SECTION 4. Section 8364.103, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8364.103. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES; LIMITATIONS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) and (e), the authority has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) The authority may not provide [wastewater, drainage] solid waste disposal] or road facilities or services.

(c) The authority does not have any power that the member entities do not have.

SECTION 5. Section 8364.151(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For any authorized authority purpose, the authority may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from revenue of the authority’s water system, sanitary sewer system, or drainage system, including revenue from contracts with member entities or customers, or any combination of those sources of revenue.

SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 8364, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8364.153 to read as follows:

Sec. 8364.153. FUNDING BY MEMBERS. Under a contract with the authority, a member entity may make payments from any of the member entity’s sources of revenue, including ad valorem taxes, impact fees, grants, sales and use taxes, and any other source to provide money for the administrative and operating expenses of the authority.

SECTION 7. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 8. 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 11, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 10, 2013.

Effective May 10, 2013.

CHAPTER 13
H.B. No. 2035
AN ACT
relating to the shared work unemployment compensation program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 204.022, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

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Shared work benefits paid under Chapter 215 may not be charged to the account of an employer if the benefits are reimbursed by the federal government under the federal Layoff Prevention Act of 2012 (Pub. L. No. 112-96, Subtitle D, Title II).

SECTION 2. Section 215.001, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (9) to read as follows:

(2) "Fringe benefit" means health insurance, a retirement benefit received under a defined benefit plan, as defined by 26 U.S.C. Section 414(j), or under a defined contribution plan, as defined by 26 U.S.C. Section 414(i) [pension plan], a paid vacation day, a paid holiday, sick leave, or any other similar employee benefit provided by an employer.

(9) "Training" means commission-approved voluntary training sponsored by an employer or funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801 et seq.) that is designed to enhance a participant's job skills.

SECTION 3. Section 215.022, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 215.022. REQUIREMENTS OF SHARED WORK PLAN. (a) The commission may approve a shared work plan if:

(1) the plan:
   (A) applies to and identifies a specific affected unit;
   (B) identifies the employees in the affected unit by name and social security number and describes how the employees will be notified in advance of the plan, if feasible;
   (C) provides an estimate of the number of employees who would be laid off if the employer does not participate in the shared work plan;
   (D) reduces the normal weekly hours of work for an employee in the affected unit by at least 10 percent but not more than 40 percent;
   (E) applies to at least 10 percent of the employees in the affected unit; and
   (F) permits eligible employees to participate in training;

(2) the employer certifies that the implementation of a shared work plan and the resulting reduction in work hours is in lieu of [temporary] layoffs that would:
   (A) affect at least 10 percent of the employees in the affected unit; and
   (B) result in an equivalent reduction in work hours;

(3) the employer certifies that:
   (A) if the employer currently provides fringe benefits, the fringe benefits continue for employees in the affected unit unless those benefits are not continued for employees not participating in the shared work plan; and
   (B) participation in the shared work plan is consistent with the employer's obligations under state and federal law; and

(b) A shared work plan may not be implemented to subsidize a seasonal employer during the off-season [or to subsidize an employer who traditionally has used part-time employees].

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a shared work plan submitted by an employer to the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A shared work plan submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the plan was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.
CHAPTER 14

S.B. No. 139

AN ACT
relating to the designation of a segment of U.S. Highway 80 as the Sergeant Travis E. Watkins Memorial Highway.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.091 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.091. SERGEANT TRAVIS E. WATKINS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of U.S. Highway 80 from U.S. Highway 271 in Gregg County to the eastern municipal boundary of Big Sandy in Upshur County is designated as the Sergeant Travis E. Watkins Memorial Highway. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Sergeant Travis E. Watkins Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 10, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 15

S.B. No. 174

AN ACT
relating to the control of stray bison and other estrays.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.001, Agriculture Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (2) to read as follows:

(1) "Estray" means stray livestock, stray exotic livestock, stray bison, or stray exotic fowl.

(2) "Perilous condition" means a circumstance or condition in which capture and impoundment of an estray presents an immediate threat to law enforcement personnel or to the health of the estray.

SECTION 2. Section 142.003, Agriculture Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) After receiving a report under Subsection (a) [of this section] that an estray has been discovered on public property, the sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall notify the owner, if known, that the estray's location has been reported, except that if the sheriff or the sheriff's [his] designee determines that the estray is dangerous to the public, the sheriff or the sheriff's designee [he] may immediately impound the estray without notifying the owner[.]—If the