



Justices of the Peace and Constables Association

Judge Jackie Miller, President

Constable Legislative Update

May 27, 2011

The End of the Session ... sine die.

The days have dwindled down to just a few: Monday is the final day of the 82nd Legislature. Most of the drama that was going to happen has probably happened by now, although you never know.

These are the final legislative deadlines:

Saturday, May 28, the 138th day: before midnight House copies of all conference committee reports must be distributed (24-hour layout); before midnight Senate copies of CCRs on bills other than tax, general appropriations, and re-apportionment bills must be printed and distributed (24-hour layout).

Sunday, May 29, the 139th day: last day for House to adopt CCRs; last day for Senate to concur in House Amendments or adopt CCRs.

Monday, May 30, the 140th: corrections only in House and Senate. Last day of session.

Of the next four bills of interest, two have passed all legislative gates and have been sent to the Governor to sign; the other two bills mostly look like they end up there, too:

HB 109 by Brown relating to the temporary lowering of prima facie speed limits at a vehicular accident reconstruction site. Sent to Governor 5.26.2011.

HB 1163 by Keffer relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers and firefighters. Signed by the Senate 5.26.2011, sent to the Governor 5.27.2011.

HB 242 by Craddick relating to the authority of certain retired peace officers to carry certain firearms. Senate amendments distributed 5.27.2011. **The Senate amended an unrelated bill with wording that would ban text messaging while driving on Texas roads and highways onto this bill. It will have to be approved by the House.**

HB 1, Appropriations Bill: conference committee report issued yesterday. By the rules of the House, the report lays out for 24 hours before it can be taken up on the floor for additional discussion and an up-or-down vote. If either house succeeds in amending the bill, then it has to go back to conference committee; and since the clock stops at midnight, Monday, May 30, there's really no time left for changes.

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3 DAYS LEFT IN THE 82nd LEGISLATURE!