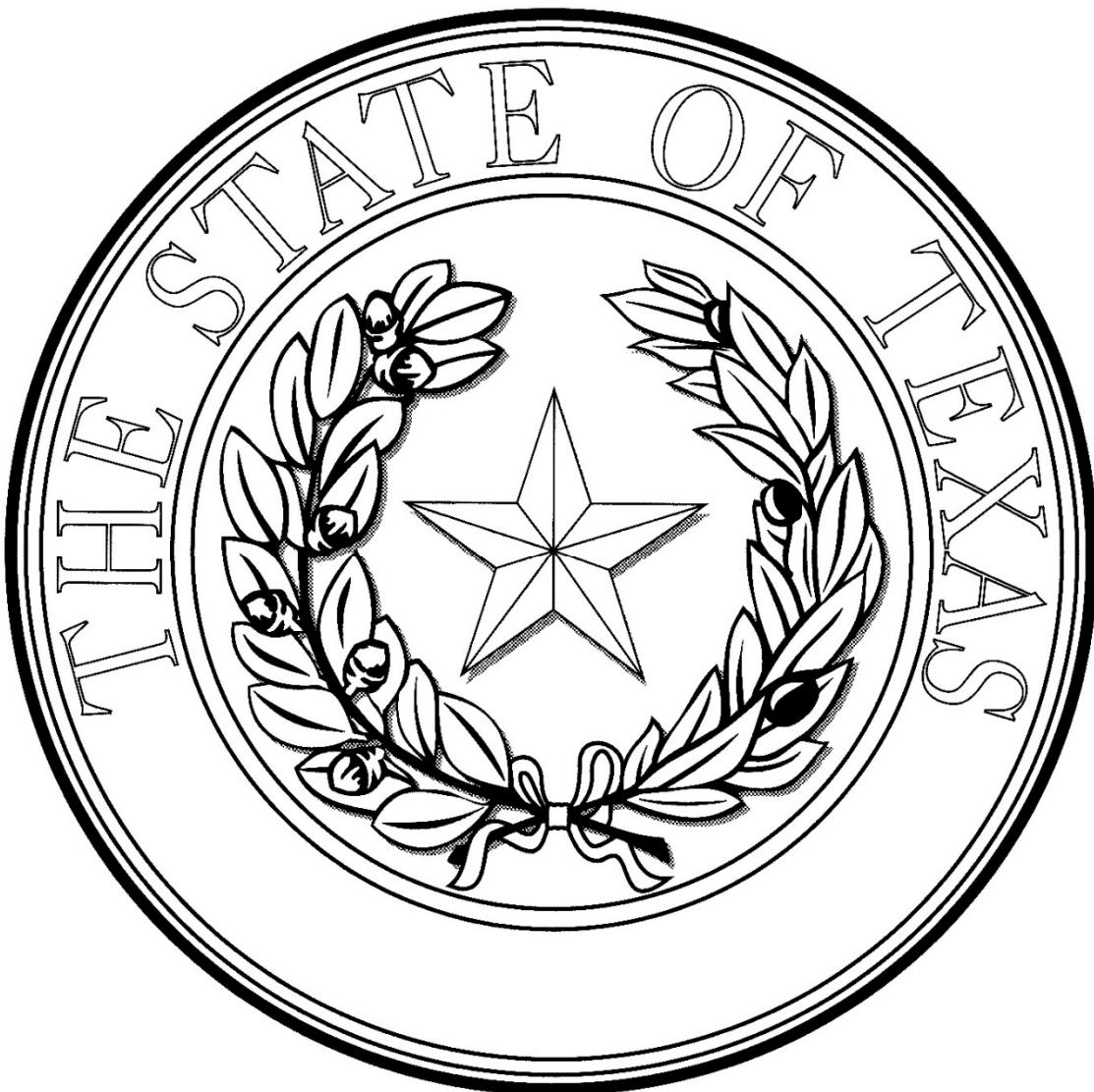

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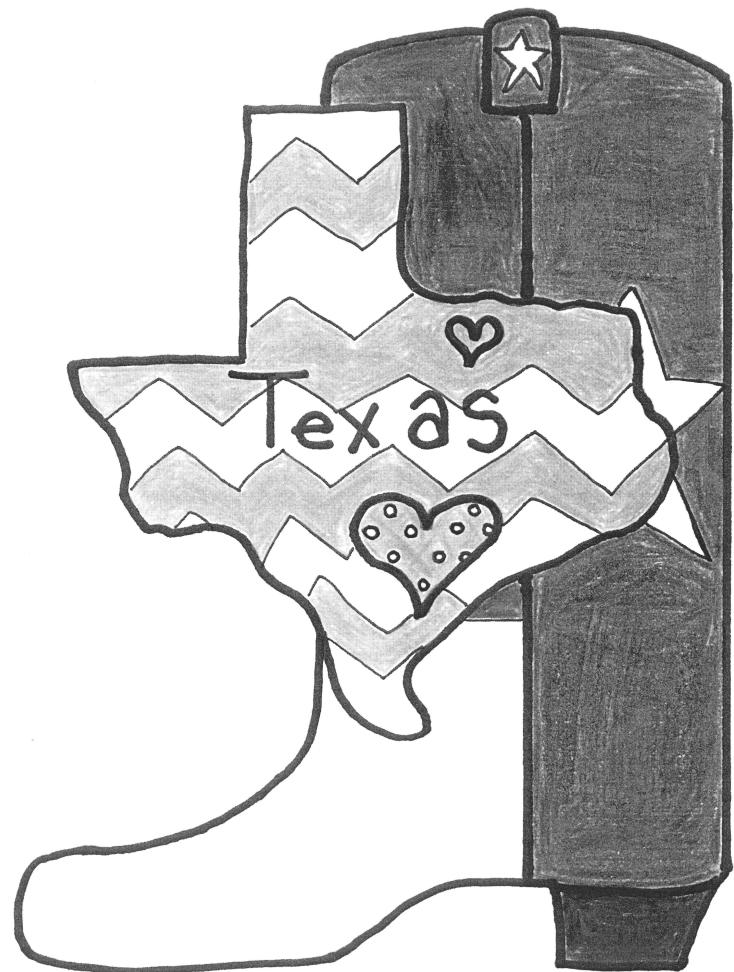
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THE GOVERNOR

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information on documents submitted for publication by the Governor's Office can be obtained by calling (512) 463-1828.

Appointments

Appointments for December 18, 2025

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Natalie Bachynsky, Ph.D. of Lovelady, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Sidney C. "Sid" Miller of Stephenville, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Ann M. Shippy, M.D. of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2029, Jaclyn Lewis Albin, M.D. of Bedford, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2029, Kathleen E. Davis, Ph.D. of Denton, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2029, Padmaja M. Patel, M.D. of Midland, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 1, 2029, Cheryl Sew Hoy of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire January 1, 2026, Zachary A. "Zach" Davis of Decatur, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire January 1, 2027, Nelda L. Barrera of McAllen, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire January 1, 2027, Russell S. "Scott" Frazier of Chapman Ranch, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire January 1, 2027, Colby T. McClendon of Lavon, Texas.

Appointments for December 19, 2025

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Heather A. Bellino of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Jia M. Benno of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Megan M. Bermea of Cedar Park, Texas.

Appointed as the Presiding Officer to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Hillary A. England of Pflugerville, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Allison C. Garcia of Round Rock, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Mariah L. Gardner of Converse, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, John S. "Staley" Heatly of Vernon, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Kathryn R. Jacob of Waxahachie, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Julie G. Kinser of Amarillo, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Kevin F. Lawrence of Pflugerville, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Daisy L. Lopez of Brownsville, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Heather G. Mahaffey of Denison, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Michael W. "Mike" McNutt, Jr. of Round Rock, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Jarvis J. Parsons of Bryan, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, April R. Propst of Abilene, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Oluwaseun H. "Hannah" Rahaman of Katy, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Michelle K. Shields of Amarillo, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Raymond C. "Chris" Smyth of Round Rock, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Gloria Aguilera Terry of Buda, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Leila G.A. Wood, Ph.D. of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Jamie R. Wright of Houston, Texas.

Appointed as the Student Regent for Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2026, David Jennings of Sanger, Texas. (replacing Alyssa R. Flores of Fort Worth who no longer qualifies).

Appointed to the Sabine River Authority of Texas Board of Directors for a term to expire July 6, 2027, Kevin M. Williams of Orange, Texas.

Appointed to the Sabine River Authority of Texas Board of Directors for a term to expire July 6, 2029, Richard B. "Blair" Abney of Marshall, Texas.

Appointed to the Sabine River Authority of Texas Board of Directors for a term to expire July 6, 2029, Joshua A. "Josh" McAdams of Center, Texas.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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Proclamation 41-4250

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Maria Del Refugio Argote, D.O.B. July 04, 1985, was sentenced in the County Court in Wharton County on April 09, 2003, to probation, a \$200.00 fine, and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, Cause No. 48131; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

MARIA DEL REFUGIO ARGOTE

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HER CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE ABOVE SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 48131, IN WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202504783



Proclamation 41-4251

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Tasha LaShay Castaneda, D.O.B. May 27, 1983, was sentenced in the County Court in Hockley County on September 15, 2004, to probation, a \$100 fine, and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of Theft By Check, Cause No. 36019; and was sentenced in the County Court in Hockley County on February 04, 2010, to a \$100 fine and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of The Lesser But Included Charge of Class C Theft By Check, Cause No. 37197; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

TASHA LASHAY CASTANEDA

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HER CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSES ABOVE SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 36019, IN HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS AND CAUSE NO. 37197, IN HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202504784



Proclamation 41-4252

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Joshua Ryan Cochran, D.O.B. August 12, 1989, was sentenced in the County Court at Law No. 11 in Bexar County on March 19, 2008, to deferred adjudication probation and a \$250 fine for the offense of Poss Marihuana 0-2 oz, Cause No. 236238; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

JOSHUA RYAN COCHRAN

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE ABOVE SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 236238, IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202504785



Proclamation 41-4253

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Drane, D.O.B. November 30, 1971, was sentenced in the County Court in Lee County on May 17, 1994, to a

\$25.00 fine and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of Theft By Check, Cause No. 12643; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

JENNIFER ANN DRANE

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HER CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE ABOVE SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 12643, IN LEE COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202504786



Proclamation 41-4254

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Lucas John Flores, D.O.B. April 22, 1975, was sentenced in the County Court in Hardeman County on May 03, 2001, to deferred adjudication probation, a \$750.00 fine, and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of Deadly Conduct, Cause No. 012253; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

LUCAS JOHN FLORES

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE ABOVE

SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 012253, IN HARDEMAN COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202504787



Proclamation 41-4255

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Mark Anthony Morales, D.O.B. August 09, 1989, was sentenced in the County Court at Law in Washington County on March 19, 2008, to deferred adjudication probation, a \$500.00 fine, and ordered to pay restitution for the offense of Criminal Mischief, Cause No. 08-247; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, do hereby grant unto the said:

MARK ANTHONY MORALES

A FULL PARDON AND RESTORATION OF FULL CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP THAT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE ABOVE SET OUT IN A COURT IN CAUSE NO. 08-247, IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

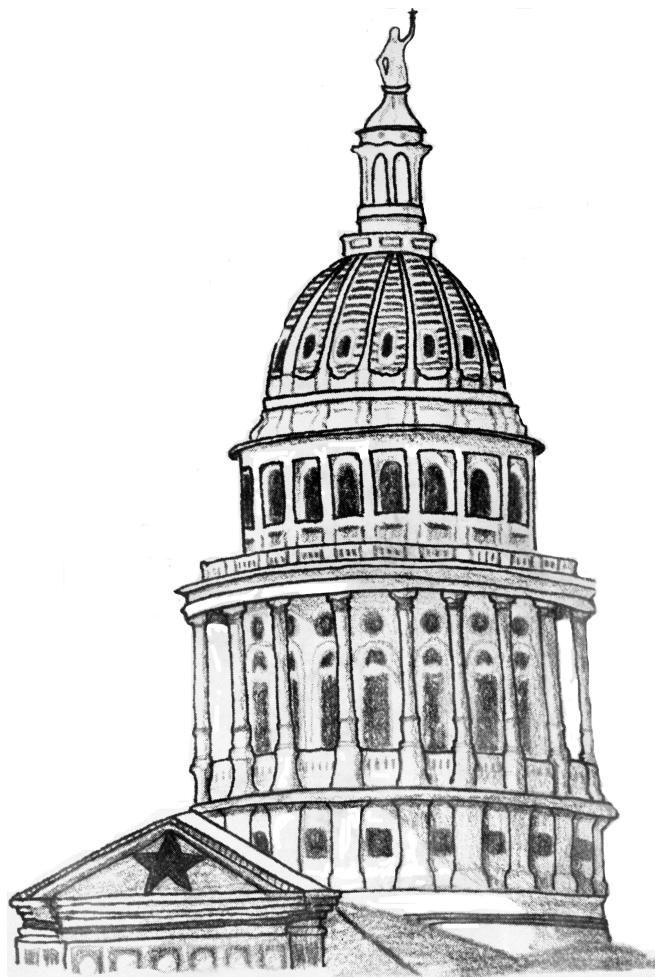
I HEREBY DIRECT that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon, this the 19th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Requests for Opinions

RQ-0625-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Kelly Hancock

Acting Comptroller of Public Accounts

Post Office Box 13528

Austin, Texas 78711-3528

Re: Eligibility of certain private schools to participate in the Texas Education Freedom Accounts program (RQ-0625-KP)

For further information, please access the website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or call the Opinion Committee at (512) 463-2110.

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Justin Gordon

General Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

Filed: December 29, 2025





PROPOSED RULES

Proposed rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A state agency shall give at least 30 days' notice of its intention to adopt a rule before it adopts the rule. A state agency shall give all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing (Government Code, Chapter 2001).

Symbols in proposed rule text. Proposed new language is indicated by underlined text. [Square brackets and strikethrough] indicate existing rule text that is proposed for deletion. "(No change)" indicates that existing rule text at this level will not be amended.

TITLE 34. PUBLIC FINANCE

PART 1. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

CHAPTER 20. STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBCHAPTER E. SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF CONTRACTING

DIVISION 1. STATE SUPPORT SERVICES - MAIL AND PRINTING

34 TAC §20.382

The Comptroller of Public Accounts proposes amendments to §20.382, concerning printing.

No legislation was enacted within the last four years that provides the statutory authority for the amendments.

The comptroller amends subsection (a) to remove unnecessary language that merely recites the statute. The revised language provides that §20.382 does not apply to institutions of higher education. The revised language aligns this section with Government Code, §2172.003(d).

The comptroller amends subsection (b) to streamline language. The revised language provides that the comptroller may assess and evaluate printing operations of state agencies and make recommendations to increase productivity and cost-effectiveness.

The comptroller amends subsection (c) to remove the outdated Council on Competitive Government's (CCG) Cost Methodology as a baseline for evaluating and comparing cost of state agency printing operations. CCG has been abolished. The new language provides all state agency print shops in Travis County shall operate under an interagency contract, and an interagency contract is the sole method through which the comptroller will authorize a state agency in Travis County to operate a print shop.

The comptroller amends subsection (d) to provide that the comptroller's review of print shop equipment purchases under §20.382 is optional. Subsection (d) now states that the comptroller may review state agency requisitions for new print shop equipment, including copiers and other printing devices. The new language also provides instruction on how to initiate the review, and lists written documentation the state agency may provide the comptroller for review. It eliminates items the comptroller will no longer review, because it is duplicative or irrelevant to the comptroller's review. The amendment renames the paragraphs in subsection (d) to adjust for the deleted language.

The comptroller amends subsection (f) to describe the comptroller's internet portal for obtaining quotes from print shops. Because the print shop portal has replaced the print shop roster formerly maintained by the comptroller, the amended subsection (f) no longer mentions the roster. The amended subsection (f) also provides that institutions of higher education and agencies with print shops outside Travis County may participate in the portal by entering an interagency agreement with the comptroller.

The comptroller deletes subsection (g). The comptroller maintains the online Centralized Master Bidders List as described in §20.107 of this title. Maintaining a printed listing as described in the former subsection (g) would merely duplicate the same information in a less useful format.

The amendment renames former subsection (h), to subsection (g).

Brad Reynolds, Chief Revenue Estimator, has determined that during the first five years that the proposed amendments are in effect, the amended rule: will not create or eliminate a government program; will not require the creation or elimination of employee positions; will not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency; will not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability; and will not positively or adversely affect this state's economy. This proposal amends an existing rule.

Mr. Reynolds also has determined that the proposed rule amendments would have no fiscal impact on the state government, units of local government, or individuals. The proposed amendments would benefit the public by improving the clarity and implementation of the section. There would be no anticipated economic cost to the public. The proposed amendments would have no fiscal impact on small businesses or rural communities.

You may submit comments on the proposal or information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposal, including any applicable data, research or analysis, to Gerard MacCrossan, P.O. Box 13528 Austin, Texas 78711 or to the email address: Gerard.MacCrossan@cpa.texas.gov The comptroller must receive your comments or other information no later than 30 days from the date of publication of the proposal in the *Texas Register*.

A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the proposed amendments. There is no physical location for this meeting. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Central Time, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. To access the online public meeting by web browser, please enter the following URL into your browser: <https://txcpa.webex.com/txcpa/j.php?MTID=mc5da036d94cb39fac7c45cfeacf72d09>.

To join the meeting by computer or cell phone using the Webex app, use the access code 24868453987 and password SP-DRULES. Persons interested in providing comments at the public hearing may contact Mr. Gerard MacCrossan, Comptroller of Public Accounts, at Gerard.MacCrossan@cpa.texas.gov or by calling (512) 463-4468 by February 9, 2026.

These amendments are proposed under Government Code, §2172.003 which provides that the comptroller shall adopt rules for state agencies to implement Chapter 2172 regarding printing activities; and assess and evaluate those activities.

These amendments implement Government Code Chapter 2172.

§20.382. Printing.

(a) This section does not apply to institutions of higher education. [Pursuant to Government Code, §2172.003, the comptroller may provide assistance to any state agency regarding their printing activities. Assistance can be provided by telephone, fax, letter, e-mail or in person.]

(b) The comptroller may assess [assesses] and evaluate [evaluates] printing operations of state agencies and [activities to ensure the best interests of the State of Texas are met. The comptroller may] make recommendations to [state agencies that will] increase [the] productivity and cost-effectiveness [of their printing operations. The assessment may include but is not limited to an appraisal of equipment, customer base, sales, printing volume, costs, and personnel].

(c) [The comptroller adopted the Council on Competitive Government's (CCG) Cost Methodology as a baseline for evaluating and comparing cost of state agency printing operations.] All state agency print shops in Travis County shall [except higher education] operate under an interagency contract [a Franchise Agreement ("Agreement")] with the comptroller. An interagency contract is the sole method through which the comptroller will authorize [which allows state agencies currently operating a print shop to maintain direct control with general oversight provided by the comptroller through Franchise Agreements. Failure to sign the Agreement will eliminate the authority for] a state agency in Travis County to operate a print shop. [The Agreement requires each print shop to utilize the CCG Cost Methodology in determining the cost of printing. Each print shop shall provide quarterly data to the comptroller, which will summarize this information in quarterly and annual reports.]

(d) The comptroller may review [reviews] state agency requisitions for new print shop equipment, including copiers [copiers/duplicators] and other printing devices [used in quick copy operations]. To initiate [complete] the review, the state agency must provide written documentation to the comptroller. This documentation may include [but is not limited to]:

(1) a justification for [summary narrative justifying] the proposed purchase, rent, or lease of equipment;

[2) a description of the method of finance;]

(2) [(3)] a list [detailing] of any [the model(s) of] printing equipment the agency [currently has that it] plans to replace [(if applicable)];

(3) [(4)] a list [detailing] of [the model(s) of] printing equipment the agency plans to acquire;

(4) [(5)] a detailing of current annual costs for any equipment to be replaced [(if applicable)];

(5) [(6)] a detailing of the estimated annual cost for the proposed equipment;

(6) [(7)] the cost benefit of proposed equipment;

(7) [(8)] the estimated volume of work which may be processed through the proposed equipment; and

[9) a summary of the equipment(s) enhanced features;]

(8) [(10)] the number of hours per day the proposed equipment will run.];

[(11) the number of shifts the proposed equipment will be operated on a daily basis; and]

[(12) miscellaneous information that may be pertinent as a consequence of other information supplied by the agency.]

(e) The comptroller shall assist state agencies with expediting the production of printing and graphic arts by serving as a source of information, facilitating disputes, hosting meetings, or performing other services.

(f) The comptroller shall operate an internet portal that allows state agencies to request print shop services and receive cost quotes from authorized state agency print shops. Institutions of higher education and agencies with print shops outside Travis County may participate by entering an interagency agreement with the comptroller. [A roster of franchised print shops is maintained by the comptroller. This roster includes print shop equipment, facilities, special capabilities, and staffing. The roster will be provided to requesting entities.]

[(g) The comptroller will work with state agencies to ensure that printing services and supplies are purchased in the most economical manner possible. A vendor listing by commodity and services is maintained to maximize information regarding private sector suppliers. A summary vendor listing will be provided to requesting entities.]

(g) [(h)] The comptroller will work with state agencies to coordinate the consolidation of print shops when the agencies involved determine a consolidation is appropriate.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on December 29, 2025.

TRD-202504793

Don Neal

General Counsel, Operations and Support Legal Services
Comptroller of Public Accounts

Earliest possible date of adoption: February 8, 2026

For further information, please call: (512) 475-2220



TITLE 37. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

PART 6. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CHAPTER 151. GENERAL PROVISIONS 37 TAC §151.52

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (board) proposes amendments to §151.52, concerning Sick Leave Pool. The proposed amendments make minor grammatical updates.

Ron Steffa, Chief Financial Officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed amendments will be in effect, enforcing or administering the proposed amendments will not have foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues for state or local government because the proposed amendments merely make minor grammatical updates.

Mr. Steffa has also determined that for each year of the first five-year period, there will not be an economic impact on persons required to comply with the rules because the proposed amendments merely make minor grammatical updates. There will not be an adverse economic impact on small or micro businesses or on rural communities. Therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

The anticipated public benefit, as a result of enforcing the proposed amendments, will be to enhance clarity and public understanding. No cost will be imposed on regulated persons.

The proposed amendments will have no impact on government growth; no impact on local employment; no creation or elimination of a government program; no creation or elimination of employee positions; no increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the TDCJ; no increase or decrease in fees paid to the TDCJ; no new regulation and no effect on an existing regulation; no increase or decrease in the number of individuals subject to the rule; and no effect upon the economy. The proposed amendments will not constitute a taking.

Comments and information such as applicable data, research, or analysis related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed amendments should be directed to the Office of the General Counsel, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 4004, Huntsville, Texas 77342, ogccomments@tdcj.texas.gov. Written comments and informational submissions from the general public must be received within 30 days of the publication of this rule in the *Texas Register*.

The amendments are proposed under Texas Government Code §492.013, which authorizes the board to adopt rules; and §§661.001-008, which establish a sick leave pool for state employees.

Cross Reference to Statutes: None.

§151.52. Sick Leave Pool.

(a) Definitions. "Sick Leave Pool Administrator" is the Human Resources Division director or designee.

(b) Procedures.

(1) All contributions to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) sick leave pool are voluntary. Employees who contribute accrued sick leave hours to the TDCJ sick leave pool may not designate the contributed hours for use by a specific employee. An employee who contributes accrued sick leave hours to the sick leave pool may not withdraw the contributed hours of sick leave. There is no limitation for frequency of donations.

(2) An employee may only withdraw time from the sick leave pool in the case of catastrophic injury or illness of the employee or a member of the employee's immediate family. The sick leave pool administrator shall determine the amount of time that an employee may withdraw from the sick leave pool. Any sick leave pool time granted qualifies as medical or parental leave.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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37 TAC §151.53

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (board) proposes amendments to §151.53, concerning Family Leave Pool. The proposed amendments make minor grammatical updates.

Ron Steffa, Chief Financial Officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed amendments will be in effect, enforcing or administering the proposed amendments will not have foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues for state or local government because the proposed amendments merely make minor grammatical updates.

Mr. Steffa has also determined that for each year of the first five-year period, there will not be an economic impact on persons required to comply with the rules because the proposed amendments merely make minor grammatical updates. There will not be an adverse economic impact on small or micro businesses or on rural communities. Therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

The anticipated public benefit, as a result of enforcing the proposed amendments, will be to enhance clarity and public understanding. No cost will be imposed on regulated persons.

The proposed amendments will have no impact on government growth; no impact on local employment; no creation or elimination of a government program; no creation or elimination of employee positions; no increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the TDCJ; no increase or decrease in fees paid to the TDCJ; no new regulation and no effect on an existing regulation; no increase or decrease in the number of individuals subject to the rule; and no effect upon the economy. The proposed amendments will not constitute a taking.

Comments and information such as applicable data, research, or analysis related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed amendments should be directed to the Office of the General Counsel, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 4004, Huntsville, Texas 77342, ogccomments@tdcj.texas.gov. Written comments and informational submissions from the general public must be received within 30 days of the publication of this rule in the *Texas Register*.

The amendments are proposed under Texas Government Code §492.013, which authorizes the board to adopt rules; and §661.022, which establishes guidelines for a family leave pool.

Cross Reference to Statutes: None.

§151.53. Family Leave Pool.

(a) Definitions. "Family Leave Pool Administrator" is the Human Resources Division director or designee.

(b) Procedures.

(1) All contributions to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) family leave pool are voluntary. Employees who contribute accrued sick or vacation leave hours to the TDCJ family leave pool may not designate the contributed hours for use by a specific employee. An employee who contributes accrued sick or vacation leave hours to the family leave pool may not withdraw the contributed hours of sick or vacation leave. There is no limitation for frequency of donations.

(2) An employee may only withdraw time from the family leave pool in case of:

(A) the birth of a child;

(B) the placement of a foster child or adoption of a child under 18 years of age;

(C) the placement of any person 18 years of age or older requiring guardianship;

(D) a serious illness to an immediate family member or the employee, including a pandemic-related illness; or

(E) an extenuating circumstance created by an ongoing pandemic, including providing essential care to a family member.

(3) The family leave pool administrator shall determine the amount of time that an employee may withdraw from the family leave pool. Any family leave pool time granted qualifies as sick leave.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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PART 7. TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

CHAPTER 211. ADMINISTRATION

37 TAC §211.29

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (Commission) proposes amended 37 Texas Administrative Code §211.29, Responsibilities of Agency Chief Administrators. The proposed amended rule would require chief administrators to report the successful completion of field training and Personnel Orientation (#1999) by a licensee to the Commission. This will reduce delays for licensees in achieving basic proficiency certificates and will reduce administrative burdens for the Commission in issuing basic proficiency certificates. This will also allow the Commission to better track which law enforcement agencies are providing the required training to licensees.

Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no foreseeable fiscal implications

to state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be a positive benefit to the public by ensuring that required training is completed and reported. There will be no anticipated economic costs to persons required to comply with the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no adverse economic effects to small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no effects to a local economy as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined the following:

(1) the proposed rule does not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) implementation of the proposed rule does not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) implementation of the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

(4) the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;

(5) the proposed rule does not create a new regulation;

(6) the proposed rule expands an existing regulation by requiring reporting of completed required training, but does not limit or repeal an existing regulation;

(7) the proposed rule does not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability; and

(8) the proposed rule does not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

The Commission is requesting comments regarding the proposed amended rule and information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed amended rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed amended rule or any other interested person. The comment period will last 30 days following the publication of this proposal in the *Texas Register*. Comments and information may be submitted electronically to or in writing to Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 6330 E. Highway 290, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78723-1035.

The amended rule is proposed pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority, and Texas Occupations Code §1701.402, Proficiency Certificates. Texas Occupations Code §1701.151 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules for the administration of Occupations Code Chapter 1701 and to establish minimum standards relating to the competence and reliability, including the education, training, physical, and mental standards, for licensing as an officer, county jailer, or telecommunicator. Texas Occupations Code §1701.402 requires law enforcement agencies to provide

training relating to employment issues that affect peace officer, telecommunicators, and county jailers and makes this training a requirement for a basic proficiency certificate.

The amended rule as proposed affects or implements Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority, and Texas Occupations Code §1701.402, Proficiency Certificates. No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§211.29. Responsibilities of Agency Chief Administrators.

(a) An agency chief administrator is responsible for making any and all reports and submitting any and all documents required of that agency by the commission.

(b) An individual who is appointed or elected to the position of the chief administrator of a law enforcement agency shall notify the Commission of the date of appointment and title, through a form prescribed by the Commission within 30 days of such appointment.

(c) An agency chief administrator must comply with the appointment and retention requirements under Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1701.

(d) An agency chief administrator must report to the commission within 30 days, any change in the agency's name, physical location, mailing address, electronic mail address, or telephone number.

(e) An agency chief administrator must report, in a standard format, incident-based data compiled in accordance with Texas Occupations Code §1701.164.

(f) Line of duty deaths shall be reported to the commission in current peace officers' memorial reporting formats.

(g) An agency chief administrator has an obligation to determine that all appointees are able to safely and effectively perform the essential job functions. An agency chief administrator may require a fit for duty review upon identifying factors that indicate an appointee may no longer be able to perform job-related functions safely and effectively. These factors should be based on objective evidence and a reasonable basis that the cause may be attributable to a medical or psychological condition or impairment.

(h) An agency chief administrator shall notify the commission of any failed medical (L-2) or psychological (L-3) examination within 30 days on a form prescribed by the commission. An agency chief administrator shall notify the commission upon a final determination of a failed fit-for-duty examination (FFDE) or drug screen within 30 days on a form prescribed by the commission.

(i) An agency must provide training on employment issues identified in Texas Occupations Code §1701.402 and field training. If successfully completed, the agency must report these trainings to the commission within 30 days.

(j) An agency must provide continuing education training required in Texas Occupations Code §1701.351 and §1701.352.

(k) Before an agency appoints any licensee to a position requiring a commission license it shall complete the reporting requirements of Texas Occupations Code §1701.451.

(l) An agency appointing a person who does not hold a commission license must file an application for the appropriate license with the commission.

(m) An agency must notify the commission electronically following the requirements of Texas Occupations Code §1701.452, when a person under appointment with that agency resigns or is terminated.

(n) An agency chief administrator must comply with orders from the commission regarding the correction of a report of resignation/termination or request a hearing from SOAH.

(o) An agency chief administrator must:

(1) at the time the agency becomes aware of an allegation of misconduct, as defined in the model policy required by Texas Occupations Code § 1701.4522(a)(1), that may result in suspension, demotion, or termination, initiate an appropriate administrative or criminal investigation into alleged misconduct of a licensee who was appointed by the law enforcement agency at the time the alleged misconduct occurred;

(2) ensure completion of the investigation into alleged misconduct in a timely manner consistent with the law enforcement agency's policies even if the licensee has separated from the law enforcement agency;

(3) submit a report of a completed investigation into alleged criminal misconduct for which criminal charges are filed against a licensee to the commission within 30 days after the investigation is completed on a form prescribed by the commission;

(4) submit a report of a completed investigation into alleged administrative misconduct to the commission in a timely manner, but not later than 30 days after the licensee's separation from the law enforcement agency, on a form prescribed by the commission;

(5) if the investigative findings or disciplinary action taken are appealed, notify the commission that the matter is under appeal and notify the commission of the disposition of an appeal within 30 days after receipt of the decision; and

(6) include documentation of the completed investigation in the licensee's personnel or department file, as appropriate.

(p) An agency chief administrator must:

(1) maintain a personnel file and department file for each licensee appointed with the law enforcement agency;

(2) submit to the commission a complete copy of the personnel file of a licensee within 30 days after separation of the licensee from the law enforcement agency in a manner prescribed by the commission; and

(3) submit to the commission a complete copy of the personnel file and department file of a licensee upon request as part of an ongoing investigation relating to the licensee.

(q) Except in the case of a commission error, an agency that wishes to report a change to any information within commission files about a licensee shall do so in a request to the commission, containing:

(1) the licensee's name, date of birth, last four digits of the social security number, or PID;

(2) the requested change; and

(3) the reason for the change.

(r) An agency chief administrator may not appoint an applicant subject to pending administrative action based on:

(1) enrollment or licensure ineligibility; or

(2) statutory suspension or revocation.

(s) The effective date of this section is April 1, 2026 [November 1, 2025].

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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37 TAC §211.30

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (Commission) proposes amended 37 Texas Administrative Code §211.30, Chief Administrator Responsibilities for Misdemeanor Waivers. The proposed amended rule would allow chief administrators to request a waiver of the minimum standards for enrollment or initial licensure in 37 Texas Administrative Code §217.1 for individuals that have been convicted or placed on community supervision for a disqualifying Class C misdemeanor offense. The proposed amended rule also clarifies and streamlines the process for the Commission to approve or deny a waiver request, which allows the Executive Director to approve or deny a waiver request and allows a chief administrator to appeal a denied waiver request to the Commissioners.

Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no foreseeable fiscal implications to state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be a positive benefit to the public by clarifying and streamlining the process for approving or denying a waiver request. There will be no anticipated economic costs to persons required to comply with the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no adverse economic effects to small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no effects to a local economy as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined the following:

(1) the proposed rule does not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) implementation of the proposed rule does not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) implementation of the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

(4) the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;

(5) the proposed rule does not create a new regulation;

(6) the proposed rule does expand an existing regulation by expanding the classes of offenses for which a waiver may be sought to include Class C misdemeanors, but does not limit or repeal an existing regulation;

(7) the proposed rule does increase the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability by expanding the classes of offenses for which a waiver may be sought to include Class C misdemeanors; and

(8) the proposed rule does not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

The Commission is requesting comments regarding the proposed amended rule and information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed amended rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed amended rule or any other interested person. The comment period will last 30 days following the publication of this proposal in the *Texas Register*. Comments and information may be submitted electronically to or in writing to Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 6330 E. Highway 290, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78723-1035.

The amended rule is proposed pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority. Texas Occupations Code §1701.151 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules for the administration of Occupations Code Chapter 1701 and to establish minimum standards relating to the competence and reliability, including the education, training, physical, and mental standards, for licensing as an officer, county jailer, or telecommunicator.

The amended rule as proposed affects or implements Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority. No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§211.30. Chief Administrator Responsibilities for Misdemeanor [Class A and B] Waivers.

(a) A chief administrator may request the executive director to consider [that] an individual [be considered] for a waiver of [either] the minimum standards for enrollment or initial licensure [requirements] regarding an otherwise disqualifying [Class A or B] misdemeanor conviction or placement on community supervision [deferred adjudication]. [An individual is eligible for one waiver request. This request must be submitted at least 45 days prior to a regularly scheduled commission meeting.]

(b) A chief administrator is eligible to apply for a waiver five years after the date of the individual's conviction or placement on community supervision.

(c) The request must include:

(1) a complete description of the following mitigating factors:

(A) the applicant's history of compliance with the terms of community supervision;

(B) the applicant's continuing rehabilitative efforts not required by the terms of community supervision;

(C) the applicant's employment record;

(D) whether the disposition offense contains an element of actual or threatened bodily injury or coercion against another person under the Texas Penal Code or the law of the jurisdiction where the offense occurred;

(E) the required mental state of the disposition offense;

(F) whether the conduct resulting in the arrest resulted in the loss of or damage to property or bodily injury;

(G) the type and amount of restitution made by the applicant;

(H) the applicant's prior community service;

(I) the applicant's present value to the community;

(J) the applicant's post-arrest accomplishments;

(K) the applicant's age at the time of arrest; and

(L) the applicant's prior military history;

(2) all court and community supervision documents;

(3) the applicant's statement;

(4) all offense reports;

(5) victim(s) statement(s), if applicable;

(6) letters of recommendation;

(7) statement(s) of how the public or community would benefit;

(8) chief administrator's written statement of intent to hire the applicant as a full time employee;

(9) the applicant's personal history statement; and

(10) the agency's background investigation report of the applicant.

(d) Commission staff will review the request and notify the chief administrator if the request is incomplete. The chief administrator must provide any missing documents before the request can be considered complete [scheduled for a commission meeting]. [Once a completed request is received, it will be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled commission meeting.]

(e) The Executive Director may approve or deny a completed waiver request. If approved, the Executive Director will present the waiver request to the commissioners for ratification at the next public meeting. If denied, the chief administrator may appeal to the commissioners for consideration at a public meeting.

(f) [e] The chief administrator will be notified of the meeting date and must be present to present the request to the commissioners. The applicant must be present at the meeting to answer questions about the request. Staff will present a report on the review process.

[f] After hearing the request, the commissioners will make a decision and take formal action to approve or deny the request.]

(g) If granted, a waiver is issued in the name of the applicant chief administrator, belongs to the sponsoring agency, is nontransferable without approval, and is without effect upon the subject's separation from the sponsoring agency [employment]. If separated and in the event of subsequent prospective law enforcement employment, a person may seek another waiver through the prospective hiring agency's chief administrator.

(h) The effective date of this section is April 1, 2026 [August 1, 2025].

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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CHAPTER 218. CONTINUING EDUCATION

37 TAC §218.3

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (Commission) proposes amended 37 Texas Administrative Code §218.3, Legislatively Required Continuing Education for Licensees. This proposed amended rule conforms with the amendments made to Texas Occupations Code §1701.253 and §1701.3525 made by Senate Bill 1852 (88R). The proposed amended rule would require individuals licensed as a reserve law enforcement officer or as a public security officer to complete Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) continuing education every four-year cycle and ALERRT Level 1 not later than August 31, 2029.

Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no foreseeable fiscal implications to state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be a positive benefit to the public by conforming with Texas Occupations Code §1701.253 and §1701.3525 to require active shooter response training for officers. There will be no anticipated economic costs to persons required to comply with the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no adverse economic effects to small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined that for each year of the first five years this proposed amended rule will be in effect, there will be no effects to a local economy as a result of implementing the proposed amendment.

Mr. Beauchamp has determined the following:

(1) the proposed rule does not create or eliminate a government program;

(2) implementation of the proposed rule does not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions;

(3) implementation of the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency;

- (4) the proposed rule does not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency;
- (5) the proposed rule does not create a new regulation;
- (6) the proposed rule does not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation;
- (7) the proposed rule does not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability; and
- (8) the proposed rule does not positively or adversely affect this state's economy.

The Commission is requesting comments regarding the proposed amended rule and information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed amended rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed amended rule or any other interested person. The comment period will last 30 days following the publication of this proposal in the *Texas Register*. Comments and information may be submitted electronically to or in writing to Mr. John P. Beauchamp, General Counsel, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 6330 E. Highway 290, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78723-1035.

The amended rule is proposed pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority, Texas Occupations Code §1701.253, School Curriculum, and Texas Occupations Code §1701.3525, Active Shooter Response Training Required for Officers. Texas Occupations Code §1701.151 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules for the administration of Occupations Code Chapter 1701 and to establish minimum standards relating to the competence and reliability, including the education, training, physical, and mental standards, for licensing as an officer, county jailer, or telecommunicator. Texas Occupations Code §1701.253 requires officers to complete ALERRT Level 1 not later than the end of the first full training period after licensure unless completed as part of a basic licensing course. Texas Occupations Code §1701.3525 requires officers to complete 16 hours of ALERRT continuing education each training period.

The amended rule as proposed affects or implements Texas Occupations Code §1701.151, General Powers of Commission; Rulemaking Authority, Texas Occupations Code §1701.253, School Curriculum, and Texas Occupations Code §1701.3525, Active Shooter Response Training Required for Officers. No other code, article, or statute is affected by this proposal.

§218.3. Legislatively Required Continuing Education for Licensees.

(a) Each licensee shall complete the legislatively mandated continuing education in this chapter. Each appointing agency shall allow the licensee the opportunity to complete the legislatively mandated continuing education in this chapter. This section does not limit the number or hours of continuing education an agency may provide.

(b) Each training unit (2 years)

(1) Peace officers shall complete at least 40 hours of continuing education, to include the corresponding legislative update for that unit. Peace officers shall complete not less than 16 hours of training on responding to an active shooter as developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University-San Marcos. All peace officers shall complete ALERRT Level 1 training not later than August 31, 2027. Training for all chief administrators, who are licensed as peace officers, shall include ALERRT command and leadership training each training unit.

(2) Telecommunicators shall complete at least 20 hours of continuing education to include cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.

(c) Each training cycle (4 years)

(1) Peace officers who have not yet reached intermediate proficiency certification shall complete: Cultural Diversity (3939), Special Investigative Topics (3232), Crisis Intervention (3843) and De-escalation (1849).

(2) Individuals licensed as jailers shall complete Cultural Diversity (3939), unless the person has completed or is otherwise exempted from legislatively required training under another commission license or certificate.

(3) [2)] Individuals licensed as reserve law enforcement officers[, jailers,] or public security officers shall complete:

(A) Cultural Diversity (3939), unless the person has completed or is otherwise exempted from legislatively required training under another commission license or certificate^[-]

(B) not less than 16 hours of training on responding to an active shooter as developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University-San Marcos; and

(C) ALERRT Level 1 training not later than August 31, 2029.

(d) Assignment specific training

(1) Police chiefs: individuals appointed as "chief" or "police chief" of a police department shall complete:

(A) For an individual appointed to that individual's first position as chief, the initial training program for new chiefs provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute, not later than the second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as chief; and

(B) At least 40 hours of continuing education for chiefs each 24-month unit, as provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute.

(2) Constables: elected or appointed constables shall complete:

(A) For an individual appointed or elected to that individual's first position as constable, the initial training program for new constables provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute, not later than the second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as constable; and

(B) Each 48 month cycle, at least 40 hours of continuing education for constables, as provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute and a 20 hour course of training in civil process to be provided by a public institution of higher education selected by the Commission.

(3) Deputy constables: each deputy constable shall complete a 20 hour course of training in civil process each training cycle. The commission may waive the requirement for this training if the constable, in the format required by TCOLE, requests exemption due to the deputy constable not engaging in civil process as part of their assigned duties.

(4) New supervisors: each peace officer assigned to their first position as a supervisor must complete new supervisor training within one year prior to or one year after appointment as a supervisor.

(5) School-based Law Enforcement Officers: School district peace officers and school resource officers providing law enforcement services at a school district must obtain a school-based law enforcement proficiency certificate within 180 days of the officer's commission or placement in the district or campus of the district.

(6) Eyewitness Identification Officers: peace officers performing the function of eyewitness identification must first complete the Eyewitness Identification training (3286).

(7) Courtroom Security Officers/Persons: any person appointed to perform courtroom security functions at any level shall complete the Courtroom Security course (10999) within 1 year of appointment.

(8) Body-Worn Cameras: peace officers and other persons meeting the requirements of Occupations Code 1701.656 must first complete Body-Worn Camera training (8158).

(9) Officers Carrying Epinephrine Auto-injectors: peace officers meeting the requirements of Occupations Code 1701.702 must first complete epinephrine auto-injector training.

(10) Jailer Firearm Certification: jailers carrying a firearm as part of their assigned duties must first obtain the Jailer Firearms certificate before carrying a firearm.

(11) University Peace Officers, Trauma-Informed Investigation Training: each university or college peace officer shall complete an approved course on trauma-informed investigation into allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

(e) Miscellaneous training

(1) Human Trafficking: every peace officer first licensed on or after January 1, 2011, must complete Human Trafficking (3270) within 2 years of being licensed.

(2) Canine Encounters: every peace officer first licensed on or after January 1, 2016, must take Canine Encounters (4065) within 2 years of being licensed.

(3) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Drivers: every peace officer licensed on or after March 1, 2016, must complete Deaf and Hard of Hearing Drivers (7887) within 2 years of being licensed.

(4) Civilian Interaction Training: every peace officer licensed before January 1, 2018, must complete Civilian Interaction Training Program (CITP) within 2 years. All other peace officers must complete the course within 2 years of being licensed.

(5) Crisis Intervention Training: every peace officer licensed on or after April 1, 2018, must complete the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training within 2 years of being licensed.

(6) Mental Health for Jailers: all county jailers must complete Mental Health for Jailers not later than August 31, 2021.

(f) The Commission may choose to accept an equivalent course for any of the courses listed in this chapter, provided the equivalent course is evaluated by commission staff and found to meet or exceed the minimum curriculum requirements of the legislatively mandated course.

(g) The commission shall provide adequate notice to agencies and licensees of impending non-compliance with the legislatively required continuing education.

(h) The chief administrator of an agency that has licensees who are in non-compliance shall, within 30 days of receipt of notice of non-compliance, submit a report to the commission explaining the reasons for such non-compliance.

(i) Licensees shall complete the legislatively mandated continuing education in the first complete training unit, as required, or first complete training cycle, as required, after being licensed.

(j) All peace officers must meet all continuing education requirements except where exempt by law.

(k) The effective date of this section is April 1, 2026 [September 1, 2024].

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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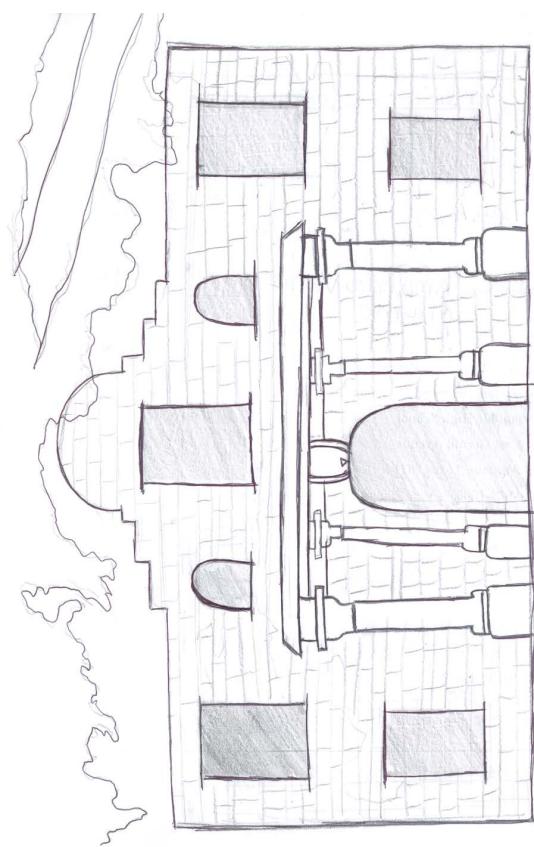
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ADOPTED RULES

Adopted rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A rule adopted by a state agency takes effect 20 days after the date on which it is filed with the Secretary of State unless a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule (Government Code, §2001.036). If a rule is adopted without change to the text of the proposed rule, then the *Texas Register* does not republish the rule text here. If a rule is adopted with change to the text of the proposed rule, then the final rule text is included here. The final rule text will appear in the Texas Administrative Code on the effective date.

TITLE 19. EDUCATION

PART 2. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

CHAPTER 62. COMMISSIONER'S RULES CONCERNING OPTIONS FOR LOCAL REVENUE LEVELS IN EXCESS OF ENTITLEMENT

19 TAC §62.1072

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) adopts an amendment to §62.1072, concerning options for local revenue levels in excess of entitlement. The amendment is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the September 26, 2025 issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 6279) and will not be republished. The amendment adopts as a part of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) the official TEA publications *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2025-2026 School Year* and *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year*. The *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement* publications serve as manuals that contain the processes and procedures that TEA will use in the administration of the provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 49, and the fiscal, procedural, and administrative requirements that school districts subject to TEC, Chapter 49, must meet.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: The procedures contained in each yearly manual for districts determined to have local revenue in excess of entitlement are adopted as part of the TAC. The intent is to biennially update 19 TAC §62.1072 to refer to the most recent published manuals for the current and upcoming school year. Manuals adopted for previous school years will remain in effect with respect to those school years.

The adopted amendment to 19 TAC §62.1072 adopts in rule the official TEA publications *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2025-2026 School Year* as Figure: 19 TAC §62.1072(a) and *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year* as Figure: 19 TAC §62.1072(b). The section title has been updated to reflect the manuals adopted in the rule.

Each school year's options and procedures for districts determined to have local revenue in excess of entitlement explain how

districts subject to excess local revenue are identified; the fiscal, procedural, and administrative requirements those districts must meet; and the consequences for not meeting requirements. The options and procedures also provide information on using the online Foundation School Program (FSP) System to fulfill certain requirements.

The following significant changes are addressed in the updated publications.

In *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2025-2026 School Year* and *Options and Procedures for Districts with Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement 2026-2027 School Year*, dates were changed throughout the manual. Non-substantive, technical edits were also made.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began September 26, 2025, and ended October 27, 2025. No public comments were received.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendment is adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §49.006, which authorizes the commissioner of education to adopt rules necessary for the implementation of TEC, Chapter 49, Options for Local Revenue Levels in Excess of Entitlement.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendment implements Texas Education Code, §49.006.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on December 29, 2025.

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Director, Rulemaking

Texas Education Agency

Effective date: January 18, 2026

Proposal publication date: September 26, 2025

For further information, please call: (512) 475-1497





IN ADDITION

The *Texas Register* is required by statute to publish certain documents, including applications to purchase control of state banks, notices of rate ceilings issued by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, and consultant proposal requests and awards. State agencies also may publish other notices of general interest as space permits.

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Notice of Rate Ceilings

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in §303.003 and §303.009, Texas Finance Code.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 12/29/25 - 01/04/26 is 18.00% for consumer¹ credit.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 12/29/25 - 01/04/26 is 18.00% for commercial² credit.

¹ Credit for personal, family, or household use.

² Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

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Leslie L. Pettijohn
Commissioner

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Filed: December 22, 2025



Notice of Rate Ceilings

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in §303.003 and §303.009, Texas Finance Code.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 01/05/25 - 01/11/26 is 18.00% for consumer¹ credit.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 01/05/25 - 01/11/26 is 18.00% for commercial² credit.

¹ Credit for personal, family, or household use.

² Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

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Leslie L. Pettijohn
Commissioner

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

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Office of Court Administration

Public Notice of Court Costs and Fees 2025

Public Notice of Court Costs and Fees 2025

Section 51.607, Tex. Gov't Code, requires the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System to publish a list of all court costs and fees imposed or changed during the most recent regular session of the Legislature. The following is a list of court costs and fees that were amended, repealed, or added by the 89th Texas Legislature during the regular and second special sessions:

HB 654

House Bill 654 amends Chapter 61, Tex. Parks & Wild Code, by adding Section 61.902 to authorize a reimbursement fee in an amount not to exceed \$10 on a request to take a hunter education course and a \$10 reimbursement fee to the course provider. Fees collected on the request to take the course are deposited in the county treasury. The court will disburse the provider's fee to the appropriate provider. Both fees take effect January 1, 2026, and may be imposed on offenses committed on or after September 1, 2025. The fees may not be imposed on a defendant who is indigent. See Sections 2 and 3 of HB 654.

HB 2282

House Bill 2282 amends Article 102.011, Tex. Code Crim. Proc., by amending Subarticle (a) to increase the reimbursement fee for executing or processing an issued arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine from \$50 to \$75. The court will disburse the fee to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The fee increase takes effect January 1, 2026, and if collected by a justice or municipal clerk, the fee is limited to cases in which the arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine issued for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2025. See HB 2282.

SB 1547

Senate Bill 1547 amends Section 118.011, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code, by amending Subsections (a) and (e) to require a county clerk who provides a copy in a format other than paper of a record maintained by the clerk, including real property records, to provide the copy and charge a fee in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 552.231 (Responding to Requests for Information That Require Programming or Manipulation of Data) and 552.262 (Rules of the Attorney General), as opposed to the current charge of \$0.10 per page. The fee took effect June 20, 2025. See SB 1547.

SB 1667

Senate Bill 1667 amends Articles 55A.254 and 55A.351, Tex. Code Crim. Proc., to impose a \$25 fee to electronically transmit a copy of the ex parte petition for expunction or notice of hearing to an official, agency, or other entity that is listed in the petition and that is unable to receive an electronic copy of the petition or notice. The bill imposes another \$25 fee to electronically transmit the expunction order to an official, agency, or other entity that is listed in the petition and that is unable to receive an electronic copy of the order. Both fees take effect January 1, 2026. See SB 1667 Sections 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 15.

SB 1760

Senate Bill 1760 amends Chapter 1023, Tex. Est. Code, by adding Section 1023.0071 to impose an \$80 fee on transfers of a guardianship case to another county after the guardian has been appointed and qualified by the transferring court. The fee is paid to the receiving court and is deposited to the county's treasury. No portion of the fee is sent to the state. The new fee takes effect January 1, 2026. **Effective September 1, 2025**, the receiving clerk may not assess any other filing fee, including the original filing fee of \$360, in connection with the filing or docketing of the transferred case. See Section 5 of SB 1760 amending Article 1023.0071(b), (c), Tex. Est. Code.

Deletions and Repeals

SB 1667

Senate Bill 1667 repeals Article 102.006, Tex. Code Crim. Proc. The article relates to fees in expunction proceedings. The bill repeals fees assessed in an expunction case, including the \$350 fee for filing an ex parte petition for expunction in a district court, the \$100 fee for filing an ex parte petition for expunction in a justice or municipal court, the \$1 fee plus postage for mailing a notice of hearing date, and the \$2 fee plus postage for mailing a certified copy of the expunction order. The repeal took effect September 1, 2025. *(However, please note that during its second special session the Legislature reinstated the fees repealed by SB 1667. See House Bill 16 89(2), Section 9.10. The fees and postage, as reinstated by HB 16, took effect September 17, 2025, and will expire on January 1, 2026, the date Article 102.0061, Tex. Code Crim. Proc., also enacted by HB16, takes effect.)*

The Office of Court Administration hereby certifies that legal counsel has reviewed this notice and concluded that it is within the agency's authority to publish.

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Maria Elena Ramon

General Counsel

Office of Court Administration

Filed: December 19, 2025



Court of Criminal Appeals

Final Approval of Amendments to Texas Rule of Evidence 412

Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 25-008

Final Approval of Amendments to Texas Rule of Evidence 412

ORDERED that:

1. On August 29, 2025, in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005, the Court repealed former Texas Rule of Evidence 412 and replaced it with a new rule.
2. New Texas Rule of Evidence 412 took effect on September 1, 2025, and the Court invited public comment until December 1, 2025.
3. Following the comment period, the Court amended the new rule. This order incorporates the amendments and contains the final version of the new rule, effective January 1, 2026. The final version is shown in both redline and clean forms. The redline form shows changes made since Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005.
4. As stated in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005, for criminal proceedings commencing before September 1, 2025, the rule in effect on the date the proceeding commenced governs.
5. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of this Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

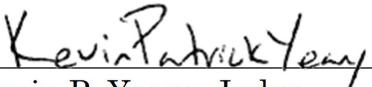
Dated: December 19, 2025.



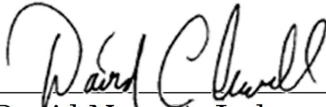
David J. Schenck, Presiding Judge



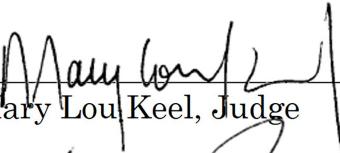
Bert Richardson, Judge



Kevin P. Yeary, Judge



David Newell, Judge



Mary Lou Keel, Judge



Scott Walker, Judge



Jesse F. McClure, Judge



Lee Finley, Judge



Gina G. Parker, Judge

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Deana Williamson
Clerk of the Court
Court of Criminal Appeals
Filed: December 22, 2025



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Agreed Orders

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, agency, or commission) staff is providing an opportunity for written public comment on the listed Agreed Orders (AOs) in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC), §7.075. TWC, §7.075 requires that before the commission may approve the AOs, the commission shall allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed AOs. TWC, §7.075 requires that notice of the proposed orders and the opportunity to comment must be published in the *Texas Register* no later than the 30th day before the date on which the public comment period closes, which in this case is **February 10, 2026**. TWC, §7.075

also requires that the commission promptly consider any written comments received and that the commission may withdraw or withhold approval of an AO if a comment discloses facts or considerations that indicate that consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the statutes and rules within the commission's jurisdiction or the commission's orders and permits issued in accordance with the commission's regulatory authority. Additional notice of changes to a proposed AO is not required to be published if those changes are made in response to written comments.

A physical copy of each proposed AO is available for public inspection at both the commission's central office, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building C, 1st Floor, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-2545 and at the applicable regional office listed as follows. Additionally, copies of the proposed AO can be found online by using either the Chief Clerk's eFiling System at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/efilings> or the TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid>, and searching either of those databases with the proposed AO's identifying information, such as its docket number. Written comments about an AO should be sent to the enforcement coordinator designated for each AO at the commission's central office at Enforcement Division, MC 128, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on **February 10, 2026**. Written comments may also be sent to the enforcement coordinator by email to ENFCOMNT@tceq.texas.gov or by facsimile machine at (512) 239-2550. The commission enforcement coordinators are available to discuss the AOs and/or the comment procedure at the listed contact information; however, TWC, §7.075 provides that comments on the AOs shall be submitted to the commission in writing.

(1) COMPANY: Angleton MHP LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0645-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101226710; LOCATION: Angleton, Brazoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: \$1,037; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Emerson Rinewalt, (512) 239-1131; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(2) COMPANY: City of Huntsville; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-0718-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101609568; LOCATION: Huntsville, Walker County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: \$41,700; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: \$33,360; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Penny Wimberly, (512) 239-0538; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(3) COMPANY: City of Leander; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-0868-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101917722; LOCATION: Leander, Williamson County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; PENALTY: \$23,750; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: \$23,750; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Penny Wimberly, (512) 239-0538; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(4) COMPANY: DCP Operating Company, LP; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0313-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100219690; LOCATION: Dime Box, Lee County; TYPE OF FACILITY: compressor station; PENALTY: \$12,688; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Katie Phillips, (713) 767-3628; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(5) COMPANY: Fort Griffin Special Utility District; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-0908-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101264729; LOCATION: Albany, Shackelford County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: \$3,125; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET: \$3,125; ENFORCEMENT

COORDINATOR: Elizabeth Vanderwerken, (512) 239-5900; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

(6) COMPANY: Kraan Enterprises Inc; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0690-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN104072897; LOCATION: Denton, Denton County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; PENALTY: \$9,145; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Celicia Garza, (210) 657-8422; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO.

(7) COMPANY: South Rains Special Utility District; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0864-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101450732; LOCATION: Emory, Rains County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: \$5,600; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Katherine Argueta, (512) 239-4131; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, REGION 12 - HOUSTON.

(8) COMPANY: Texas Water Utilities, L.P.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-1053-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101222453; LOCATION: Fairfield, Freestone County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; PENALTY: \$1,575; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Kaisie Hubschmitt, (512) 239-1482; REGIONAL OFFICE: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, CENTRAL OFFICE - AUSTIN.

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Gitanjali Yadav

Deputy Director, Litigation Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Filed: December 29, 2025

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Notice of District Petition - D-07012025-018

Notice issued December 18, 2025

TCEQ Internal Control No. D-07012025-018: Andiron TX 2, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the annexation of land into FM 875 of Municipal Utility District of Ellis County (District) under Local Government Code Section §42.042 and the procedural rules of the TCEQ. The petition states that: (1) the Petitioner holds title to all the property in the proposed annexation area to be included in the District; (2) there are no lienholders on the property to be annexed into the District; (3) the proposed property annexation will contain approximately 9.87 acres located within Ellis County; and (4) all of the land within the proposed property annexation is within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Midlothian, Texas (City). In accordance with Texas Local Government Code §§42.0425 and 42.042, the Petitioner submitted a petition to the City, requesting the City's consent to the annexation of land into the District. Information provided indicates that the City did not consent to the inclusion of the land into the District's area. After the 90-day period passed without receiving the City's consent to the annexation, the Petitioner submitted a petition to the City requesting the City provide water and sanitary sewer services to the proposed annexation area. The 120-day period for reaching a mutually agreeable contract expired and the information provided indicates that the Petitioner and the City have not executed a mutually agreeable contract for service. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §42.042, failure to execute such an agreement constitutes authorization for the Petitioner to initiate proceedings to include the proposed annexation area into the District. The territory to be annexed into the District is depicted in the vicinity map designated as Exhibit "A," which is attached to this document.

INFORMATION SECTION

To view the complete issued notice, view the notice on our website at www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/cc/pub_notice.html or call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 to obtain a copy of the complete notice. When searching the website, type in the issued date range shown at the top of this document to obtain search results. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on the petition if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of the notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the Petitioner and the TCEQ Internal Control Number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you would be affected by the petition in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed District's boundaries. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the petition. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The Executive Director may approve the petition unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of this notice. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not approve the petition and will forward the petition and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Written hearing requests should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Districts Review Team, at (512) 239-4691. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (512) 239-0200. General information regarding TCEQ can be found at our website at www.tceq.texas.gov.

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Laurie Gharis

Chief Clerk

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Filed: December 23, 2025



Notice of District Petition - D-11112025-012

Notice issued December 18, 2025

TCEQ Internal Control No. D-11112025-012: JEN AUSTIN 8 LLC, a Texas limited liability company (Petitioner) filed a petition for creation of Round Rock Municipal Utility District No. 3 (District) of Williamson County with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The petition was filed pursuant to Article XVI, §59 of the Constitution of the State of Texas; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ. The petition states that: (1) the Petitioner holds title to a majority in value of the land to be included in the proposed District; (2) there are no lienholders, on the property to be included in the proposed District; (3) the proposed District will contain approximately 230.065 acres located within Williamson County, Texas; and (4) the land within the proposed District is located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Round Rock. By Resolution No. R-2025-151, passed and adopted on June 12, 2025, the City of Round Rock, Texas, gave its consent to the creation of the proposed District, pursuant to Texas Water Code §54.016. The territory to be included in the proposed District is depicted in the vicinity map designated as Exhibit "A", which is attached to this document. The

petition further states that the proposed District will: (1) purchase, design, construct, acquire, maintain, own, operate, repair, improve and extend a water works and wastewater system for residential purposes; (2) construct, acquire, improve, extend, maintain, and operate works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances helpful or necessary to provide more adequate drainage for the proposed District; (3) control, abate, and amend local storm waters or other harmful excesses of waters; and (4) purchase, construct, acquire, maintain, own, operate, repair, improve, and extend such additional facilities, including road, and park and recreational facilities systems, plants, and enterprises, as shall be consistent with all of the purposes for which the proposed District is created. According to the petition, a preliminary investigation has been made to determine the cost of the project, and it is estimated by the Petitioner that the cost of said project will be approximately \$56,500,000 (\$43,500,000 for water, wastewater, and drainage; \$11,650,000 for roads; and \$1,350,000 for park and recreational facilities).

INFORMATION SECTION

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Laurie Gharis

Chief Clerk

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Filed: December 23, 2025



Office of the Governor

Notice of Available Funding Opportunities

Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO)

The Public Safety Office is announcing the following funding opportunities for State Fiscal Year 2027. Details for these opportunities, including the open and close date for the solicitation, can be found on the eGrants Calendar (<https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/fundingopp>).

- Border Zone Fire Departments - The purpose of this program is to provide grants to professional fire departments along the Texas-Mexico border region for specialized equipment, maintenance, and medical supplies to support emergency services associated with the execution of border security activities and deterring crimes occurring in the geographic area defined in Article IX, Section 7.10 of the General Appropriations Act.

- Nonprofit Security Grant Program - The purpose of this program is to support physical security enhancements and other security activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack based on the nonprofit organization's ideology, beliefs or mission.

- Operation Lone Star Grant Program - The purpose of the program is to enhance interagency border security operations supporting Operation Lone Star including the facilitation of directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity.

- Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure - The purpose of this program is to support state and regional efforts to improve or sustain interoperable emergency radio infrastructure.

- Texas Anti-Gang Program - The purpose of this program is to solicit for preselected projects that support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities.

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Angie Martin

Director, Grants Administration Division

Office of the Governor

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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

Scratch Ticket Game Number 2718 "LADY LUCK"

1.0 Name and Style of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The name of Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718 is "LADY LUCK". The play style is "key number match".

1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The price for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718 shall be \$10.00 per Scratch Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch Ticket outside of the area where the overprint and Play Symbols appear.

B. Latex Overprint - The removable scratch-off covering over the Play Symbols on the front of the Scratch Ticket.

C. Play Symbol – The printed data under the latex on the front of the Scratch Ticket that is used to determine eligibility for a prize. Each Play Symbol is printed in Symbol font in black ink in positive except for dual-image games. The possible black Play Symbols are: 01, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$10,000, \$250,000, 2X SYMBOL, 5X SYMBOL, 10X SYMBOL and CLOVER SYMBOL.

D. Play Symbol Caption – The printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One caption appears under each Play Symbol and is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. The Play Symbol Caption which corresponds with and verifies each Play Symbol is as follows:

Figure 1: GAME NO. 2718 - 1.2D

PLAY SYMBOL	CAPTION
01	ONE
03	THR
04	FOR
06	SIX
07	SVN
08	EGT
09	NIN
11	ELV
12	TLV
13	TRN
14	FTN
15	FFN
16	SXN
17	SVT
18	ETN
19	NTN
20	TWY
21	TWON
22	TWTO
23	TWTH
24	TWFR
25	TWFV
26	TWSX
27	TWSV
28	TWET
29	TWNI
30	TRTY

31	TRON
32	TRTO
33	TRTH
34	TRFR
35	TRFV
36	TRSX
37	TRSV
38	TRET
39	TRNI
40	FRTY
41	FRON
42	FRTO
43	FRTH
44	FRFR
45	FRFV
46	FRSX
47	FRSV
48	FRET
49	FRNI
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51	FFON
52	FFTO
53	FFTH
54	FFFR
55	FFFV
\$10.00	TEN\$
\$20.00	TWY\$
\$30.00	TRTY\$
\$50.00	FFTY\$

\$100	ONHN
\$300	THHN
\$500	FVHN
\$1,000	ONTH
\$10,000	10TH
\$250,000	250TH
2X SYMBOL	DBL
5X SYMBOL	WINX5
10X SYMBOL	WINX10
CLOVER SYMBOL	WIN\$

E. Serial Number – A unique thirteen (13) digit number appearing under the latex scratch-off covering on the front of the Scratch Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. Bar Code - A twenty-four (24) character interleaved two (2) of five (5) Bar Code which will include a four (4) digit game ID, the seven (7) digit Pack number, the three (3) digit Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket.

G. Game-Pack-Ticket Number - A fourteen (14) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (2718), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Ticket number. Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 050 within each Pack. The format will be: 2718-0000001-001.

H. Pack - A Pack of the "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game contains 050 Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). The back of Ticket 001 will be shown on the front of the Pack; the back of Ticket 050 will be revealed on the back of the Pack. All Packs will be tightly shrink-wrapped. There will be no breaks between the Tickets in a Pack.

I. Non-Winning Scratch Ticket - A Scratch Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Scratch Ticket or a Scratch Ticket that does not meet all of the requirements of these Game Procedures, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), and applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery and Charitable Bingo Division of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Texas Lottery) pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140.

J. Scratch Ticket Game, Scratch Ticket or Ticket - Texas Lottery "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Scratch Ticket validation requirements set forth in Texas Lottery Rule 140.302, Scratch Ticket Game Rules, these Game Procedures, and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Ticket. A prize winner in the "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game is determined once the latex on the Scratch Ticket is scratched off to expose sixty-five (65) Play Symbols. If a player matches any of

the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols to any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols, the player wins the prize for that number. If the player reveals a "CLOVER" Play Symbol, the player wins the prize for that symbol instantly. If the player reveals a "2X" Play Symbol, the player wins DOUBLE the prize for that symbol. If the player reveals a "5X" Play Symbol, the player wins 5 TIMES the prize for that symbol. If the player reveals a "10X" Play Symbol, the player wins 10 TIMES the prize for that symbol. No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Ticket.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

A. To be a valid Scratch Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Exactly sixty-five (65) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket;
2. Each of the Play Symbols must have a Play Symbol Caption underneath, unless specified, and each Play Symbol must agree with its Play Symbol Caption;
3. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety and be fully legible;
4. Each of the Play Symbols must be printed in black ink except for dual image games;
5. The Scratch Ticket shall be intact;
6. The Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible;
7. The Serial Number must correspond, using the Texas Lottery's codes, to the Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket;
8. The Scratch Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;
9. The Scratch Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;
10. The Scratch Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;

11. The Scratch Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Scratch Tickets or non-activated Scratch Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;

12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;

13. The Scratch Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly sixty-five (65) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket, exactly one Serial Number and exactly one Game-Pack-Ticket Number on the Scratch Ticket;

14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Scratch Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Scratch Tickets, and a Scratch Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;

15. The Scratch Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;

16. Each of the sixty-five (65) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;

17. Each of the sixty-five (65) Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Scratch Ticket Serial Numbers must be printed in the Serial font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and the Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be printed in the Game-Pack-Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;

18. The Display Printing on the Scratch Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

19. The Scratch Ticket must have been received by the Texas Lottery by applicable deadlines.

B. The Scratch Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these Game Procedures, the Texas Lottery's Rules governing the award of prizes of the amount to be validated, and any confidential validation and security tests of the Texas Lottery.

C. Any Scratch Ticket not passing all of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. However, the Executive Director of the Texas Lottery (Executive Director) may, solely at the Executive Director's discretion, refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket. In the event a defective Scratch Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Scratch Ticket with another unplayed Scratch Ticket in that Scratch Ticket Game (or a Scratch Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Ticket Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. Consecutive Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching patterns, in the same order, of either Play Symbols or Prize Symbols.

B. A Ticket can win as indicated by the prize structure.

C. A Ticket can win up to thirty (30) times.

D. All non-winning YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will be different.

E. Non-winning Prize Symbols will not match a winning Prize Symbol on a Ticket.

F. All WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols will be different.

G. Tickets winning more than one (1) time will use as many WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols as possible to create matches, unless restricted by other parameters, play action or prize structure.

H. On all Tickets, a Prize Symbol will not appear more than five (5) times, except as required by the prize structure to create multiple wins.

I. On Non-Winning Tickets, a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol will never match a YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbol.

J. All YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will never equal the corresponding Prize Symbol (i.e., 20 and \$20, 30 and \$30 and 50 and \$50).

K. On winning and Non-Winning Tickets, the top cash prizes of \$1,000, \$10,000 and \$250,000 will each appear at least one (1) time, except on Tickets winning thirty (30) times and with respect to other parameters, play action or prize structure.

L. The "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

M. The "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will win the prize for that Play Symbol.

N. The "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

O. The "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

P. The "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear on the same Ticket as the "2X" (DBL), "5X" (WINX5) and "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbols.

Q. On Tickets winning with the "CLOVER" (WIN\$) Play Symbol, the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will not match any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols.

R. The "2X" (DBL) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

S. The "2X" (DBL) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

T. The "2X" (DBL) Play Symbol will win DOUBLE the prize for that Play Symbol and will win as per the prize structure.

U. The "2X" (DBL) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

V. The "5X" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

W. The "5X" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

X. The "5X" (WINX5) Play Symbol will win 5 TIMES the prize for that Play Symbol and will win as per the prize structure.

Y. The "5X" (WINX5) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

Z. The "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

AA. The "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

BB. The "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbol will win 10 TIMES the prize for that Play Symbol and will win as per the prize structure.

CC. The "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

DD. The "2X" (DBL), "5X" (WINX5) and "10X" (WINX10) Play Symbols will never appear on the same Ticket.

2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$300 or \$500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated on the Scratch Ticket and may present the winning Scratch Ticket to any Texas Lottery Retailer. The Texas Lottery Retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, and upon presentation of proper identification, if appropriate, make payment of the amount due the claimant and physically void the Scratch Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a \$30.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$300 or \$500 Scratch Ticket Game. In the event the Texas Lottery Retailer cannot verify the claim, the Texas Lottery Retailer shall provide the claimant with a claim form and instruct the claimant on how to file a claim with the Texas Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the claimant in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly. A claimant may also claim any of the above prizes under the procedure described in Section 2.3.B and Section 2.3.C of these Game Procedures.

B. To claim a "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$1,000, \$10,000 or \$250,000, the claimant must sign the winning Scratch Ticket and may present it at one of the Texas Lottery's Claim Centers. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, payment will be made to the bearer of the validated winning Scratch Ticket for that prize upon presentation of proper identification. When paying a prize of \$600 or more, the Texas Lottery shall file the appropriate income reporting form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and shall withhold federal income tax at a rate set by the IRS if required. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

C. As an alternative method of claiming a "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game prize, the claimant may submit the signed winning Scratch Ticket and a thoroughly completed claim form via mail. If a prize value is \$1,000,000 or more, the claimant must also provide proof of Social Security number or Tax Payer Identification (for U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens). Mail all to: Texas Lottery, P.O. Box 16600, Austin, Texas 78761-6600. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for Scratch Tickets lost in the mail. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

D. Prior to payment by the Texas Lottery of any prize, the Texas Lottery shall deduct the amount of a delinquent tax or other money from the winnings of a prize winner who has been finally determined to be:

1. delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money to a state agency and that delinquency is reported to the Comptroller under Government Code §403.055;
2. in default on a loan made under Chapter 52, Education Code;
3. in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter 57, Education Code; or
4. delinquent in child support payments in the amount determined by a court or a Title IV-D agency under Chapter 231, Family Code.

E. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the winnings of a person shall be withheld until the debt or taxes are paid.

2.4 Allowance for Delay of Payment. The Texas Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Executive Director, under any of the following circumstances:

A. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;

B. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;

C. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Scratch Ticket presented for payment; or

D. if the claim is subject to any deduction from the payment otherwise due, as described in Section 2.3.D of these Game Procedures. No liability for interest for any delay shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

2.5 Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18. If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize under \$600 from the "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deliver to an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian a check or warrant in the amount of the prize payable to the order of the minor.

2.6 If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize of \$600 or more from the "LADY LUCK" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deposit the amount of the prize in a custodial bank account, with an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian serving as custodian for the minor.

2.7 Scratch Ticket Claim Period. All Scratch Ticket prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Ticket Game or within the applicable time period for certain eligible military personnel as set forth in Texas Government Code §466.408. Any rights to a prize that is not claimed within that period, and in the manner specified in these Game Procedures and on the back of each Scratch Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Scratch Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Scratch Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Ticket Game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed.

3.0 Scratch Ticket Ownership.

A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Ticket in the space designated, a Scratch Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Scratch Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Scratch Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Executive Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket, the Executive Director will require that one of those players whose name appears thereon be designated by such players to receive payment.

B. The Texas Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Scratch Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Prizes. There will be approximately 8,040,000 Scratch Tickets in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

Figure 2: GAME NO. 2718 - 4.0

Prize Amount	Approximate Number of Winners*	Approximate Odds are 1 in **
\$10.00	750,400	10.71
\$20.00	536,000	15.00
\$30.00	321,600	25.00
\$50.00	482,400	16.67
\$100	22,110	363.64
\$300	938	8,571.43
\$500	871	9,230.77
\$1,000	70	114,857.14
\$10,000	10	804,000.00
\$250,000	5	1,608,000.00

*The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed.

**The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.80. The individual odds of winning for a particular prize level may vary based on sales, distribution, testing, and number of prizes claimed.

A. The actual number of Scratch Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Texas Lottery.

5.0 End of the Scratch Ticket Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718 without advance notice, at which point no further Scratch Tickets in that game may be sold. The determination of the closing date and reasons for closing will be made in accordance with the Scratch Ticket closing procedures and the Scratch Ticket Game Rules. See 16 TAC §140.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2718, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 140, and all final decisions of the Executive Director.

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Supreme Court of Texas

Final Approval of Amendments to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 9, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 64

(Editor's note: In accordance with Texas Government Code, §2002.014, which permits the omission of material which is "cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient," this order is not included in the print version of the Texas Register. The order is available in the on-line version of the January 9, 2026, issue of the Texas Register.)

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Final Approval of New Texas Rule of Evidence 412 (Joint Order, Court of Criminal Appeals Misc. Docket No. 25-008)

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 25-9102

Final Approval of New Texas Rule of Evidence 412

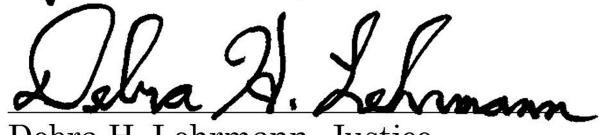
ORDERED that:

1. On August 29, 2025, in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-9064, the Court repealed former Texas Rule of Evidence 412 and replaced it with a new rule.
2. New Texas Rule of Evidence 412 took effect on September 1, 2025, and the Court invited public comment until December 1, 2025.
3. Following the comment period, the Court amended the new rule. This order incorporates the amendments and contains the final version of the new rule, effective January 1, 2026. The final version is shown in both redline and clean forms. The redline form shows changes made since Misc. Dkt. No. 25-9064.
4. As stated in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-9064, for criminal proceedings commencing before September 1, 2025, the rule in effect on the date the proceeding commenced governs.
5. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: December 19, 2025.



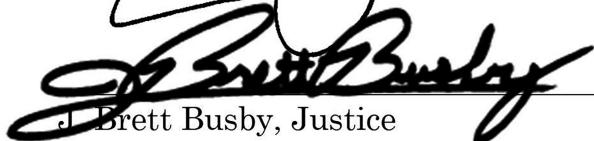
James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



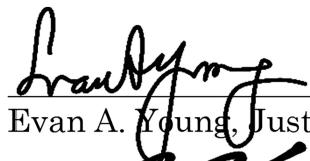
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice



Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE

Rule 412. Evidence of Previous Sexual Conduct in Criminal Cases

- (a) **Definition of "Victim."** In this rule, "victim" includes ~~the~~an alleged victim of the charged offense and ~~an~~ alleged victim of an extraneous offense or act ~~with respect to which evidence is introduced during the prosecution of an offense described in paragraph~~subdivision (b).
- (b) **Applicable Offenses.** This rule applies ~~to a proceeding in the~~a prosecution of a defendant for an offense, or for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense, under any of the following provisions of the Texas Penal Code:
 - (1) Section 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8) (Trafficking of Persons);
 - (2) Section 20A.03 (Continuous Trafficking of Persons), if the offense is based partly or wholly on conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8);
 - (3) Section 21.02 (Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Disabled Individual);
 - (4) Section 21.11 (Indecency with a Child);
 - (5) Section 22.011 (Sexual Assault);
 - (6) Section 22.012 (Indecent Assault); or
 - (7) Section 22.021 (Aggravated Sexual Assault).
- (c) **Reputation or Opinion Evidence.** In the prosecution of an offense described in ~~paragraph~~subdivision (b), reputation or opinion evidence of ~~an~~alleged victim's past sexual behavior is not admissible.
- (d) **Evidence of a Specific Instance of Past Sexual Behavior.**
 - (1) ***In General.*** ~~Except as provided in paragraph~~(2), in In the prosecution of an offense described in ~~paragraph~~subdivision (b), evidence of a specific instance of ~~an~~alleged victim's past sexual behavior is not admissible.
 - (2) ***Exceptions; Procedure for Offering Evidence.*** ~~A defendant may not offer evidence~~Evidence of a specific instance of ~~an~~alleged victim's past sexual behavior ~~unless~~is admissible only if the court:

(A) ~~on a motion by the defendant made outside the presence of the jury, conducts an in camera examination of the evidence in the presence of the court reporter; and admits the evidence in accordance with subdivision (e);~~

(B) ~~determines that the probative value of the evidence outweighs the danger of unfair prejudice to the alleged victim and that the evidence finds that the evidence:~~

- (i) is necessary to rebut or explain scientific or medical evidence offered by the attorney representing the state;
- (ii) concerns past sexual behavior with the defendant and is offered by the defendant to prove consent, if the lack of consent is an element of the offense;
- (iii) relates to the ~~alleged~~ victim's motive or bias;
- (iv) is admissible under Rule 609; or
- (v) is constitutionally required to be admitted; and

(C) determines that the probative value of the evidence outweighs the danger of unfair prejudice to the victim.

(e) Procedure for Offering Evidence; Record Sealed.

(1) **Offering Evidence.** Before offering evidence of a specific instance of a victim's past sexual behavior, a defendant must, outside the presence of the jury, move to do so. The court must then conduct an in camera examination of the evidence in the presence of a court reporter and determine whether it is admissible. A defendant may not refer in the jury's presence to any evidence of a victim's past sexual behavior without first obtaining such a ruling from the court.

(2) **Record Sealed.** The court must seal the record of the in camera examination conducted under paragraph (1) and preserve the examination record as part of the record in the case.

Notes and Comments

Comment to 2025 Change: Former Rule 412 is repealed and replaced with this rule to implement Senate Bill 535, enacted by the 89th Legislature, and article 38.872 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE

Rule 412. Evidence of Previous Sexual Conduct in Criminal Cases

(a) **Definition of “Victim.”** In this rule, “victim” includes an alleged victim of the charged offense and an alleged victim of an extraneous offense or act described in subdivision (b).

(b) **Applicable Offenses.** This rule applies in a prosecution of a defendant for an offense, or for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense, under any of the following provisions of the Texas Penal Code:

- (1) Section 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8) (Trafficking of Persons);
- (2) Section 20A.03 (Continuous Trafficking of Persons), if the offense is based partly or wholly on conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8);
- (3) Section 21.02 (Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Disabled Individual);
- (4) Section 21.11 (Indecency with a Child);
- (5) Section 22.011 (Sexual Assault);
- (6) Section 22.012 (Indecent Assault); or
- (7) Section 22.021 (Aggravated Sexual Assault).

(c) **Reputation or Opinion Evidence.** In the prosecution of an offense described in subdivision (b), reputation or opinion evidence of a victim’s past sexual behavior is not admissible.

(d) **Evidence of a Specific Instance of Past Sexual Behavior.**

- (1) ***In General.*** In the prosecution of an offense described in subdivision (b), evidence of a specific instance of a victim’s past sexual behavior is not admissible.
- (2) ***Exceptions.*** Evidence of a specific instance of a victim’s past sexual behavior is admissible only if the court:
 - (A) admits the evidence in accordance with subdivision (e);

(B) finds that the evidence:

- (i)** is necessary to rebut or explain scientific or medical evidence offered by the attorney representing the state;
- (ii)** concerns past sexual behavior with the defendant and is offered by the defendant to prove consent, if the lack of consent is an element of the offense;
- (iii)** relates to the victim's motive or bias;
- (iv)** is admissible under Rule 609; or
- (v)** is constitutionally required to be admitted; and

(C) determines that the probative value of the evidence outweighs the danger of unfair prejudice to the victim.

(e) Procedure for Offering Evidence; Record Sealed.

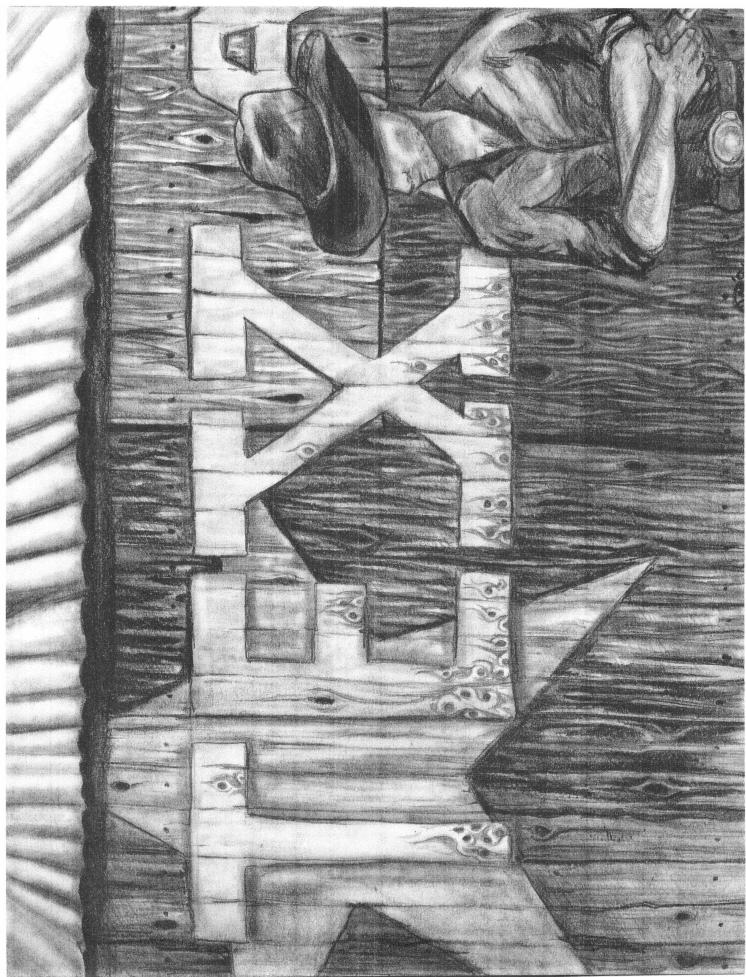
- (1) Offering Evidence.** Before offering evidence of a specific instance of a victim's past sexual behavior, a defendant must, outside the presence of the jury, move to do so. The court must then conduct an in camera examination of the evidence in the presence of a court reporter and determine whether it is admissible. A defendant may not refer in the jury's presence to any evidence of a victim's past sexual behavior without first obtaining such a ruling from the court.
- (1) Record Sealed.** The court must seal the record of the in camera examination conducted under paragraph (e)(1) and preserve it as part of the record in the case.

Notes and Comments

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