CHAPTER 188

S.B. No. 160

AN ACT
relating to the identification of a person as an election poll watcher.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.051, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) On accepting a watcher for service, the election officer shall provide the watcher with a form of identification, prescribed by the secretary of state, to be displayed by the watcher during the watcher's hours of service at the polling place.

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

Passed the Senate on March 19, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 3, two present not voting.

Approved May 25, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 189

S.B. No. 169

AN ACT
relating to ballot language for an election to approve and finance a municipal or county venue project.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 334.024, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The ballot at the election held under this section must be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "Authorizing ______ (insert name of municipality or county) to ______ (insert description of venue project) and to ______ (insert "impose a new" or "authorize the use of the existing") ______ (tax or type of tax) at the rate of ______ (the type of tax and the maximum rate of the tax) for the purpose of financing the venue project."

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a ballot for an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. The ballot for an election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 25, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 190

S.B. No. 229

AN ACT
relating to an exception to the domicile requirement for issuance of a commercial driver's license for certain military personnel.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 522.022, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 522.022. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. The department may not issue a commercial driver's license other than a nonresident license to a person unless the person:
(1) has a domicile:
   (A) in this state; or
   (B) in another state and is a member of the United States armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or a reserve or auxiliary unit of any branch of the armed forces, whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in this state;
(2) has passed knowledge and skills tests for driving a commercial motor vehicle that comply with minimal federal standards established by 49 C.F.R. Part 383, Subparts G and H; and
(3) has satisfied the requirements imposed by the federal act, federal regulation, or state law.

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

Passed the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 25, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 191

S.B. No. 352

AN ACT
relating to visitation for certain children in the temporary managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.115 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.115. VISITATION WITH CERTAIN CHILDREN; TEMPORARY VISITATION SCHEDULE. (a) In this section, “department” means the Department of Family and Protective Services.
(b) This section applies only to a child:
   (1) who is in the temporary managing conservatorship of the department; and
   (2) for whom the department’s goal is reunification of the child with the child’s parent.
(c) The department shall ensure that a parent who is otherwise entitled to possession of the child has an opportunity to visit the child not later than the third day after the date the department is named temporary managing conservator of the child unless:
   (1) the department determines that visitation is not in the child’s best interest; or
   (2) visitation with the parent would conflict with a court order relating to possession of or access to the child.
(d) Before a hearing conducted under Subchapter C, the department in collaboration with each parent of the child must develop a temporary visitation schedule for the child’s visits with each parent. The visitation schedule may conform to the department’s minimum visitation policies. The department shall consider the factors listed in Section 263.107(c) in developing the temporary visitation schedule. Unless modified by court order, the schedule remains in effect until a visitation plan is developed under Section 263.107.