



City of Dallas

87th Texas Legislature Special Sessions Update

**Legislative Ad Hoc Committee
October 12, 2021**

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Overview



- Texas Legislative Special Sessions Review
- Governor's Special Session Agendas
- Next Steps
- Questions



Texas Legislative Special Sessions Review



- Quorum break delays First session
- Second session quorum achieved
 - Governor's priorities passed
- Third session (currently in progress)
 - Redistricting, Redistricting, Redistricting



Governor's First Called Special Session Agenda



- Bail Reform
- Election Integrity
- Border Security
- Social Media Censorship
- Article X Funding
- Thirteenth Check
- Critical Race Theory
- Appropriations of Available Revenue
- Family Violence Prevention
- Youth Sports
- Abortion-inducing Drugs



Governor's Second Called Special Session Agenda



- Bail Reform
- Election Integrity
- Federal Relief Appropriations
- Education
- Border Security
- Social Media Censorship
- Article X Funding
- Family Violence Prevention
- Youth Sports
- Abortion-inducing Drugs
- Thirteenth Check
- Critical Race Theory
- Appropriations of Available Revenue
- Primary Elections
- Radioactive Waste
- Employment
- State Legislature Quorum Requirements
- Preemption of Vaccine Mandates



Governor's Third Called Special Session Agenda



- Redistricting
- Appropriation of ARPA Funds
- Youth Sports
- State or Local Government Vaccine Mandate
- Unlawful Restraint of a Dog
- Additional Property Tax Relief
- Penalty Increase for Illegal Voting
- Additional Bail Reform Measures



Next Steps



- City Attorney's Office will continue to work with city departments to implement state mandates via code amendments or policy changes
- Legislative Team interim initiatives
 - Monitor plans for current and additional special legislative sessions
 - Monitor state interim charges and agency actions
 - Continuously engage in outreach and communication with state delegates
 - Identify issues of interest for City legislative priorities for the 88th State Legislative Session



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