Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 132.001(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This section does not apply to a lien required to be filed with a county clerk, an instrument concerning real or personal property required to be filed with a county clerk, or an oath of office or an oath required to be taken before a specified official other than a notary public.

SECTION 2. Article 2.21(e), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(e) An eligible exhibit may be disposed of as provided by this article:

(1) on or after the first anniversary of the date on which a conviction becomes final in the case, if the case is a misdemeanor or a felony for which the sentence imposed by the court is five years or less; [se]

(2) on or after the second anniversary of the date on which a conviction becomes final in the case, if the case is a non-capital felony for which the sentence imposed by the court is greater than five years;

(3) on or after the first anniversary of the date of the acquittal of a defendant; or

(4) on or after the first anniversary of the date of the death of a defendant.

SECTION 3. Section 26.005, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(b) The [impress of the] seal shall be [impressed on [attached to]] all process other than subpoenas issued out of the court and shall be used to authenticate the official acts of the county clerk and county judge. The seal may be created using electronic means, including by using an optical disk or another electronic reproduction technique, if the means by which the seal is impressed on an original document created using the same type of electronic means does not allow for changes, additions, or deletions to be made to the document.

(c) The signature of the county clerk may be affixed on an original document using electronic means, provided those means meet the requirements described by Subsection (b).

(d) A seal impressed or a signature affixed by electronic means may be delivered or transmitted electronically.

SECTION 4. Section 191.001(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county clerk shall use the county court seal to authenticate all of the clerk's official acts as county recorder. The clerk may affix the seal on an original document by stamp, electronic means, facsimile, or other means that legibly reproduces all of the required elements of the seal for the purposes of reproduction.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 947

H.B. No. 1734

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the mayors of certain municipalities to call a special meeting.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 22.038(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(b) The mayor may call a special meeting on the mayor's own motion and shall call a special meeting on the application of three aldermen. Each member of the governing body, the secretary, and the municipal attorney must be notified of the special meeting. The notice may be given personally or left at the person's usual place of residence.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 948

H.B. No. 1751

AN ACT relating to the public school educator excellence innovation program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter O, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER O. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE
INNOVATION [AWARDS] PROGRAM

SECTION 2. Section 21.701, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.701. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "program" means the educator excellence innovation [awards] program.

SECTION 3. Subchapter O, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.7011 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.7011. PURPOSES. The purposes of the educator excellence innovation program are to:

(1) systemically transform:

(A) educator quality and effectiveness through improved and innovative school district-level recruitment, preparation, hiring, induction, evaluation, professional development, strategic compensation, career pathways, and retention; and

(B) district administrative practices to improve quality, effectiveness, and efficiency; and

(2) use the enhanced educator and administrative quality and effectiveness to improve student learning and student academic performance, especially the learning and academic performance of students enrolled in districts that:

(A) receive federal funding under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.); and

(B) have at a majority of district campuses a student enrollment of which at least 50 percent is educationally disadvantaged.

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 21.702, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.702. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE INNOVATION [AWARDS] PROGRAM.

SECTION 5. Sections 21.702(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows: