SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Senator Mario Gallegos Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 150, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. EMPLOYEES AS CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Sec. 150.041. PROHIBITED MUNICIPAL ACTIONS. (a) In this section, "candidate" has the meaning assigned by Section 251.001(1), Election Code.

(b) A municipality may not prohibit a municipal employee from becoming a candidate for public office.

(c) A municipality may not take disciplinary action against a municipal employee, including terminating the employment of the employee, solely because the employee becomes a candidate for public office. However, the employee is still expected to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities associated with their municipal employment.

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 2, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3739 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1105

H.B. No. 3787

AN ACT
relating to the determination of an applicant's eligibility for any program administered by the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 521.044(a) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Information provided on a driver's license application that relates to the applicant's social security number may be used only by the department or disclosed only to:

(1) the child support enforcement division of the attorney general's office;

(2) another state entity responsible for enforcing the payment of child support;

(3) the United States Selective Service System as provided by Section 521.147; [or]

(4) the unclaimed property division of the comptroller's office; or

(5) the Health and Human Services Commission.

(c)(1) On the request of a state entity responsible for investigating or enforcing the payment of child support, the department shall disclose information regarding an applicant's social security number.

(2) On the request of the Health and Human Services Commission and for the purpose of assisting the commission in determining an applicant's eligibility for any program administered by the commission, the department shall disclose information regarding an applicant's social security number.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that
provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

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

Approved June 14, 2013.

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CHAPTER 1106

H.B. No. 3795

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a county assistance district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 387.003(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners court of the county may call an election on the question of creating a county assistance district under this chapter. More than one county assistance district may be created in a county, but not more than one district may be created in a commissioners precinct.

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 2, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

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CHAPTER 1107

H.B. No. 3798

AN ACT

relating to expenditures made by emergency services districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 775.073, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 775.073. EXPENDITURES [METHOD OF PAYMENT]. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, district [District] funds may be disbursed only by check, draft, order, or other instrument that:

(1) is signed by at least a majority of the board's commissioners; or

(2) is signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president. [If the treasurer is absent or unavailable, the assistant treasurer may sign for the treasurer. [If the president is absent or unavailable, the vice president may sign for the president.]

(b) The board by resolution may allow a district employee who has executed a bond in an amount equal to the amount required for the district treasurer to sign an instrument to