CHAPTER 232

H.B. No. 248

AN ACT
relating to the regulation of automotive wrecking and salvage yards in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 397.011, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 397.011. LOCATION OF YARD. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection and Subsection (b), an automotive wrecking and salvage yard may not be established within 600 feet of an existing church, school, or residence. A yard may be established within 600 feet of a residence if the same person owns the residence and the yard.

(b) An automotive wrecking and salvage yard that is established on or after September 1, 1983, and before September 1, 2013, may not be established within 300 feet of an existing church, school, or residence except that a yard may be established within 300 feet of a residence if the same person owns the residence and the yard.

(c) Distance is measured under this section beginning at the wall of the church, school, or residence that is closest to the yard and ending at the fence required by this chapter.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 138, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 248 on May 16, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 5, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 233

H.B. No. 250

AN ACT
relating to the designation of a segment of Interstate Highway 35 as the Trooper Randy Vetter 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. TROOPER RANDY VETTER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of Interstate Highway 35 between River Ridge Parkway and Farm-to-Market Road 150 in Hays County is designated as the Trooper Randy Vetter 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 Trooper Randy Vetter 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 by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 16, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 234

H.B. No. 252

AN ACT relating to water shortage reporting by water utilities and providers of wholesale water service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.148 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.148. WATER SHORTAGE REPORT. (a) A retail public utility and each entity from which the utility is obtaining wholesale water service for the utility's retail system shall notify the commission when the utility or entity is reasonably certain that the water supply will be available for less than 180 days.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section and prescribe the form and content of notice required under this section.

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

Passed by the House on April 19, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 252 on May 17, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 235

H.B. No. 259

AN ACT relating to electioneering conducted near a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 61.003, Election Code, is amended to read as follows: