CHAPTER 876
H.B. No. 714
AN ACT
relating to an agreement between a county and the Department of Public Safety for the joint operation of certain fixed-site facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 621, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 621.411 to read as follows:

Sec. 621.411. JOINT OPERATION OF CERTAIN FIXED-SITE FACILITIES. A county and the Department of Public Safety may enter into an agreement for the joint operation of a fixed-site facility located within the boundaries of the county.

SECTION 2. 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.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 877
H.B. No. 719
AN ACT
relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.402, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.402. REGISTRATION NOT AUTHORIZED. (a) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles [Transportation] may not register a golf cart for operation on a public highway regardless of whether any alteration has been made to the golf cart.

(b) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles [department] may issue license plates for a golf cart [only] as authorized by Subsection (c) [Section 504.510].

(c) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall by rule establish a procedure to issue the license plates to be used for operation in accordance with Sections 551.403 and 551.404.

(d) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee not to exceed $10 for the cost of the license plate.

SECTION 2. Section 551.404, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to the operation authorized by Section 551.403, the commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (a-2) [that borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico] may allow an operator to operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that:

(1) is located in the unincorporated area of the county; and

(2) has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) applies only to a county that:

(1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;

(2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico; or

(3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and:
(A) has a population of less than 30,000; and
(B) contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 3. Section 504.510, Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. Not later than December 31, 2013, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a procedure for the issuance of license plates for golf carts to be used for operation on a public highway, as required by Section 551.402(c), Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

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 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 719 on May 21, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 878
H.B. No. 724
AN ACT
relating to the creation of a commission to study unclaimed land grant mineral proceeds.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "original land grant" means the initial conveyance of real property in this state, as evidenced by a certificate, title, or patent, from:

(1) the Crown of Spain;
(2) Mexico;
(3) the Republic of Texas; or
(4) this state.

SECTION 2. UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS COMMISSION. (a) The Unclaimed Mineral Proceeds Commission is created to study and provide recommendations to the legislature regarding the distribution of mineral proceeds that are:

(1) derived from an original land grant;
(2) owned by a descendant of an original grantee;
(3) unclaimed and presumed abandoned under Chapter 72, 73, 74, or 75, Property Code; and
(4) delivered to the comptroller under Chapter 74, Property Code.

(b) The commission shall determine:

(1) the amount of unclaimed original land grant mineral proceeds delivered to the comptroller that remain unclaimed on December 1, 2014; and
(2) efficient and effective procedures under which the state may be required to:

(A) determine the owners of the proceeds;
(B) notify the owners of the proceeds; and
(C) distribute the proceeds to the owners.

(c) The commission consists of the following members:

(1) three members who represent the interests of land grant heirs, appointed by the governor;