

STAY INFORMED: YOUR GUIDE TO TRACKING BILLS IN THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE

To find specific bills being proposed in the Texas legislature, you can follow these steps:



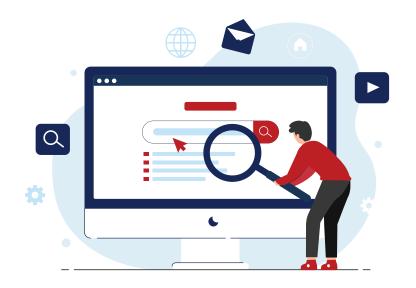
VISIT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

The Texas Legislature's website is a primary source for both House and Senate bill tracking.
Visit the website at https://capitol.texas.gov/



SEARCH FOR BILLS:

- o "Legislature" lets you select which session.
- "Word Phrase" allows you to search by keywords, such as "education," "election," or "gender".
- "Bill Number" allows you to search by the House or Senate bill number if you know it. EX. HB 900 or SB 13.
- "Bill Search" gives more search options such as by committee, date, author, or action.





BILL SUMMARIES AND TEXT:

Once you find the bills, you can access summaries, full texts, and detailed histories of the bill's progress (i.e., readings, votes, committees, etc.).



TRACK BILL PROGRESS:

- o To track the status of specific bills, sign up for alerts, and follow the legislative process, you must create an account on the website. Select the bill you want to track and click "add to alert list" located at the top right portion of the screen.
- Click on the "Bill Stages" tab for a visual of the bill's progress.

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USE EXTERNAL TOOLS FOR ALERTS:

Websites like <u>GovTrack.us</u> or <u>Ballotpedia.org</u> can provide alerts and summaries of state-level legislation, including those related to education and elections in Texas.



COMMITTEES:

- o Committees consist of a small group of representatives or senators who focus on specific bills assigned to them. All bills are referred to a committee, although not all bills get a hearing.
- o Committee hearings are the only opportunity for the public to testify for, on or against a bill.
- o For information about specific committees, use the "Committees" tab located on the top blue ribbon of the page. You can find information about committee meetings by date or by committee.

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THESE METHODS WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN TEXAS.

