SECTION 2. Section 44.002, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), a criminal district attorney must meet the qualifications and give the bond required of a district attorney by the constitution and general law.

(c) A criminal district attorney is not required to execute the bond required under Subsection (a) and may perform the duties of office if the commissioners court of the county the attorney serves by order authorizes the county to self-insure against losses that would have been covered by the bond. An order adopted by a commissioners court under this subsection shall be kept and recorded by the county clerk.

SECTION 3. Chapter 88, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 88.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.008. SELF-INSURANCE INSTEAD OF BOND. (a) Notwithstanding any other law requiring a county officer or employee to execute a bond as a condition of office or employment, a county officer or employee is not required to execute the bond and may perform the duties of office or employment if:

(1) the commissioners court by order authorizes the county to self-insure against losses that would have been covered by the bond; and

(2) the county judge approves the order adopted under Subdivision (1), if the county judge was required to approve the bond under the other law.

(b) An order adopted by the commissioners court under Subsection (a) shall be kept and recorded by the county clerk.

SECTION 4. The heading to Chapter 88, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 88. OFFICIAL BONDS OF [CERTAIN] COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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 the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 8, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 2, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Approved May 18, 2013.
Effective May 18, 2013.

CHAPTER 70

S.B. No. 275

AN ACT
relating to the penalty for the offense of leaving the scene of an accident that involves personal injury or death.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 550.021, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop or does not comply with the requirements of this section. An offense under this section:

(1) involving an accident resulting in:

(A) death of a person is a felony of the second degree; or

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(B) serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a person is a felony of the third degree; and
(2) involving an accident resulting in injury to which Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:
   (A) imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not more than five years or confinement in the county jail for not more than one year;
   (B) a fine not to exceed $5,000; or
   (C) both the fine and the imprisonment or confinement.

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 on the date 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 occurred before that date.

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

Passed the Senate on April 2, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 4, 2013: Yeas 130, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 18, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 71
S.B. No. 276
AN ACT
relating to the authority of certain transportation authorities to create a local government corporation.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (3), Section 431.003, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) “Local government” means:
   (A) a municipality;
   (B) a county; or
   (C) for purposes of Subchapter D:
      (i) a navigation district, hospital district, or hospital authority;
      (ii) a regional transportation authority governed by Chapter 452;
      (iii) a rapid transit authority governed by Chapter 451; or
      (iv) a coordinated county transportation authority governed by Chapter 460 [as described by Section 452.001].

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 the Senate on March 18, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 3, two present not voting.

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Effective May 18, 2013.