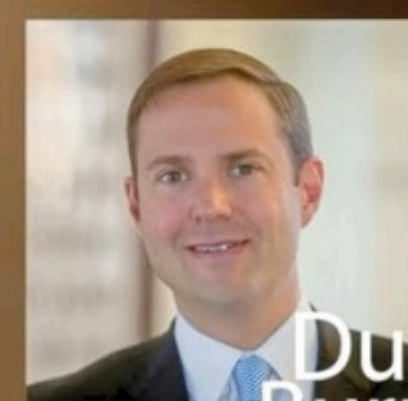
Ken  
King



Jeff  
Leach



Craig  
Goldman



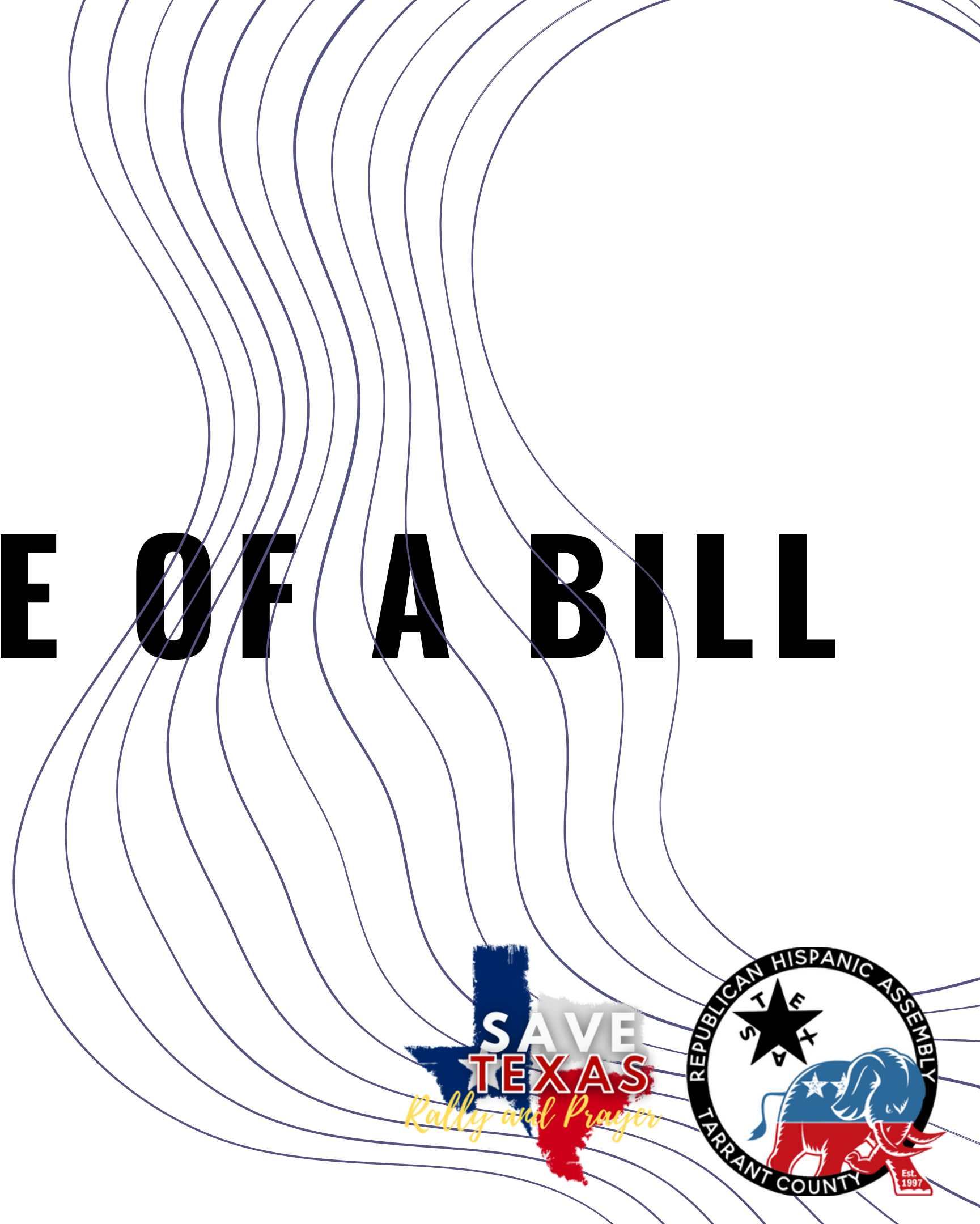
Dustin  
Burrows



Lynn  
Stucky

**IN ADDITION, MANY SENATORS PLAY GAMES AND COORDINATE WITH THE HOUSE NOT TO GET CERTAIN BILLS PASSED, WHILE THEY ACT LIKE THEY ARE TRYING TO PASS THEM. THEN, THEY BLAME THE HOUSE FOR ITS FAILURE, AND YET THEY CONTINUE TO ENDORSE THESE HOUSE MEMBERS DURING PRIMARIES ELECTIONS.**



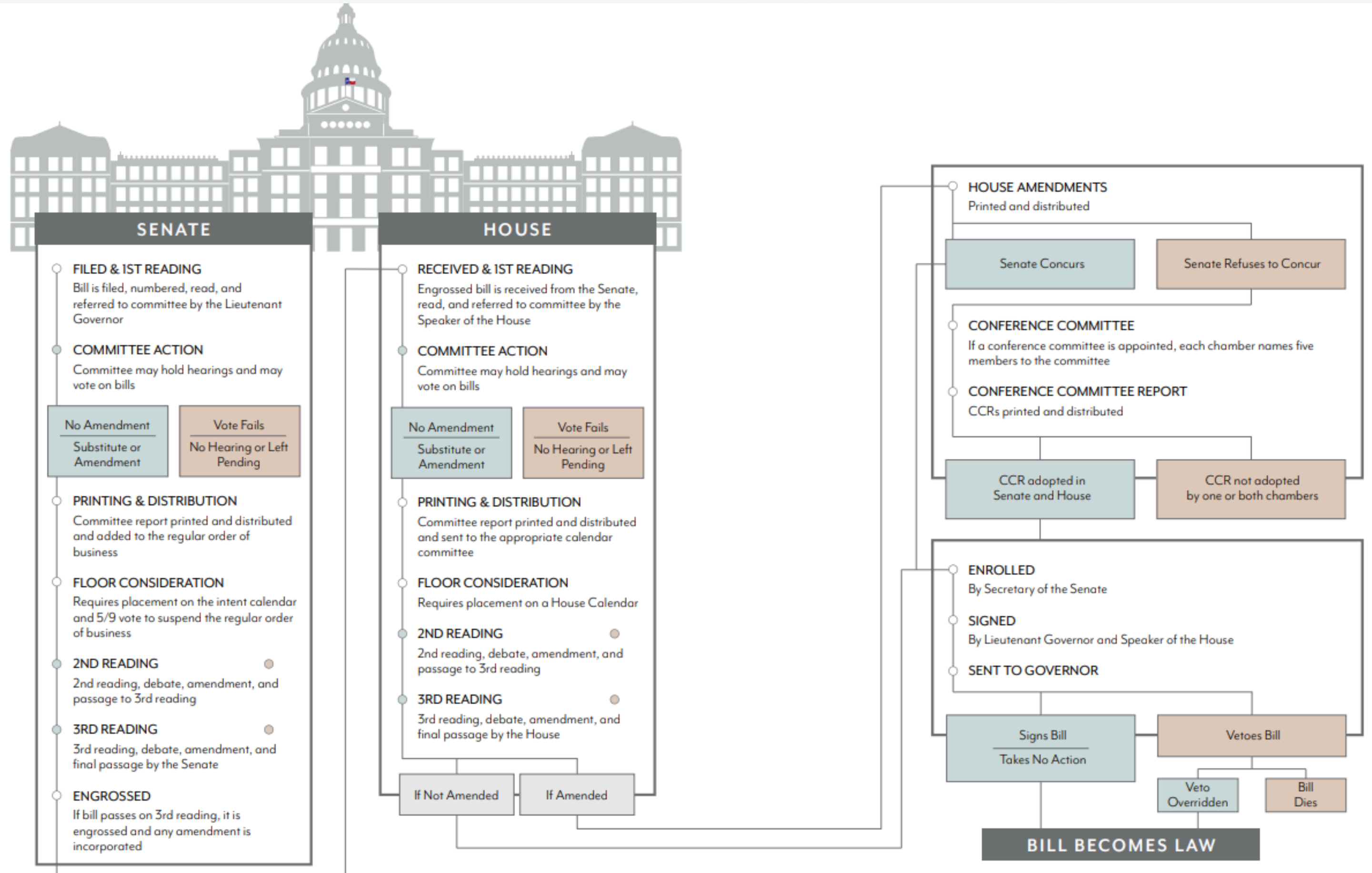


# THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BILL



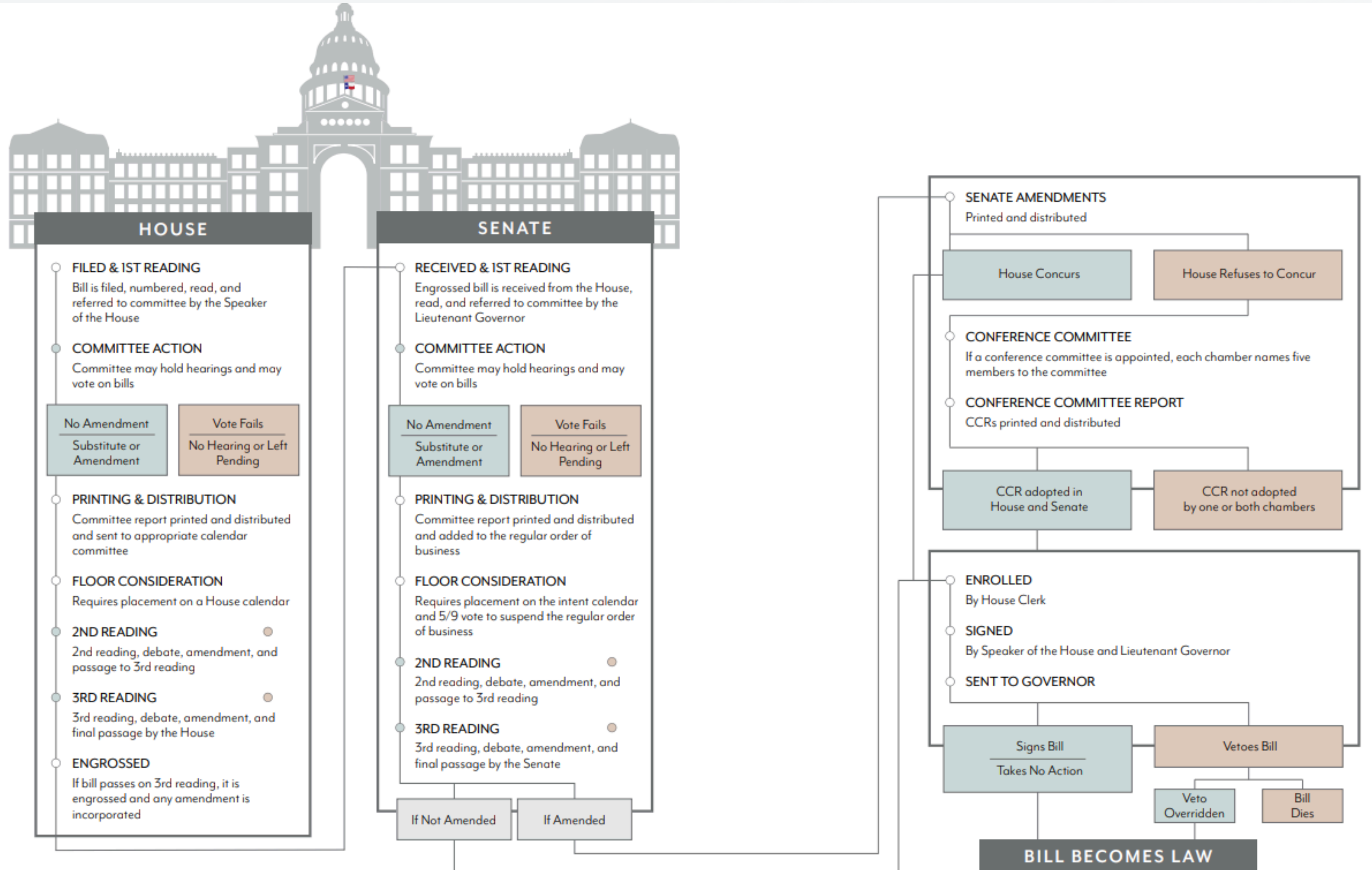
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## TEXAS SENATE



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## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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**HB1** Signed by the Governor  
Referred to House Appropriations Committee, chaired by a Republican  
Referred to Senate Finance Committee, chaired by a Republican  
Republican Bill, authored by Bonnen  
Caption: General Appropriations Bill.

**HJR1** Died in House Calendars Committee  
Referred to House Ways & Means Committee, chaired by a Republican  
Referred to Senate Local Government Committee, chaired by a Republican  
Bipartisan Bill, authored by Meyer; Bonnen; Burrows; Thierry; Raymond

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**Impeachment Vote: YES**

**Top 5 Contributors  
for the 2022 Election Cycle**

**\$33,500.00**  
Texas Trial Lawyers Association PAC

**\$25,000.00**  
George M Young

**\$20,000.00**  
Michael T Gallagher

**\$17,500.00**  
Texas REALTORS Political Action Committee

**\$15,000.00**  
John A Sellers

**QUICK SUMMARY for Rep. Charlie Geren  
(Tarrant County)**

**Voted YES on Impeachment of our Attorney General**

**Received \$111,000.00 from Top 5 Donors in 2022 Cycle**

**Sided with Over 80 Lobby Groups 84.04% of the Time**

**Joined Democrats on 47.42% of Contested, Partisan Votes**

**Almost always Opposes Republicans more than Democrats (All Votes)**

# BILLS AUTHORED

## **HJR155** Died on House Floor after Point of Order

Referred to House State Affairs Committee, chaired by a Republican

Bipartisan Bill, authored by Geren; Rose; Davis; Romero, Jr.

Caption: Proposing a constitutional amendment to foster economic development and job growth, provide tax relief and funding for education and public safety programs, support the horse racing industry, and reform horse racing and greyhound racing by authorizing casino gaming at destination resorts, authorizing sports wagering, authorizing Tribal-State compacts with federally recognized Indian tribes, and creating the Texas Gaming Commission to regulate casino gaming and sports wagering; requiring a license to conduct casino gaming; and requiring the imposition of a casino gaming tax, sports wagering tax, and license application fees.

## **HR231** Passed by the House and Senate

Referred to House Resolutions Calendars Committee, chaired by a Democrat

Republican Bill, authored by Geren

Caption: In memory of Neal Gay.

## **HR262** Passed by the House and Senate

Republican Bill, authored by Geren

Caption: Recognizing February 21, 2023, as Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas Day at the State Capitol.

## **HR611** Never Made It to a Committee

Republican Bill, authored by Geren

Caption: Recognizing March 22 and 23, 2023, as Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol.

## **HR630** Passed by the House and Senate

Republican Bill, authored by Geren

Caption: Recognizing March 22 and 23, 2023, as Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol.



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