

### **DWAWG Legislative Update**

• April 2025 - 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

#### Statistics so far... (As of 4/9/2025)

#### House

- Introduced Bills: 5,609
- Continuing Resolutions: 126
- Joint Resolutions: 208
- Resolutions: 822
- Total: 6,765

#### Senate

- Introduced Bills: 3,042
- Continuing Resolutions: 46
- Joint Resolutions: 83
- Resolutions: 392
- Total: 3,563



#### It's always a WATER session in Texas

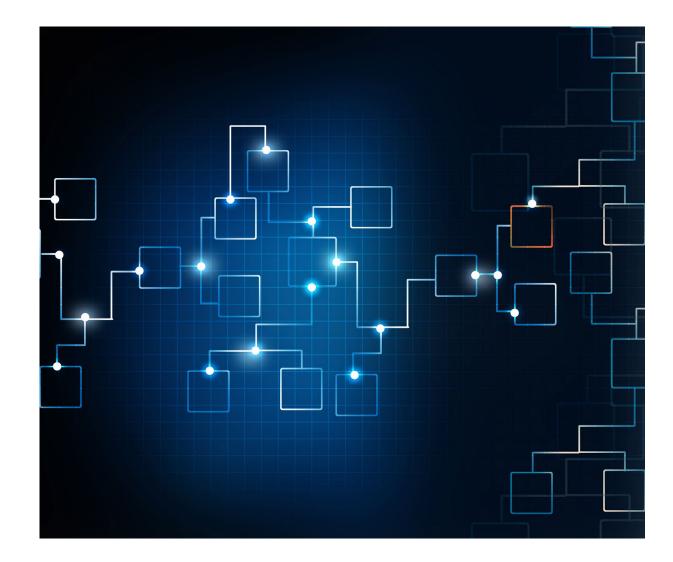


- TCEQ Tracking: 303
- Office of Water Tracking: 195
- WSD Bill Impact Statements:
  97
- WSD Lead Division: 63
- WSD Watch: 50



#### **Trends**

- Water Infrastructure Funding
  and Financing
- Transparency/Communication
- Studies/Reports
- Water
  Conservation/Availability
- Water Rates
- Cybersecurity/Homeland Security
- Lead Testing/Plans
- Districts Creation/Consent\*
- Other





# Water Infrastructure Funding and Financing

- Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board. (HB16 Harris / SB7 Perry)
- Relating to the financing of water supply projects included in the state water plan. (HB2815 Gerdes / SB1261 Perry)
- Joint resolutions providing initial and continuing funds to Texas Water Fund.



### **Transparency/Communication**

- Boil water notices (HB5609 Guillen / SB2103 Zaffirini)
- Notice provided to certain public drinking water systems before water quality testing (HB 5206 Diguardi)
- Relating to underground facility safety (One call center/811) (HB1335 Gerdes / SB501 Kolkorst)
- Notice of water service interruption to Fire Departments
  (HB516 Swanson)
- Information to customers on fluoride (HB3429 Tinderholt)



### **Studies/Reports**

- Annual report on public drinking water systems (HB157 Raymond)
- Study on protection of certain water facilities from catastrophe. (HB156 Raymond)
- Study on impacts of droughts and wildfires (HB1168 Raymond)
- Climate Change Impact Report (HB1438 Zwiener)
- Impacts of PFAS on public health (HB1730 Shaw / SB768 Menendez)



#### Water Conservation/Availability

- Evidence of groundwater supply in subdivision plats (HB5325 Isaac / SB1855 Perry)
- Water conservation plans for District creation (HB 2015 Zwiener / SB 2887 Cook)
- Reclaimed water (SB2885 Flores)



#### Water Rates

- Proceedings of PUC regarding water or sewer service (HB2500 Spiller / SB740 Perry)
- Including utility compliance with TCEQ rules into approving rates (HB5209 Guillen / SB2499 Zaffirini)
- Entities authorized to provide water/wastewater service (SB2389 Eckhardt)



## **Cybersecurity/Homeland Security**

- Establishes a Texas Cyber Command (HB150 Capriglione)
- Cybersecurity for retail public utilities (HB4231 Capriglione / SB1034 Perry Sparks)
- Establish Homeland Security Division at DPS/activities (SB36 / SB780 Parker)
- Reporting of security incidents by PWS (SB 1625 Johnson)



## **Lead Testing/Plans**

- School districts healthy and safe water plan (HB785 Gervin-Hawkins / SB191 Menendez)
- Lead testing in drinking water at public schools (HB5552 Plesa)
- TDCJ water sampling (SB1929 Menendez/Bettencourt)



### Other

- Mifepristone and estrogen testing (HB3734 Shofner)
- Licensing of backflow/BPAT (HB4293 Paul / SB2702 Creighton)
- Installation of filtration systems (HB5208 Guillen / SB2497 Zaffirini)
- Alternative treatment in rural county (HB5605 Troxclair)
- Suspension of enforcement action (SB565 Perry / HB2568 Harris Davila)
- Prohibition on fluoridation (SB2653 Hall)

