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Requests for Opinions

RQ-0646-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Charles Schwertner
Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Commerce
Texas State Senate
Post Office Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Municipal authority to regulate residential energy backup systems (RQ-0646-KP)

Briefs requested by July 14, 2026

RQ-0647-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Cecil Bell, Jr.
Chair, House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
Texas House of Representatives
Post Office Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Whether a county treasurer may receive compensation as appointed legal counsel in the county in which he or she serves as county treasurer (RQ-0647-KP)

Briefs requested by July 14, 2026

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Opinions

Opinion No. KP-0520

The Honorable Bob Hall
Chair, Senate Committee on Administration
Texas State Senate
Post Office Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Whether an amusement machine is considered a gambling device under the Texas Penal Code when the machine offers both chance-based and skill-based game modes (RQ-0637-KP)

S U M M A R Y

An amusement machine that offers both a chance-based game mode as well as a skill-based mode is a gambling device under Penal Code Chapter 47 so long as chance plays any role in determining whether the player receives something of value, regardless of the presence of skill.

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