Sec. 61.003. ELECTIONEERING AND LOITERING NEAR POLLING PLACE [PROHIBITED].

SECTION 2. Section 61.003, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-1) The entity that owns or controls a public building being used as a polling place may not, at any time during the voting period, prohibit electioneering on the building's premises outside of the area described in Subsection (a), but may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering.

(b) In this section:

(1) "Electioneering" includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature.

(2) "Voting period" means the period beginning when the polls open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later.

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 85.036, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 85.036. ELECTIONEERING [PROHIBITED].

SECTION 4. Section 85.036, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b) and (f) to read as follows:

(b) The entity that owns or controls a public building being used as an early voting polling place may not, at any time during the early voting period, prohibit electioneering on the building's premises outside of the area described in Subsection (a), but may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering.

(f) In this section:

(1) "Early voting period" means the period prescribed by Section 85.001.

(2) "Electioneering" includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature.

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 May 1, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 236

H.B. No. 308

AN ACT
relating to a school district's recognition of and education regarding traditional winter celebrations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.920 to read as follows:

Sec.29.920. WINTER CELEBRATIONS. (a) A school district may educate students about the history of traditional winter celebrations, and allow students and district staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, including:

(1) "Merry Christmas";
(2) "Happy Hanukkah"; and
(3) "happy holidays."
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(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a school district may display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations, including a menorah or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a scene or symbol of:

(1) more than one religion; or
(2) one religion and at least one secular scene or symbol.

(c) A display relating to a traditional winter celebration may not include a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

SECTION 3. 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 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 237
H.B. No. 333
AN ACT
relating to requiring notice of a hotel's firearms policy and other guest policies; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. FIREARMS POLICY NOTICE

Sec. 2155.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "hotel" has the meaning assigned by Section 156.001, Tax Code.

Sec. 2155.102. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a hotel that has a policy prohibiting or restricting the possession, storage, or transportation of firearms by hotel guests.

Sec. 2155.103. NOTICE REGARDING FIREARMS POLICY. (a) A hotel shall include on the hotel's Internet reservation website the hotel's policy regarding the possession, storage, and transportation of firearms.

(b) If a hotel provides a written confirmation or a written statement of terms and conditions to a consumer after accepting the consumer's hotel reservation by telephone, the hotel shall include information specifying how the consumer may review applicable guest policies. The guest policies must indicate the hotel's policy regarding the possession, storage, and transportation of firearms by guests.

(c) A hotel owner or keeper commits an offense if the person does not comply with this section. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $100.

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

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.