

# Legislation Navigation Guide

The Planner's Toolkit

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This document is intended to provide guidance and is designed for use by **TDEM's** Preparedness Section. It can also be used by planners responsible for developing and maintaining emergency planning documents including state and local emergency management plans and annexes. It is available by request to interested planning partners for use in their emergency management efforts.

This document is not intended to supersede any guidance developed by the Texas Department of Public Safety or the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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## Preface

Most documents produced by **TDEM's planning team** make reference to a state or federal statute. This guide is designed to help planners, writers, and editors navigate the legislative maze with ease.

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# Using This Document

**This legislative navigation guide is a reference tool for emergency planners. This section explains how to use this guide to find current legal information.**

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This document is not designed to be read from cover to cover. Use this page as a navigation tool to quickly find the information you need.

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For an explanation of the acronyms and terms in this document, please refer to the **State of Texas Acronyms and Terms (STAT)** book.

This document is one in a series of emergency management planning tools. All guides in the series combine to form a comprehensive *Planner's Toolkit*.

# Overview and Purpose

This section explains why the legislative guide is important and for whom it is written.

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## Goal

Give emergency management planners a tool to help them research and learn more about federal and state legislation that affects emergency management planning.

## Objectives

- Explain how lawmaking impacts emergency management planning.
- Highlight key online legal information resources.
- Provide step-by-step guidance for conducting legal research using these resources.
- Assist team members in referencing proper authorities.

## Audience

- TDEM's Preparedness Section.
- Interested planning partners.

## Planning Assumptions

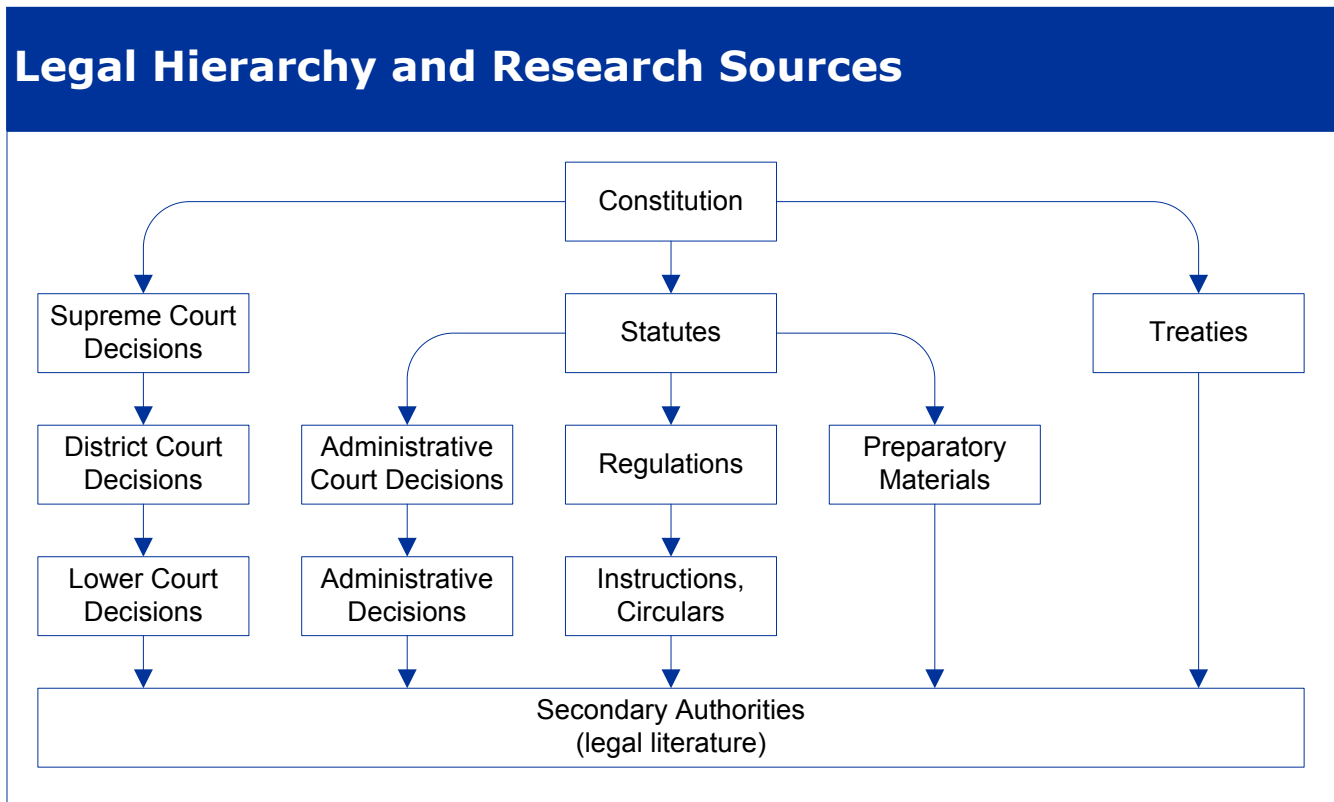
- Accurate plans must be based upon the latest versions of legal mandates.
- Online search tools make it easy for people to find accurate, up-to-date legal information.



# Texas Lawmaking

In this section, key aspects of Texas law-making are explained.

Governments function through the structure provided by a constitution. From the Constitution, three branches work to fulfill mandates resulting in differing types of legal rules or guidelines: judicial decisions, statutes and treaties. Statutes and treaties involve the legislative and executive branches working together. The following table demonstrates how these various legal sources relate to one another:



Only some laws address how government approaches the phases of emergency management. Fewer still need to be recognized in emergency management plans and procedures.

State of Texas emergency management planners must be concerned with both the federal and state levels of lawmaking when developing or revising emergency management plans. Luckily the processes and sources of these are similar. This discussion focuses on the processes existing at the state level with emphasis on the process of legislating.

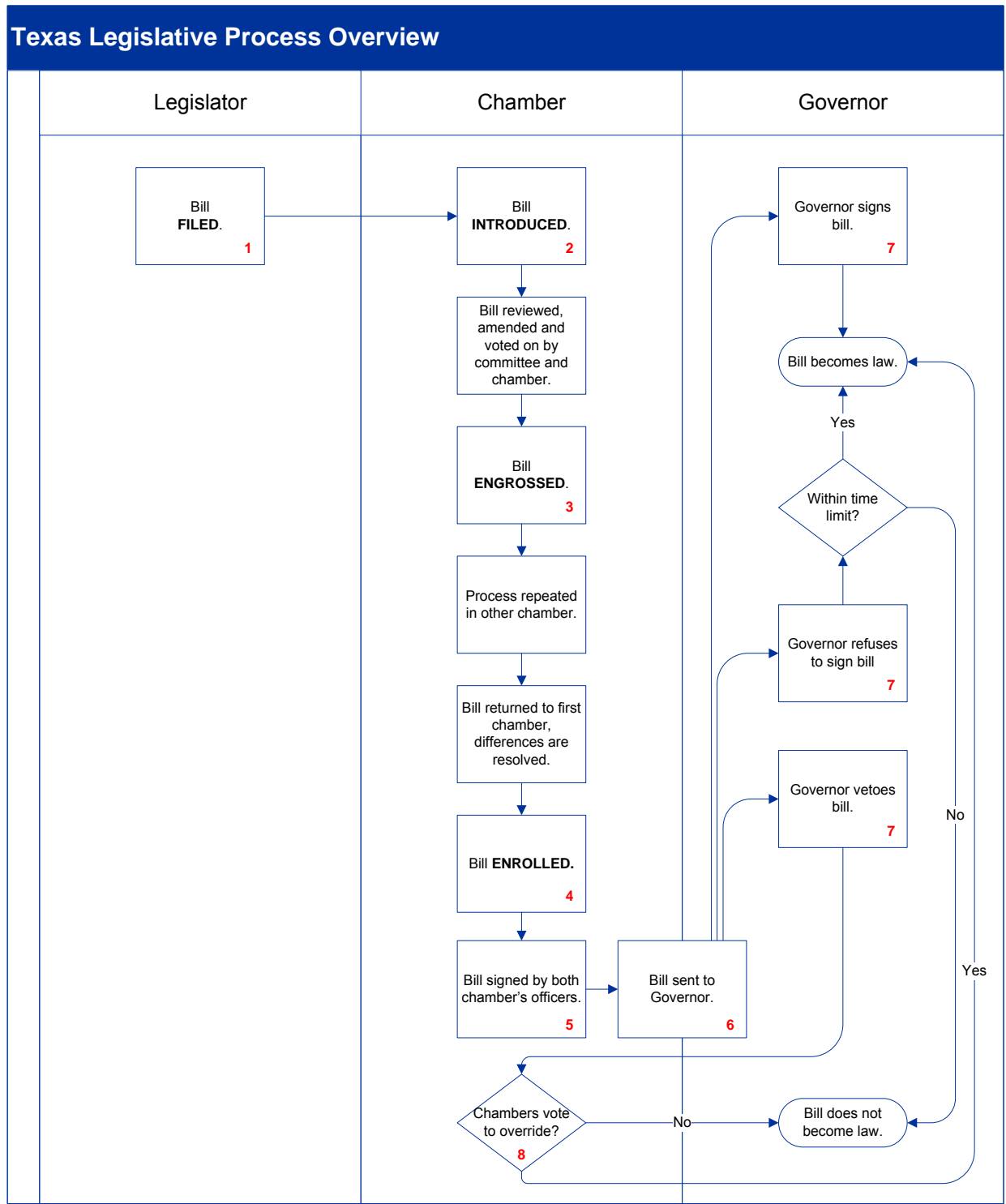
## Legislation and Bill Types

In Texas, several types of legal action may be considered during a legislative session. The following chart provides an overview of bill types, how they originate, what purpose each serves, and who can provide final approval.

Type	Origin	Purpose	Final Approver
Bill	House or Senate	Create new law; revise existing law.	Governor or 2/3 House and Senate vote.
Committee Report	A House or Senate committee	Recommend actions for the House or Senate to take on bills in report.	Depends on bill type.
Concurrent Resolution	House or Senate	To congratulate or memorialize; may also be administrative.	House and Senate.
Resolution	House or Senate	Provide formal opinion or decision, rather than a proposed law; may be offered for approval by one or both chambers.	House, Senate or both.
Joint Resolution	House or Senate	Propose an amendment to the TX Constitution, ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution or request a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.	For TX Constitutional amendments, 2/3 vote of membership in each chamber for adoption; Texas <b>voters' approval.</b>
Simple Resolution	House or Senate	Adopt or change chamber rules of procedure or offer congratulations or condolences.	Not applicable.

# Bill Stages

As shown in the chart below, a bill can go through as many as eight stages before it becomes a law.



# Legal Research Tools

**In this section, online legal researching tools used by team members are identified and previewed.**

SFPU planner legal research is usually limited to capturing changes in approach that result from changes in legal foundation since the last revision of an emergency management plan.

Research tools addressed here are online and include:

Resource	Use	Location
Texas Legislature Online (TLO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access current Texas statutes and Texas Constitution</li> <li>Track pending Texas legislation</li> <li>Search on topics</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.legis.state.tx.us/">http://www.legis.state.tx.us/</a> and <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/</a>
Legislative Reference Library of Texas (LRL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access current and past Texas legislative session summaries</li> <li>Crosswalk legislation to affected code</li> <li>Search on topics</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/index.cfm">http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/index.cfm</a>
Texas Register (TR) Texas Administrative Code (TAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track Texas agency rulemaking</li> <li>Research existing code</li> <li>Track rule and agency transfers</li> <li>Access to TAC (from TR)</li> <li>Search on topics</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/about.shtml">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/about.shtml</a> (TR)  <a href="http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml">http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml</a> (TAC)
Texas Legislature Live Broadcasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See pending legislation discussed and acted upon</li> <li>See previous session activity in archives</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/">http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/</a> and <a href="http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php">http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php</a>
Sunset Advisory Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track potential rule or agency transfers before these enter legislature</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/">http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/</a>
Library of Congress THOMAS website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track pending federal legislation</li> <li>View congressional record and committee reports</li> </ul>	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php">http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php</a>
Government Printing Office eCFR website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track federal agency rulemaking</li> <li>Research existing code</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse</a>
National Archives CFR website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search on topics</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/subjects.html">http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/subjects.html</a>
Government Printing Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crosswalk how legislation impacts code</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/">http://www.gpo.gov/</a>
C-Span	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C-Span has 4 channels,</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.c-span.org/Live-">http://www.c-span.org/Live-</a>

Resource	Use	Location
	some live feeds, not exclusively congressionally focused <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Track current session action</li></ul>	<a href="#">Video/C-SPAN2/</a> , <a href="http://houselive.gov/">http://houselive.gov/</a> and <a href="http://www.senate.gov/floor/">http://www.senate.gov/floor/</a>

# Conducting Online State Legal Research

In this section the functionality of the Texas Legislature Online website is introduced to team members.

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Using the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) website, a planner can explore the legislative landscape of a planning topic including:

- Current statutes – laws passed by the legislature;
- Texas constitution;
- Bill status;
- Enactment or amendment;
- Specific terms or phrases;
- State agency rules; and
- Legislative session summaries.

## Current Statutes

1. From the TLO homepage (<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>), click the “Statutes” button under the “Additional Searches” section:



2. On the "Quick Search" page that opens, use the three dropdown menu options to pull up a specific chapter in a specific code. For example, Section 418.013:

Texas Constitution and Statutes  
Home

Home Search Download Statutes By Date

The statutes available on this website are current through the 1st Called Session of the 82nd Legislature, July 2011. The Texas Constitution is current approved by voters in November 2011.

Hide Quick Search

Code: Government Code  
Article/Chapter: CHAPTER 418. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
Art./Sec.: Sec. 418.013. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Go Reset

TEXAS CONSTITUTION  
TEXAS STATUTES

3. Click "Go" to arrive at the legislation sought:

Sec. 418.013. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. (a) The governor by executive order may establish an emergency management council to advise the governor in all matters relating to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

(b) The emergency management council is composed of representatives of state agencies, boards, commissions, and other entities designated by the head of each entity.

(c) The emergency management council shall make recommendations to the Department of Public Safety as to whether the American National Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, and other similar organizations, should be authorized to operate certain vehicles as designated in a disaster.

(d) The emergency management council shall assist the division in identifying, mobilizing, and deploying resources in response to emergencies and disasters throughout the state.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 147, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 992, Sec. 3, eff. September 1, 1997.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 258, Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2007.

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1280, Sec. 1.03, eff. September 1, 2009.

Sec. 418.014. DECLARATION OF STATE OF DISASTER. (a) The governor by executive order or proclamation may declare a state of disaster if the governor finds a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of disaster is imminent.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the state of disaster continues until the governor:

(1) finds that:

(A) the threat or danger has passed; or

(B) the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist;

(2) terminates the state of disaster by executive order.

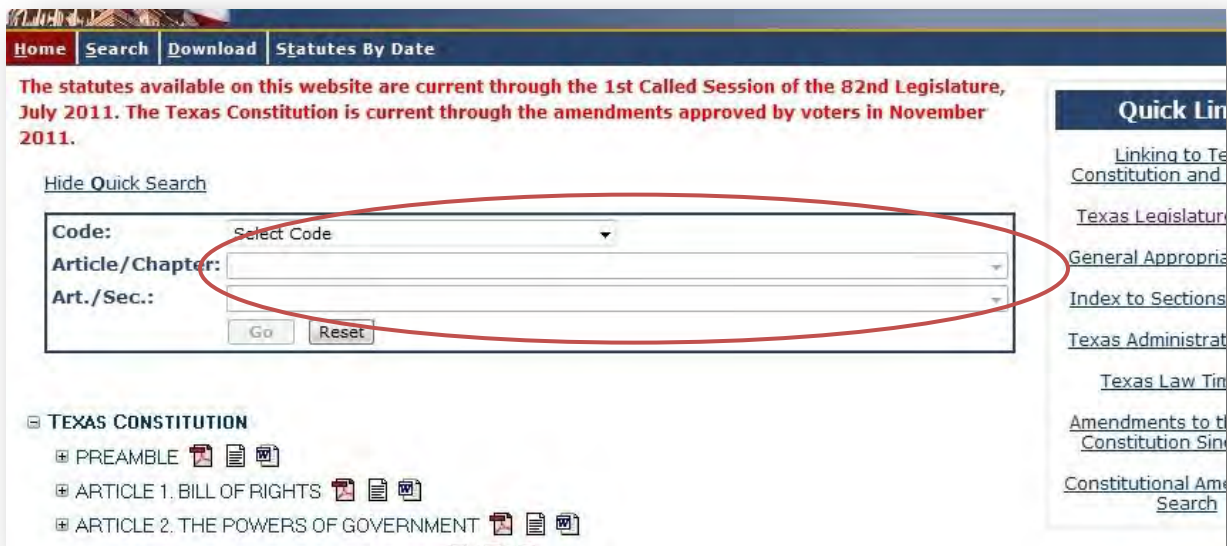
(c) A state of disaster may not continue for more than 30 days unless renewed by the governor. The legislature may extend the period for which a state of disaster may continue.

# Texas Constitution

1. To search for something in the Texas Constitution start at the "Quick Search" page (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>) and click the "Constitution" button under the "Additional Searches" section:



2. Use the pull-down lists of Article/Chapter and Art./Sec. to navigate way to wanted text. Functionality is identical to the Current Statutes discussion above:





## Bill Status

If the Texas State Legislature is in session, it is possible to find the text of a current bill and its status.

1. From the main Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/> select the current legislative session – use pull-down list and select the latest session with “(R)” in its title:



The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website for the 83rd Legislature Third Called Session. The navigation bar includes Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The 'Search Legislation' section has a 'Legislature' dropdown menu set to '83(R) - 2013', which is circled in red. Below the dropdown is a search input field with a question mark icon and a 'Go' button. The 'Additional Searches' section lists various search options: Text Search, Bill Lookup, Bill Search, Amendments, Sections Affected, and Legislative Archive System. On the right side, there are links for 'Access Mobile Version' and 'Legislative Activity'.

2. If the bill number is known, click on the “Bill Number” button and enter the number in the text box below (e.g., HB 204 or SB 409). HB or SB must be included in front of the number for the search to work:



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3. A search this specific yields a summary history of the legislative actions, as below:

**Bill:** HB 204      **Legislative Session:** 83(R)      [Add to Bill List](#)

**Last Action:** 02/06/2013 H Referred to Appropriations

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption Text:** Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state and requiring a state agency that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit and submit a zero-based budget in connection with the review.

**Author:** Krause | King, Phil | Leach | Miller, Rick

**Coauthor:** Bonnen, Dennis | Branch | Burkett | Capriglione | Huberty | Klick | Laubenberg | Sanford | Schaefer | Simmons | Stickland | Taylor, Van | Toth | White | Zedler

**Subjects:** Education--Higher--Finance (I0232)  
State Agencies, Boards & Commissions--Admin. Procedure (I0763)  
Sunset--Review Procedures (I0017)  
AUDITS & AUDITORS (S4334)  
AUDITOR, STATE (V4364)  
SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION (V8389)

**House Committee:** [Appropriations](#)

**Status:** In committee

4. Once the history summary page is active, tabs along the top indicate additional information is available on the bill.

Tab Name	Description
Text	Leads to links that provide views of the bill's text.
Actions	Leads to a table on legislative actions, dates and links to the legislative journal page that details the action.
Bill Stages	Presents "Actions" information graphically along with the stages the bill has yet to pass.
Authors	Includes the information that can be seen on the history summary page – primary and joint authors, plus the names of coauthors.
Captions	Repeats the caption text visible on the history summary page.

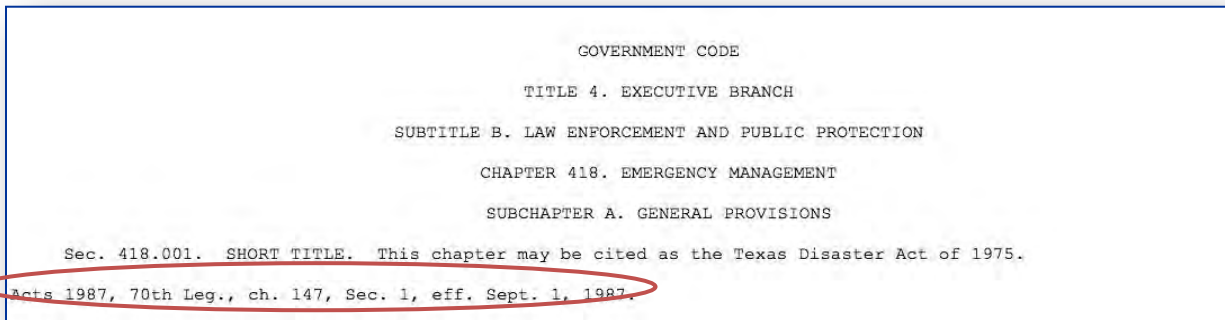
- If the bill number isn't known, click on the "Word / Phrase" button and enter the search term you need (such as "zero-based budgeting") and click "Go":

- This level of search will lead to a list of relevant legislation:

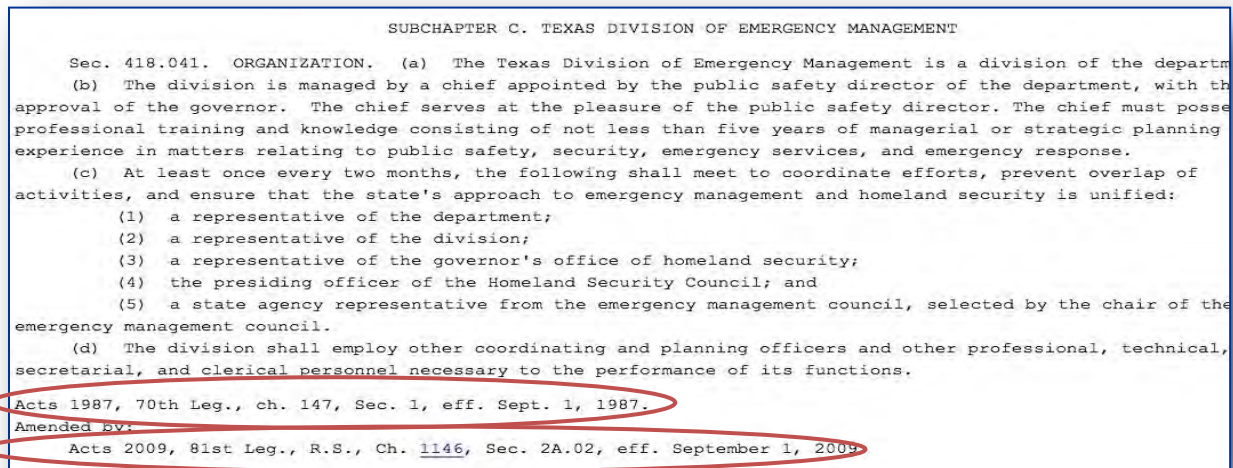
## Enactment or Amendment

To find out when a chapter, subchapter, or section became law or was updated, follow the next few steps – the steps that lead to this starting point are found under “Current Statutes,” steps 1 – 3.

1. Look at the end of the first section of a code chapter to find the chapter’s enacting information. This image shows that Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 1987 during the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature and can be found in that legislative session’s law book in Chapter 147, Section 1, which went into effect on September 1, 1987:



2. To find the enactment of a code’s subchapter, look for the information provided after the first section of that subchapter. This image (from Chapter 418) shows that Subchapter C of Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 1987 during the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature and can be found in that legislative session’s law book in Chapter 147, Section 1. The subchapter went into effect on September 1, 1987. It also shows that it was amended in 2009 during the 81<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the Legislature, and can be found in that legislative session’s law book in Chapter 1146, Section 2A.02. It went into effect on September 1, 2009:



3. Look at the end of each section in a code chapter to find its enacting and, if applicable, amending information. This image shows that Section 418.044 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 1987 during the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislature and can be found in that legislative session's law book in Chapter 147, Section 1. The section went into effect on September 1, 1987. It also shows that it was amended in 1997 during the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature, and can be found in that legislative session's law book in Chapter 992, Section 6. It went into effect on September 1, 1997.

Sec. 418.044. ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL PLANS. (a) The division shall take an integral part in the development and revision of local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans. For that purpose, the division shall employ or otherwise secure the services of professional and technical personnel capable of providing expert assistance to political subdivisions and emergency management agencies. Those personnel shall consult with the subdivisions and agencies on a regularly scheduled basis and shall make field reviews of the areas, circumstances, and conditions to which particular local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans apply and may suggest revisions.

(b) The division shall encourage local and interjurisdictional agencies to seek advice from local government, business, labor, industry, agriculture, civic organizations, volunteer organizations, and community leaders.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 147, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 992, Sec. 6, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

## Specific Terms or Phrases

To search for every occurrence of a certain term or phrase in Texas statutes and the Texas Constitution, follow these steps.

1. From the main Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>, click on "Statutes" under the "Additional Searches" section.
2. Arriving at the "Quick Search" page – below, click on "Search" in the tabs section under the page header. Select "All Codes" – actually the default setting. Type in the phrase – in quotes. Click "Submit":



www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Search.aspx

Texas Constitution and Statutes  
Text Search

Home Search Download Statutes By Date

Code(s) to Search:  
All Codes

Text to Search for:  
"emergency management"

Submit Reset

The Search feature looks for several variations of the word or phrase you enter. For example, if you enter **employ**, the results will include documents containing the word **employ**, **employee**, **employed**, etc. To search for a phrase, use quotation marks. For example, enter **"insurance regulation"**, the results will include documents containing the entire phrase **insurance regulation**.

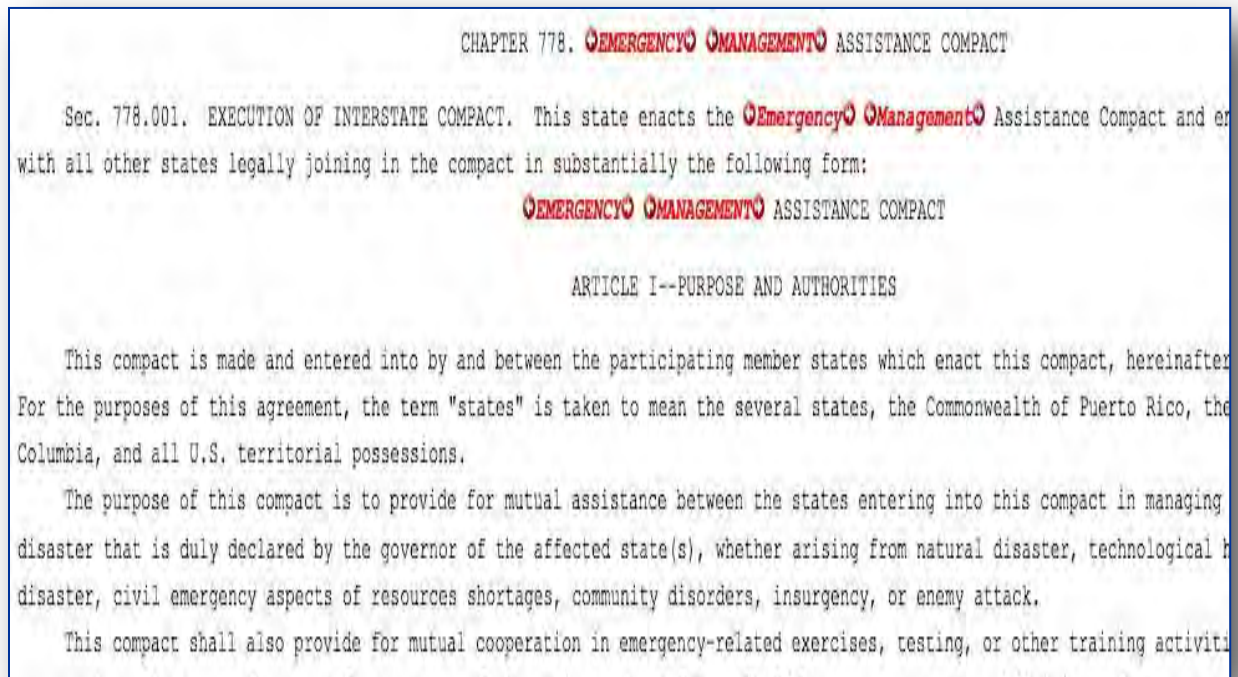
3. As an example, the search for "emergency management" results in:

Results 1 through 36 out of 36 matches.

Search phrase: "emergency management"

1. [AGRICULTURE CODE CHAPTER 12. POWERS AND DUTIES](#)
2. [AGRICULTURE CODE CHAPTER 161. GENERAL DISEASE AND PEST CONTROL](#)
3. [CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE CHAPTER 79. LIABILITY OF PERSONS ASSISTING IN HAZARDOUS OR DANGEROUS SITUATIONS](#)
4. [CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE CHAPTER 101. TORT CLAIMS](#)
5. [VERNON'S CIVIL STATUTES TITLE 109. PENSIONS](#)
6. [EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 37. DISCIPLINE; LAW AND ORDER](#)
7. [EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 51. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO HIGHER EDUCATION](#)
8. [EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 88. AGENCIES AND SERVICES OF THE TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM](#)
9. [GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT](#)
10. [GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 419. TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION](#)

4. Clicking on any link will open that document. The term of interest – emergency management in this example will be highlighted in the document. If nothing is highlighted, use the CTRL+F function to search for your phrase:



5. If you want to search the same term in the Texas Constitution, select "The Texas Constitution" from the "Codes(s) to Search" drop-down menu and follow steps 2 through 4.

# State Agency Rules

For a look at state agency rules, follow these steps:

1. From the main Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>, under "Additional Searches," select "Administrative Code." This link will take you away from the Texas Legislature Online site to Secretary of State's website <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml>:

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### Welcome to the Texas Administrative Code

The Secretary of State does not interpret or enforce the Texas Administrative Code. If you need interpretation of a current rule, contact the agency that promulgated the rule.

The Texas Administrative Code (TAC) is a compilation of all state agency rules in Texas. There are 16 titles in the TAC. Each title represents a category and related agencies are assigned to the appropriate title.

In 1977, the TAC was created by the Texas Legislature under the Administrative Code Act (Government Code, §§2002.051-2002.056). In 1975, the Code Act, the Legislature directed the Office of the Secretary of State to compile, index, and cause to be published the Texas Administrative Code.

State agency rule writers, in cooperation with the Office of the Secretary of State, had begun the task of organization and systematic dissemination of agency rules in 1975 with the passage of the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act (Government Code, §2001 and §2002).

With the passage of the Administrative Code Act, the Legislature intended for the Secretary of State to contract with public entities to publish the TAC. However, as more innovative technology became available, demand for the TAC in electronic format increased. In response to this increase, the Texas Legislature in 1995, HB 2304 allows the Secretary of State to make the TAC available through our web site and other added services available through the web site.

In addition, HB 2304 mandated that the TAC be made available in an electronic format at no charge. This complimentary service is available at [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.viewtac).



2. A link provided at the bottom of the Texas Administrative Code home page ([http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.viewtac)) brings up a menu of titles in this code. Click through the links of importance until the agency/section/information desired is found. There is not an easier way to search through these as of this document's revision:

## Texas Administrative Code

### Titles

- [TITLE 1 ADMINISTRATION](#)
- [TITLE 4 AGRICULTURE](#)
- [TITLE 7 BANKING AND SECURITIES](#)
- [TITLE 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT](#)
- [TITLE 13 CULTURAL RESOURCES](#)
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- [TITLE 40 SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE](#)
- [TITLE 43 TRANSPORTATION](#)

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# Legislative Session Summaries

When the legislature ends, a summary of the bills passed can be constructed.

1. From the Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>, in the lower left corner of the page, under "Related Links," click on the Legislative Reference Library.

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with sections: Journals, News, House Research Organization, Kids' House, Texas Senate, and Related Links. The 'Related Links' section is circled in red and contains the following links: Legislative Reference Library, County, State, Federal, and Awards. The main content area is divided into three columns. The top column has links for Amendments, Sections Affected, Legislative Archive System, and View Votes. The middle column is titled 'How Do I ...' and lists various actions like finding bills, contacting legislators, and viewing hearings. The bottom column is titled 'My TLO' and includes links for tracking legislation, receiving alerts, and RSS feeds. On the right side, there are sections for 'Today's Calendars', 'Legislative Process', 'Who Represents Me?' (with a form for address, city, and ZIP code), and 'Capitol Complex Information'.

- With the Legislative Reference Library page open, look for "Session summaries" in the pull-down list of "Sessions":



- Click on "Session summaries," then select the session of interest:



4. For example, if the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature were selected, that part of the screen would look like:



5. Click on the Texas Legislative Council's "Summary of Enactments" link. If there were Special Called sessions, there will be links for them.



6. Selecting the "Summary of Enactments" link will open a downloadable PDF document:



7. The document is divided by key topics allowing for an easy search of all the bills that will pass or have passed into law:

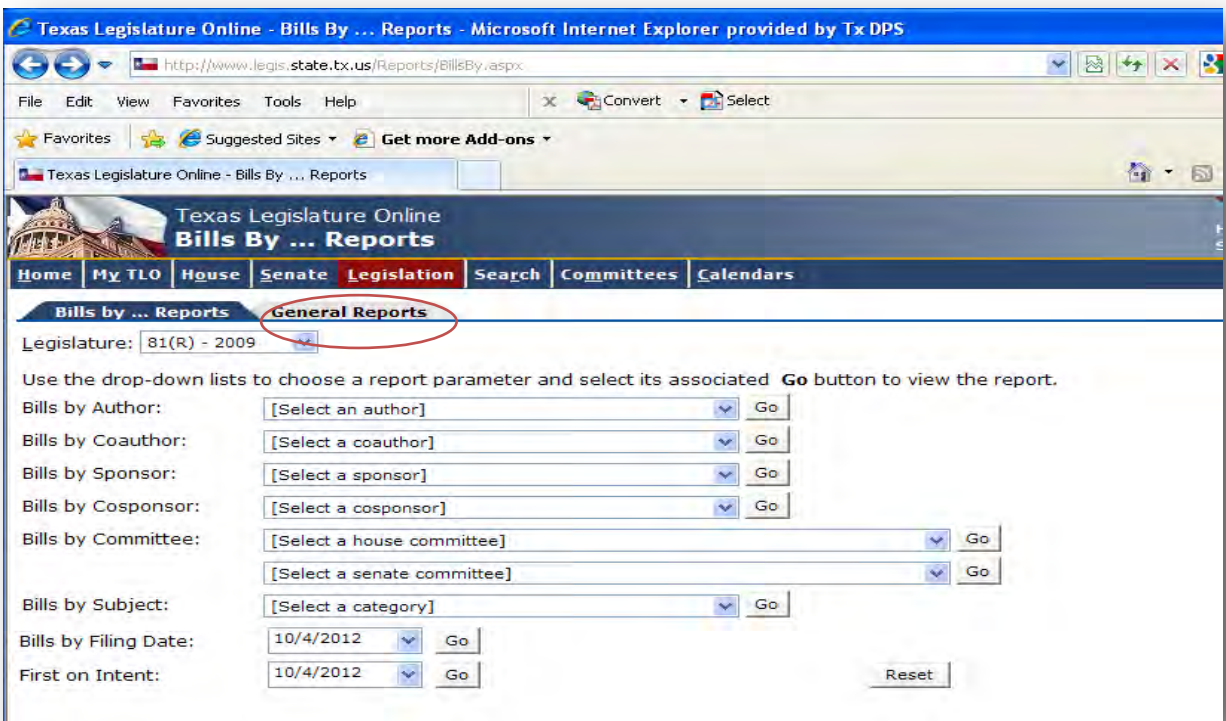
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If the summary book has not been posted and a summary is needed right away, follow these steps.

1. From the main Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>, under "Additional Searches," click on "Reports":



2. From the reports search page, click the "General Reports" tab – circled tab from second row of tabs in image below:



- Select the appropriate Legislature and type of legislation you want to search. For this example, 82 (R) – 2011 was selected and “Bills Filed Without the Governor’s Signature” was clicked:

www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/General.aspx

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Legislature: 82(R) - 2011

- Filed House Bills
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- Bills Effective on January 1st
- Bills Effective Immediately
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**Non-Legislature**

- Legislative Statistics
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- Votes By Date - Senate

- Below is what the search results for “Bills Filed Without the Governor’s Signature” would look like. To follow the life of the original bill of interest, click on the hyperlink of that bill:

**Texas Legislature**  
**Bills Filed Without the Governor's Signature**  
82nd Legislature Regular Session  
Report Date: 9/30/2012

Number of Bills: 27  
**HB 600**

Author: Solomons  
Sponsor: Seliger  
Last Action: 05/19/2011 E Effective in 90 days -- 8/29/11  
Caption: Relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the State Board of Education.

**HB 1541**

Author: McClendon  
Sponsor: Wentworth  
Last Action: 06/17/2011 E Effective on 9/1/11  
Caption: Relating to the prevention of automobile burglary and theft.

**HB 1788**

Author: Farias | King, Tracy O. | Larson | Gallego  
Sponsor: Uresti  
Last Action: 06/17/2011 E Effective on 9/1/11  
Caption: Relating to capturing reptiles and amphibians by nonlethal means; providing a penalty.

**HB 2367**

Author: Parker | Hochberg  
Sponsor: Uresti  
Last Action: 06/17/2011 E Effective immediately  
Caption: Relating to the creation of an advisory panel to study certain parental rights relating to possession of or access to

5. To compile a thorough list of bills for a **session**, click on the four different “**Bills Effective**” links – that is, bills enacted into law, and “**Bills Passed by the House and Senate**” link – the bills enrolled by the legislature and pending action by the Governor:

www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/General.aspx

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For more details about specific code(s) or section(s) summaries, follow these steps.

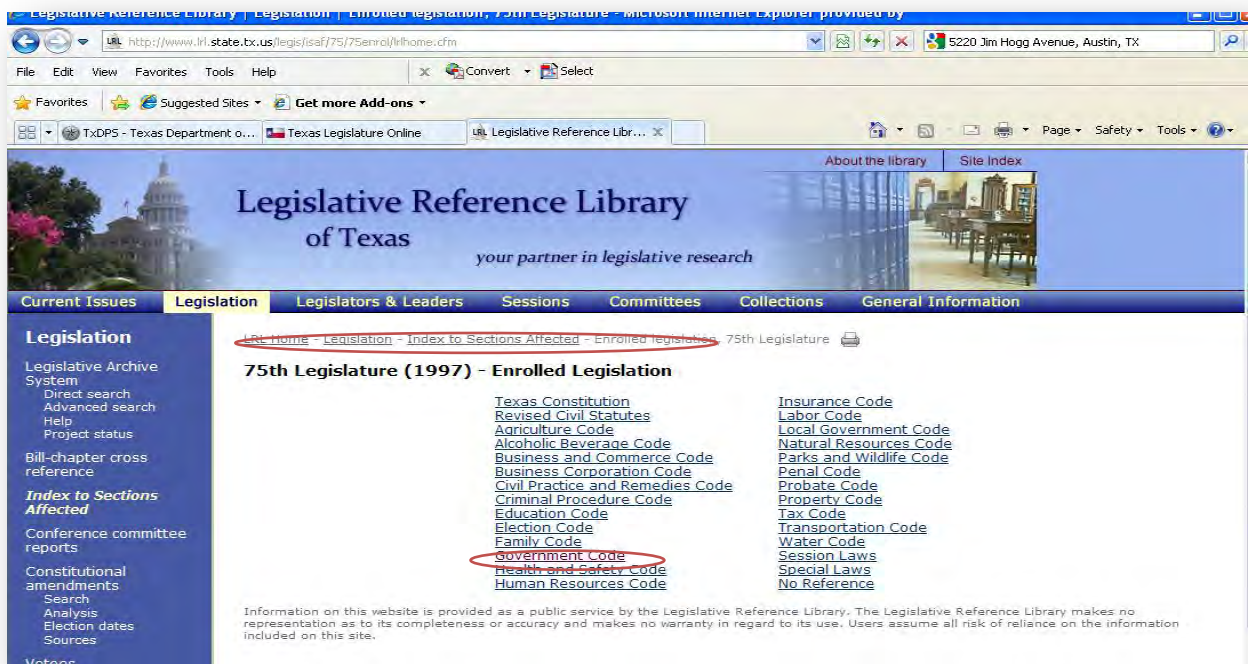
1. From the main Texas Legislature Online page <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>, under the "Additional Searches" header, click on "Sections Affected."
2. On the "Index to Sections Affected" page <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/isaf/lrlhome.cfm>, select the latest session or, if you want to see previous sessions, select those. To search the 74<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> legislative sessions, click the "ISAF – 74<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> sessions" link at the bottom of the page.



3. For this example, the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature, "Enrolled Legislation" was selected:



- From the "Enrolled Legislation" screen, "Government Code" was selected:



- Below is an example index of changes to the Government Code from the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/isaf/75/75enrol/NGovernme.txt

ISAF 75 R.S. Enrolled - Government Code

Revised: 22 Aug 1997

Legend:  
 N = Enrolled  
 V = Vetoed

Government Code	4 (entire title)	.....	N SB	898
Government Code	21.001	.....	N HB	1492
Government Code	21.002	.....	N SB	898
Government Code	22.2051	.....	N SB	263
Government Code	22.302	.....	N HB	784
Government Code	23.101	.....	N SB	68
Government Code	24.105	.....	N SB	24
Government Code	24.136	.....	V SB	20
Government Code	24.139	.....	N SB	970
Government Code	24.144	.....	N HB	1706
Government Code	24.151	.....	V SB	20
Government Code	24.185	.....	V SB	20
Government Code	24.192	.....	N SB	1174
Government Code	24.204	.....	N SB	24

For a more recent session, the 81st Legislature is examined here:

1. From the "Index to Sections Affected" page <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/isaf/lrlhome.cfm>, select "81 R.S. (2009)".
2. Select "Government Code".
3. Type in "418" to see changes to Chapter 418 of the Government Code.
4. Select something from the "Status" menu – if it's post legislative session, likely the list of enrolled or vetoed legislation would be desired:

The screenshot shows the website [www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/isaf/lrlhome.cfm](http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/isaf/lrlhome.cfm). The page title is "Legislative Reference Library of Texas" with the tagline "your partner in legislative research". The navigation menu includes "Current Issues", "Legislation", "Legislators & Leaders", "Sessions", and "Committees". The "Legislation" section is active, showing a sidebar with links like "Legislative Archive System", "Direct search", "Advanced search", "Help", "Project status", "Bill-chapter cross reference", "Index to Sections Affected", "Conference committee reports", "Constitutional amendments", and "Vetoed".

The main content area is titled "Index to Sections Affected" and contains a search form. The form fields are: "Sessions:" with a dropdown menu showing "82 R.S. (2011)", "81 1st C.S. (2009)", and "81 R.S. (2009)"; "Code:" with a dropdown menu showing "Government Code"; "Section/Legislature:" with a text input field containing "418"; and "Status:" with a dropdown menu showing "Enrolled (F)". A "Search" button is located below the form. There are also radio buttons for "View records 100 at a time" and "View up to 1,000 records at once".

At the bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer: "Information in the Index to Sections Affected is unofficial and is provided as a public service with no representation as to its completeness or accuracy and makes no warranty in regard..."

5. The following image shows the enrolled bills. If it does not say "vetoed" next to "enrolled," the bill passed into law. To see the original bill for a specific section, click on the HB or SB hyperlink. The number next to the bill number represents the section of the bill where the amended/new section can be found. For example, Section 418.006 was amended by SB 1536, specifically section 3.06 of the section. Since the bill was enrolled and not vetoed, such as HB 1090, the bill was enacted:

[LRL Home](#) - [Legislation](#) - [Index to Sections Affected](#) - [Search by code](#) 

### Index to Sections Affected code search results

Search [ code = Government Code articles beginning with = 418 status = Enrolled (F) Sessions: 83-0 Sort order

Records 1 - 9 of 9

Code	Article/Section	Effect	Session	Bill/Section	Status
Government Code	<a href="#">418.006</a>	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">SB 1536</a> 3.06	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.013</a>	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">SB 171</a> 1	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.016</a>	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">HB 2741</a> 3	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.052</a>	Adds	83-0	<a href="#">HB 1090</a> 4	Enrolled Vetoed
Government Code	<a href="#">418.114</a>	Repeals	83-0	<a href="#">HB 3178</a> 3	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.115</a> (a)	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">HB 3178</a> 1	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.1181</a> (a)	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">HB 3178</a> 2	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.192</a> (h)	Amends	83-0	<a href="#">HB 3096</a> 1	Enrolled
Government Code	<a href="#">418.201-418.204</a>	Adds	83-0	<a href="#">HB 1090</a> 5	Enrolled Vetoed

Records 1 - 9 of 9

6. Selecting the hyperlink "SB 1536" above leads to the text screen related to the bill. To see the actual bill that proposed the new or revised law, click on the HTML icon next to "Enrolled" and under "Bill." Clicking on the PDF or Word document icons will open the bill in that format:

[Home](#) | [My TLO](#) | [House](#) | [Senate](#) | [Legislation](#) | [Search](#) | [Committees](#) | [Calendars](#) Bill: 83R

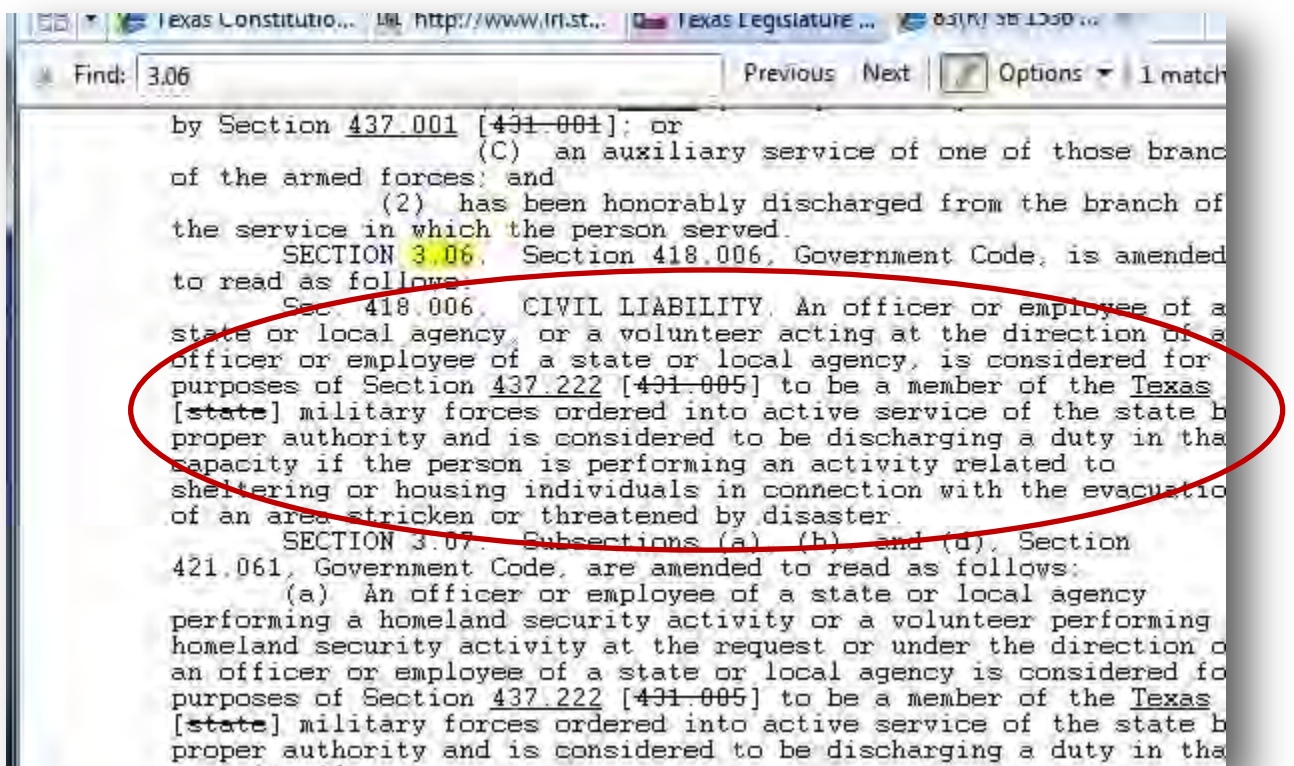
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**Bill:** SB 1536 **Legislative Session:** 83(R) **Author:** Van de Putte Ad

Version	Bill	Fiscal Note	Analysis	Witness List	Summary Cmte Actio
Introduced	  	 	  	 	
Senate Committee Report	  	 	  	 	
Engrossed	  				
House Committee Report	  		  		 
Enrolled	  	 	  		

**Additional Documents:** [Enrolled Bill Summary](#)

7. In this example, Section 3.06 of SB 1536 addresses Section 418.006 of the Government Code. The underlined text and text that has a strikethrough represents new/amended language, namely a change in citation for volunteer liability limitation and a change of language referring to the Texas Military Forces:



8. A summary of the enrolled bill can be found by clicking on the “Enrolled Bill Summary” link in the “Additional Documents” section at the bottom of the page:

9. This is the bill summary for SB 1536:

Legislative Session: 83(R)

**Senate Bill 1536**  
**Effective:** 9-1-13

**Senate Author:** Van de Putte et al.  
**House Sponsor:** Menendez

Senate Bill 1536 repeals Government Code provisions relating to the state militia and transfers those provisions to a new chapter of the Government Code relating to the Texas military. The bill updates provisions relating to the adjutant general's department, which is renamed the Texas Military Department. Among other provisions, the bill authorizes the governor to delegate to the adjutant general certain powers relating to appointment of Texas State Guard general officers and regulation and activation of Texas military forces. The bill authorizes the adjutant general, on delegation of the authority by the governor, to order all or part of the Texas military forces to state training and other duty under certain conditions. The bill provides for pay and benefits for service members on state active duty or on state training and other duty, and it makes a volunteer in the Texas State Guard who has been on state active duty or on state training or other duty for more than 90 days eligible to participate in the state group benefits program to purchase health or dental insurance coverage, subject to certain requirements. The bill makes related conforming changes in numerous codes.

# Governor Documents

To search for executive orders, messages, proclamations, speeches, and vetoes from past and present governors, follow these steps:

1. From the main Legislative Reference Library page <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us>, select "Legislators & Leaders."



2. Select "Governors of Texas."



- On this page, you can conduct a general or very specific search for governor documents. Leave all items blank except for the keyword text box to search all documents for a specific term or phrase.

- Results show the date of release, the related legislative session, the governor, and the document type. "Evacuation" was entered for the following results:

Date	Session	Title	Author	Type
03/21/2006	79th R.S.	<a href="#">Executive order RP-57 Relating to implementing recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation, and Logistics</a>	Rick Perry	Executive order
04/30/1957	55th R.S.	<a href="#">Submitting an emergency matter to the 55th Legislature: appropriation of \$20,000 for Martial Law and Emergency Use of Troops in Line Item 85 of the appropriations to the Adjut...</a>	Price Daniel, Sr.	Legislative message



- For a more specific search, select the appropriate governor's name and document type. Enter a keyword if you are looking for a specific term or phrase. Remember to use quotes around phrases.

The screenshot shows the Legislative Reference Library of Texas website. The main navigation bar includes links for Current Issues, Legislation, Legislators & Leaders (selected), Sessions, Committees, Collections, and General Information. The left sidebar contains links for Legislators & Leaders, Texas Legislators: Past & Present, and Governors of Texas. The main content area is titled "Texas Governors" and features a search form for "Search for governor documents". The search criteria are: Governor: Rick Perry, Document type: Executive order, Published between: (empty), and: (empty), Keyword: "emergency management", and Session: 84 R.S. and 83 R.S. A "Search" button is at the bottom of the form. To the right, there are links for "Browse Texas governors" and "Popular Searches" which includes Inaugural materials, Emergency matters submitted to the Legislature, Governor budgets, and Disaster declarations and related materials, 2001-present.

- See the results for this search below:

The screenshot shows the same website as above, but displaying the search results. The URL is "LRL Home - Legislators and Leaders - Governor documents search". Below the search form, it says "Search again" and "3 result(s) [ Author= Rick Perry Document type= Executive order Keyword= "emergency management" ]". A table of results is displayed with columns for Date, Session, Title, Author, and Type.

Date	Session	Title	Author	Type
01/28/2004	78th R.S.	<a href="#">Executive order RP-32 Relating to Emergency Management and Homeland Security</a>	Rick Perry	Executive order
04/03/2002	77th R.S.	<a href="#">Executive order RP-12 Relating to Emergency Management</a>	Rick Perry	Executive order
03/29/2001	77th R.S.	<a href="#">Executive order RP-01 Relating to Emergency Management</a>	Rick Perry	Executive order

# Conducting Online Federal Legal Research

In this section the planner is introduced to the functionality of various federal legislative research websites.

## THOMAS Website

A key site for starting federal legislative research is the Library of Congress' THOMAS website, located at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

1. To do a general term/phrase search for legislation **currently** in Congress, enter your phrase/term in quotes in the search box:

The screenshot displays the THOMAS website interface. At the top, it reads "The LIBRARY of CONGRESS THOMAS". Below this is a navigation bar with "The Library of Congress > THOMAS Home". The main content area is titled "THOMAS" and includes the tagline "In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, legislative information from the Library of Congress".

On the left side, there is a vertical menu with the following items: THOMAS Home, About THOMAS, Bills, Resolutions, Congressional Record, Presidential Nominations, Treaties, Committee Reports, Government Resources, For Teachers, and Help. Below this menu are links for House of Representatives, Senate, and U.S. Code. Further down, there is a section for "Related Resources at the Library" with links to Law Library of Congress, Congress.gov, Guide to Law Online, Global Legal Monitor, and Century of Lawmaking. At the bottom left, it says "Find the Law Library on:" and "In Custodia Legis Blog".

The central search area is titled "Legislation in Current Congress" and "Search Bill Summary & Status". It features two radio buttons: "Word/Phrase" (selected) and "Bill Number". A search input field is highlighted with a red oval, and a "SEARCH" button is to its right. Below the search options are links for "Try the Advanced Search" and "More Search Options".

Below the search area is the "Browse Bills by Sponsor" section, which includes dropdown menus for "Select a Representative" and "Select a Senator", each with a "GO" button, and a link for "More Browse Options".

The "More Legislative Information" section includes links for "Search Bill Text for Multiple Congresses", "Appropriations Bills", "Public Laws", "Roll Call Votes", "Contact Members of Congress", and "State Legislature Websites".

At the bottom left of the main content area is a "Learn" section with a link for "THOMAS Orientation".

On the right side, there are three sections: "Current Activity" with links for House Floor Now (video), House Committee Video, Senate Floor Now (video), Passed Congress, Sent to President, Yesterday in Congress, Congressional Record Latest Daily Digest (app), and Schedules, Calendars; "Weekly Top Five" with links for H.R. 2009 [113th], H.R. 367 [113th], S. 744 [113th], H.R. 933 [113th], and H.R. 3590 [111th], and a "View Top Ten" link; and "Congress.gov Beta" with a large graphic that says "INTRODUCING BETA CONGRESS.GOV" and a link to "Visit beta.congress.gov".

2. The phrase "emergency management" was entered for the following results:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas). The page title is "The LIBRARY of CONGRESS THOMAS". The breadcrumb trail is "The Library of Congress > THOMAS Home > Bills, Resolutions > Search Results". The main heading is "Bill Summary & Status Search Results". Below this, it says "Text searched: 'emergency management'". There are navigation links: "NEXT PAGE", "PREVIOUS PAGE", and "NEW SEARCH". The results are listed as "Items 1 through 100 of 268".

- H.R. 1**: Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011  
**Sponsor**: [Rep Rogers, Harold](#) [KY-5] (introduced 2/11/2011) **Cosponsors** (None)  
**Committees**: House Appropriations; House Budget  
**Latest Major Action**: 3/9/2011 Senate floor actions. Status: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 14.
- H.R. 57**: Disaster Recovery Improvement Act  
**Sponsor**: [Rep Scalise, Steve](#) [LA-1] (introduced 1/5/2011) **Cosponsors** (5)  
**Committees**: House Transportation and Infrastructure  
**Latest Major Action**: 1/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- H.R. 81**: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2011  
**Sponsor**: [Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/5/2011) **Cosponsors** (2)  
**Committees**: House Energy and Commerce  
**Latest Major Action**: 2/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- H.R. 91**: Better Use of Light Bulbs Act  
**Sponsor**: [Rep Barton, Joe](#) [TX-6] (introduced 1/5/2011) **Cosponsors** (69)  
**Committees**: House Energy and Commerce; House Transportation and Infrastructure  
**Latest Major Action**: 2/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

3. When the link - H.R. 57 in this example - is selected, the following information is provided:

thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:2:./temp/~bdvmIM:./home/LegislativeData.php

The LIBRARY of CONGRESS THOMAS

The Library of Congress > THOMAS Home > Bills, Resolutions > Search Results

**Bill Summary & Status**  
**112th Congress (2011 - 2012)**  
**H.R.57**

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**H.R. 57**  
**Latest Title:** Disaster Recovery Improvement Act  
**Sponsor:** [Rep. Scalise, Steve](#) (LA-1) (introduced 1/5/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and **Emergency**

<a href="#">All Information</a> (except text)	<a href="#">Text of Legislation</a>	<a href="#">CRS Summary</a>	Major Congressional Actions <a href="#">All Congressional Actions</a> All Congressional Actions with Amendments With links to <i>Congressional Record</i> pages, votes
<a href="#">Titles</a>	<a href="#">Cosponsors</a> (5)	<a href="#">Committees</a>	
Related Bills	Amendments		
CBO Cost Estimates	<a href="#">Subjects</a>	<a href="#">Constitutional Authority Statement</a>	

## Electronic Code of Federal Regulations Website

Another important resource in researching federal regulations is the Code of Federal Regulations website (e-CFR), located at: <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/>.

1. To search the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), go to the drop-down menu, which displays all 50 titles of federal regulations. The titles that impact emergency management the most are Title 42: Public Health and Title 44: Emergency Management and Assistance.
2. Select the title of interest (Title 44 was selected for this example) and press "Go":

ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=%2Findex.tpl

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Title 44 - Emergency Management and Assistance Go

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**RELATED RESOURCES**

- [Code of Federal](#)

3. Select the hyperlink of choice under "Browse Parts" to access regulatory text. Each hyperlink takes you to the table of contents for the section. For the following example, the "0-399" hyperlink was selected:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Browse Parts</i>	<i>Regulatory Entity</i>
<b>Title 44 Emergency Management and Assistance</b>	1	I	<a href="#">0-399</a>	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security
		IV	<a href="#">400-499</a>	Department of Commerce and Department of Transportation

4. Select the hyperlink of choice to view the table of contents and navigate to the relevant text:

**e-CFR Data is current as of September 10, 2013**

TITLE 44--Emergency Management and Assistance  
 CHAPTER I--FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
 SUBCHAPTER A--GENERAL

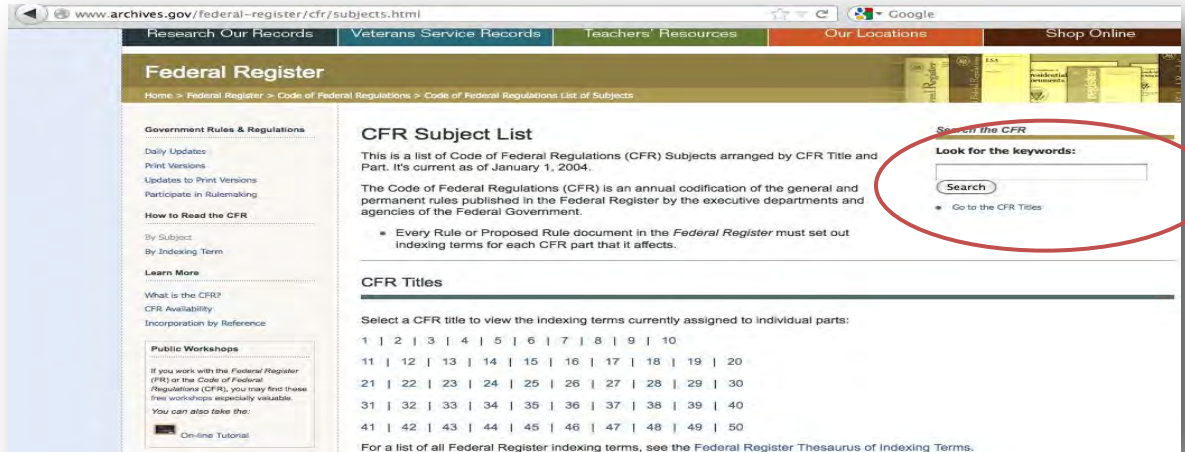
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5	<a href="#">5.1 to 5.89</a>	PRODUCTION OR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION
6	<a href="#">6.1 to 6.87</a>	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974
7	<a href="#">7.1 to 7.949</a>	NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED PROGRAMS (FEMA REG. 5)
8	<a href="#">8.1 to 8.4</a>	NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION
9	<a href="#">9.1 to 9.18</a>	FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF WETLANDS
10	<a href="#">10.1 to 10.14</a>	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

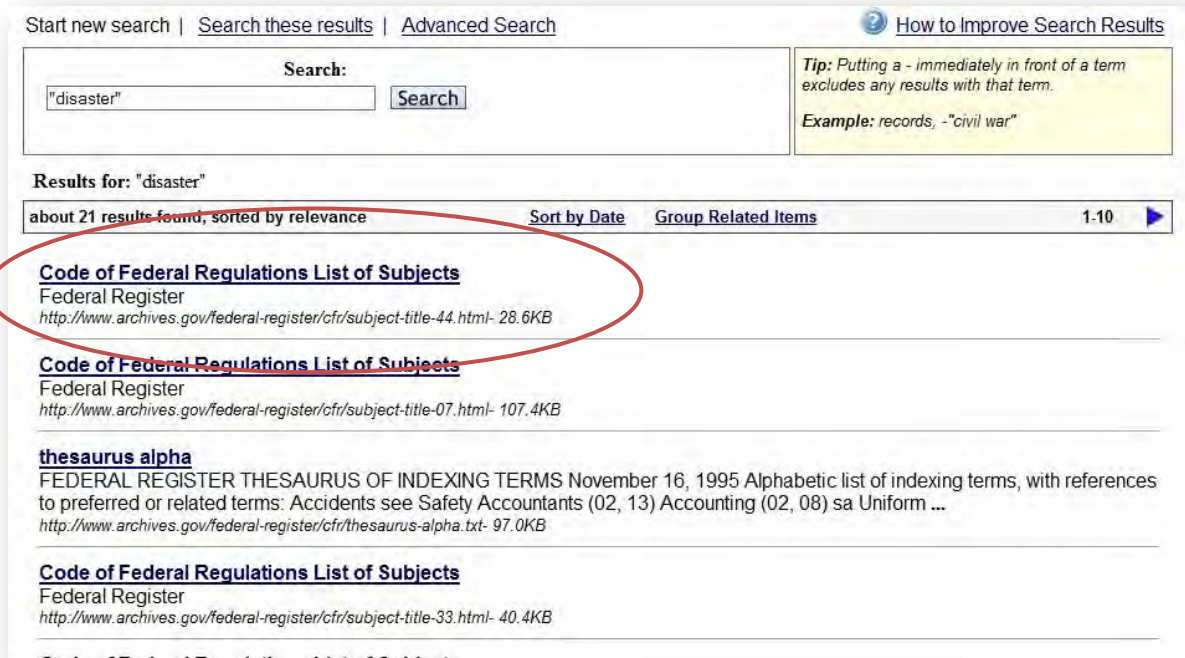
## National Archive's CFR Website

To search key words/phrases in the CFR titles, visit the CFR Subject List page at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/subjects.html>.

1. Enter your search term in quotes:



2. Entering the term "disaster" yields several entries, including a subjects list of Title 44 (44 CFR):



3. Selecting the Title 44 "Disasters" subjects list yields:

## Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

### CFR TITLE 44

#### List of Subjects revised as of January 1, 2004.

#### 44 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure

#### 44 CFR Part 2

Authority delegations (Government agencies)

Organization and functions (Government agencies)

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements

#### 44 CFR Part 4

Intergovernmental relations

#### 44 CFR Part 5

Courts

Freedom of information

Government employees

#### 44 CFR Part 6

Privacy

#### 44 CFR Part 7

Administrative practice and procedure

Aged

Civil rights

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements

#### 44 CFR Part 8

Classified information

#### 44 CFR Part 9

Flood plains

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements

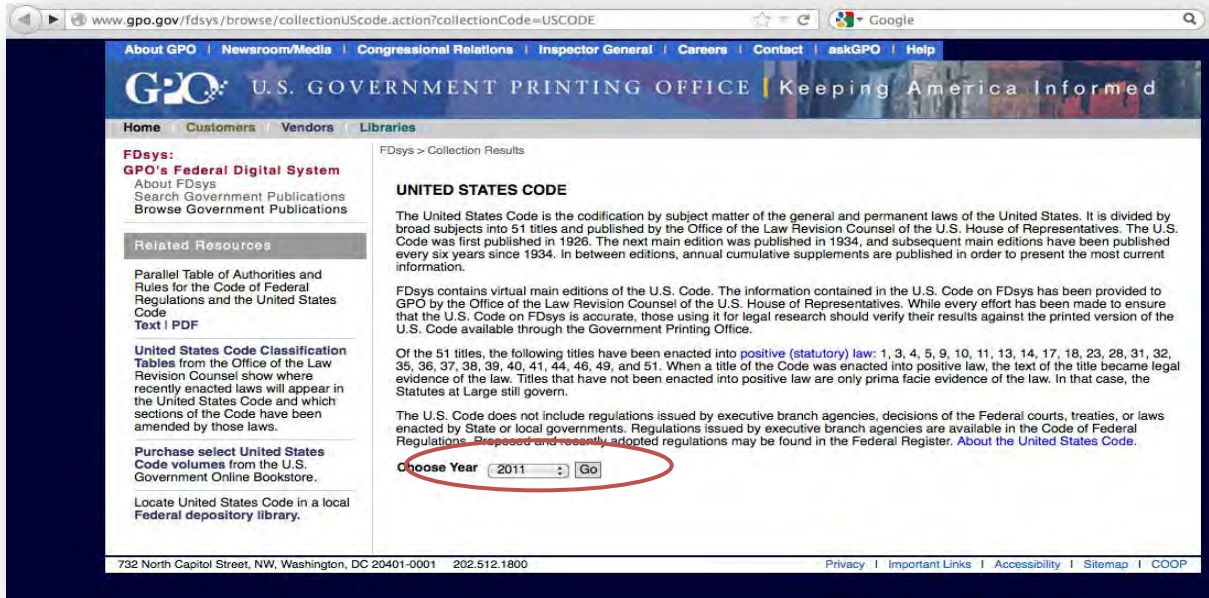


# Government Printing Office Website

Another source for federal statute research, by subject, is the Government Printing Office's USC website:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionUSCode.action?collectionCode=USCODE>.

1. To start a search, select the year of code updates you're interested in and click on "Go":



2. From here, select your topic of interest for codes that were updated that year:



# Additional Online Resources

Video access to the Texas Legislature is possible as well as social media feeds for specific action of bills.

## Real-time and archived video feed

Both chambers of the state legislature offer live and archived video feeds of committee and whole chamber (floor) action.

As an example of how this works, recent video feed of a House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety is presented. To access this feed:

1. Open the webpage for the House video feed: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/>. To get to the homeland security and public safety committee feed, select the "Recent Committee Broadcasts" link:

The screenshot shows the Texas House of Representatives website. The header includes the state seal, the text "Texas House of Representatives", and the "83rd Legislature" logo. A navigation menu contains links for ABOUT, MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, NEWS, RESEARCH, RESOURCES, SCHEDULES, VIDEO/AUDIO, and HELP. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "Video / Audio" and features a "Live Broadcasts" section for "Monday, September 9th, 2013". Below this, it states "Live streaming video is only available while a chamber session is in progress." and provides a "Chamber Stream" link for "Texas Legislature Adjourns Sine Die [realplayer video]". There are also links for "Committees", "Capitol Events", and "Press Conferences". A message indicates "No broadcasts are scheduled at this time." Below this is a "View Weekly Broadcast Schedule" link. The "Archived Video Broadcasts" section is divided into three columns: "Committees", "Chamber Session", and "Additional Archived Events". The "Committees" column lists "Recent Committee Broadcasts" (circled in red), "83rd Session (2013)", "82nd Session (2011-2012)", "81st Session (2009-2010)", "80th Session (2007-2008)", "79th Session (2005-2006)", "78th Session (2003-2004)", and "77th Session (2001-2002)". The "Chamber Session" column lists sessions from "83rd Session (2013)" down to "77th Session (2001-2002)". The "Additional Archived Events" column lists "Press Conferences", "Capitol Events / LBB Meetings", and "2007-2008 Joint Committee Broadcasts". A "Technical Help" link is located at the bottom of the page.

2. Select the committee meeting feed by clicking on the time column:

Home > Video Audio > Committee Broadcasts > Recent Broadcast

## Committee Broadcast Archives

Video format: RealPlayer

Date	Time	Committee	Notes
08/26/13	10:00a.m. - 1:04p.m.	Homeland Security & Public Safety	
08/01/13	1:30p.m. - 2:42p.m.	Transportation Funding	
08/01/13	10:00a.m. - 12:23p.m.	Transportation Funding	
07/29/13	12:30p.m. - 12:50p.m.	Transparency in State Agency Operations	
07/15/13	2:30p.m. - 7:21p.m.	Criminal Jurisprudence	This meeting was joined in progress
07/15/13	12:30p.m. - 1:43p.m.	Transparency in State Agency Operations	Started In Progress
07/09/13	8:00a.m. - 9:40a.m.	Appropriations	
07/08/13	2:00p.m. - 4:32p.m.	Criminal Jurisprudence	
07/02/13	3:30p.m. - 12:12a.m.	State Affairs	
06/20/13	1:00p.m. - 3:42a.m.	State Affairs	

**Archives**  
**Session Broadcast Archives**  
 83rd  
 82nd  
 81st  
 80th  
 79th  
 78th  
 77th

**Committee Information**  
 House Permanent Committee Schedule  
 View All Upcoming Committee Schedules  
 Previous Session Committees  
 Standing Committee Appointments by Member

3. This causes a new window to open. Click on video feed play button.

Home > Video Audio > Committee Broadcasts > Committee Archives > Player

## Video Player

**Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety**

Meeting:  
 08/26/13  
 10:00a.m. - 1:04p.m. (approximate time)

**Committee info**  
 Hearing Notice  
 Minutes  
 Witnesses Lists

**Members:**  
 Pickett, Joe C. - Chair  
 Fletcher, Allen - Vice Chair  
 Cortez, Philip  
 Dale, Tony  
 Flynn, Dan  
 Kleinschmidt, Tim  
 Lavender, George  
 Sheets, Kenneth  
 Simmons, Ron

**Clerk:**  
 Mariann Morelock

**Address:**  
 EXT E2.146

**Phone:**  
 (512) 463-0133

Click Here to watch video  
 www.house.state.tx.us

Launch in standalone window

4. This causes another window to open and the video to begin in a few moments.



A similar process allows access to the senate live feed, using the link:  
<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php>

1. Access to the live feed in this example is not possible as the senate is not in session, however if a committee was in session, access would be by the link to the right of the screen shot. Archived feed is also available through the link circled.

## Senate RealMedia Live Broadcasts

[Live Webcasts](#) | [Archived Webcasts](#) | [Texas Senate News \(Archives\)](#)

If you experience problems or you have questions about Realmedia broadcasts then please see our FAQ page. You can download the basic RealPlayer from the Real web site for free: [Windows PC] / [Mac OS X]

You can find notifications of future public hearings on our Hearings Page. If you missed a broadcast or would like to view a program again you may access the complete archive at the Senate Realmedia Video Archives page. Follow the links below if you would like to select a specific year.

Due to technical limitations, out-of-town committee hearings **can not be carried live**, and are generally recorded as audio-only. As with other hearings, the recorded audio will be posted to the individual committee pages and the Senate Realmedia Video Archives as soon as possible.

[Audio/Video Archives](#)

[2013](#) | [2012](#) | [2011](#) | [2010](#) | [2009](#) | [2008](#) | [2007](#) | [2006](#) | [2005](#) | [2004](#) | [2003](#) | [2002](#) | [2001](#) | [2000](#) | [1999](#)

### Senate Chamber (2E.8)

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Date: --

Time: --:--

Notes:

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### Senate Press Room (2E.9)

Program: No program at this time [click to begin your broadcast:](#)

Date: --

Time: --:--

Notes:

**real**  
80/56k

2. Selecting the archived video leads to available video feeds. Activate preferred feed by clicking the link under the date column.

## Senate RealMedia Video Archives — 2013

Live Webcasts | **Archived Webcasts** | Texas Senate News (Archives)

Archives [ 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 ]

Archived audio and video recordings of Senate Chamber proceedings and Senate Committee hearings are broadcast on the internet in RealMedia format. You will need RealPlayer to access these files. RealPlayer "Basic" is a free download available from RealNetwork's web site. Follow the instructions included with the download.

If you experience problems, **please first check** our **FAQ** for help.

Please note that the Texas Senate **does not** record committee meetings to videotape. The only available videos are the digital files found on this web page. Official audio tapes and transcripts are available from the Senate Staff Services office at (512) 463-0430.

**NOTICE:** These audio and video recordings are produced by the Texas Senate. Chapter 306, Government Code, prohibits the use of audio or visual materials produced by the Texas Legislature in any political advertising. Violators may be subject to a civil penalty up to \$5,000 for each violation.

January February March April May June July August September October November December

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Date	Title
Sep 09	Press Conference: Senator Leticia Van de Putte Regarding "Texas Craft Spirits Month" and new laws affecting Texas distilleries. Joined by Rep. John Kuempel, and others.
Aug 12	Press Conference: Lt. Governor David Dewhurst Regarding the use of CSCOPE materials in Texas schools.
Aug 05	Senate Committee on Finance
Aug 05	Senate Session (Part V) The Texas Senate of the 83rd Legislature, Third Called Session adjourns sine die.
Aug 05	Senate Session (Part IV)
Aug 05	Senate Session (Part III)

3. Selection of the link, activates a new window with the video feed starting after a few moments.

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SENATOR LETICIA VAN DE PUTTE  
Press Conference  
SENATE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM 2E-9

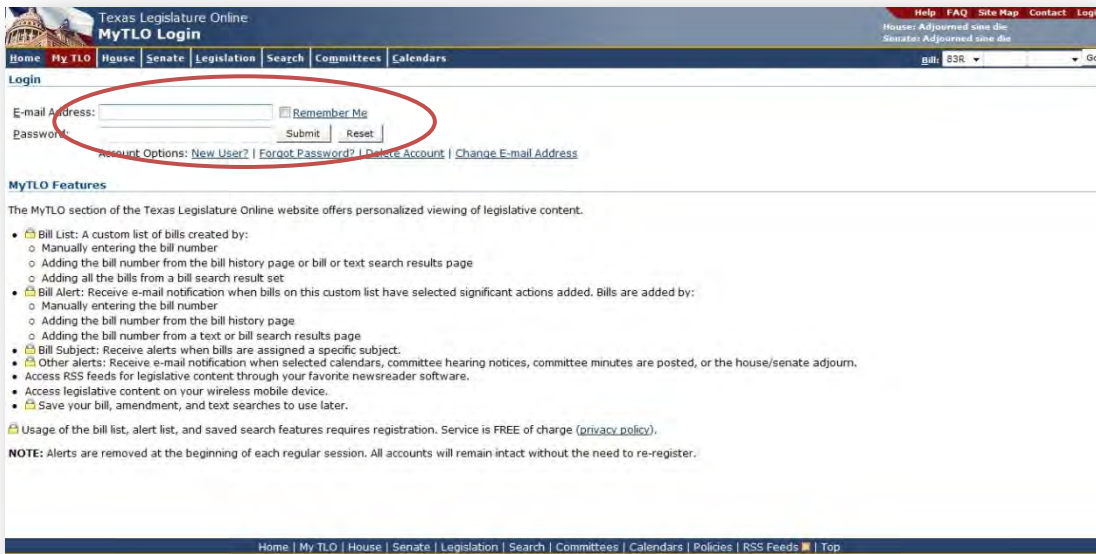
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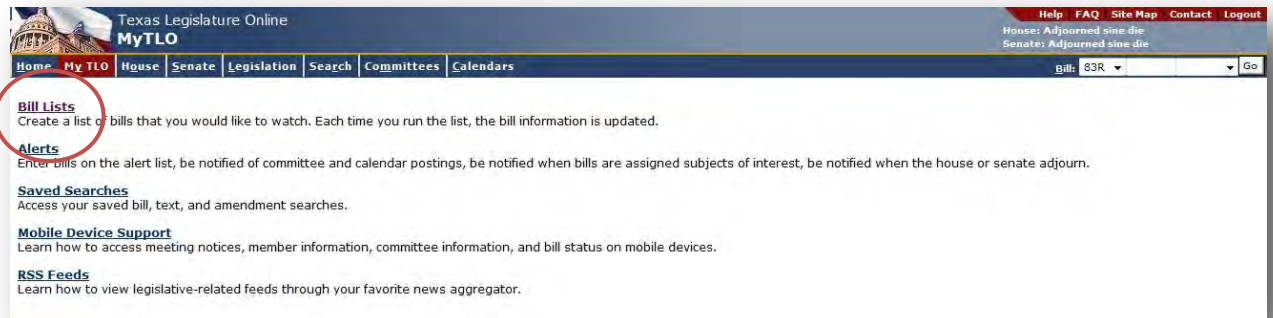
Aug 05 | Senate Session (Part V)

# Personalized tracking of legislative action

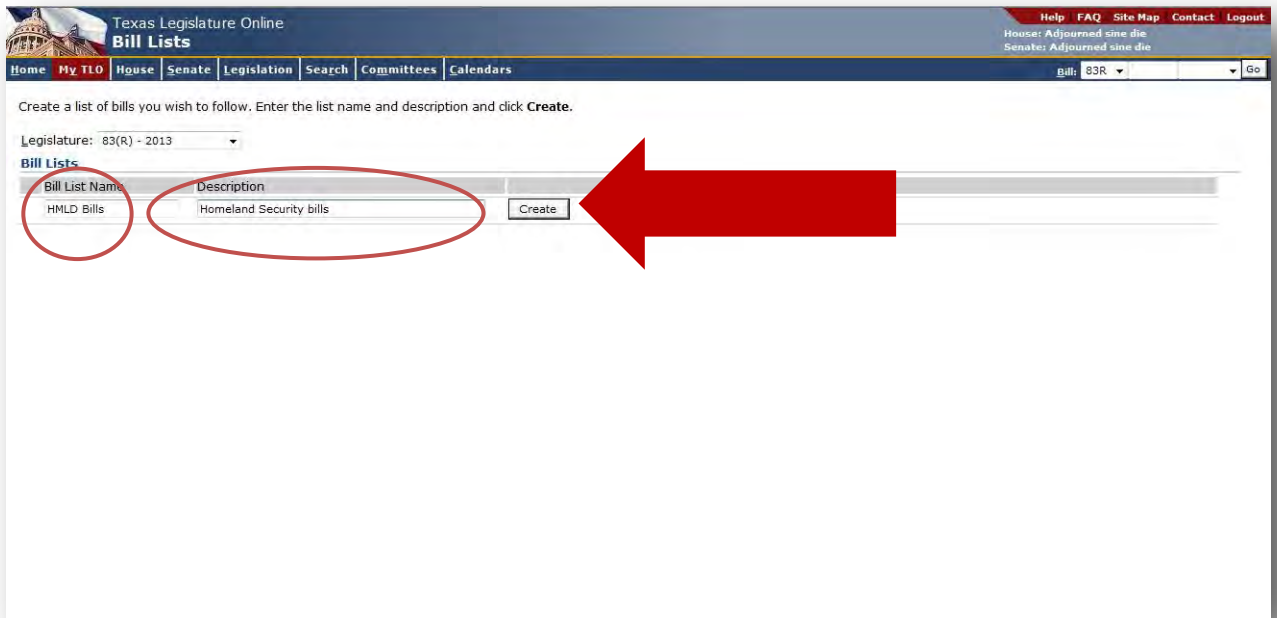
To initiate a personalized media feed from the TLO website, a “MyTLO” account must be created or an existing account must be logged onto at <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/MyTLO/Login/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMyTLO%2fAlerts%2fBills.aspx>:



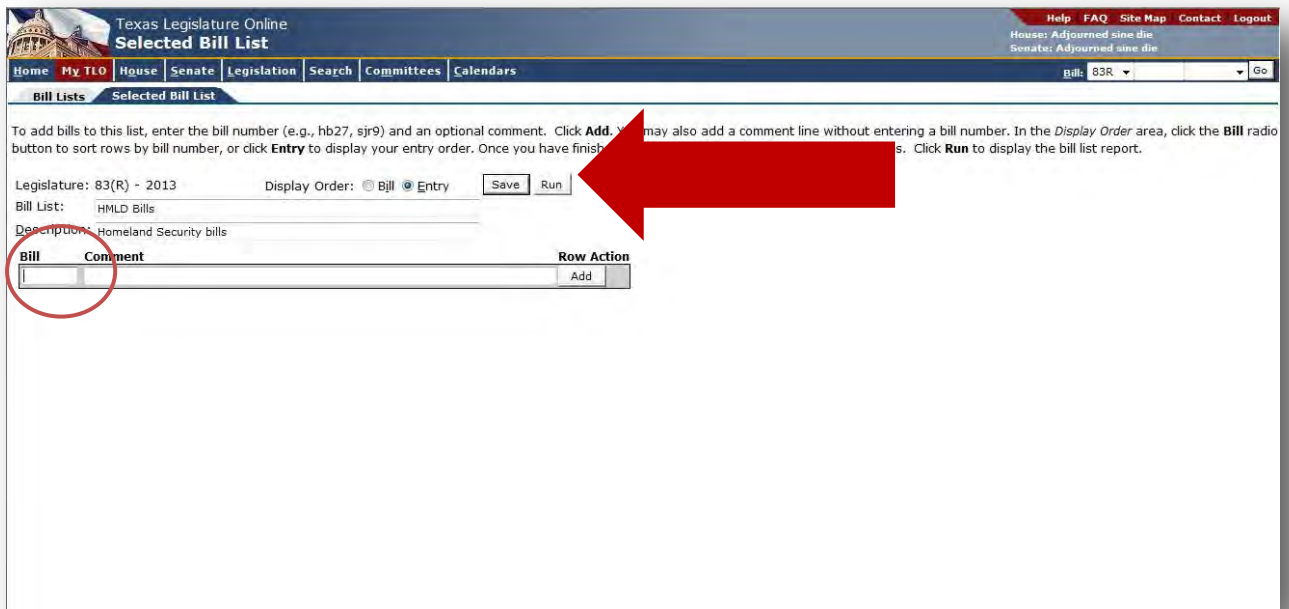
1. Once accessed, several interactive functions are possible, including creating a “Bill List”:



- Through the "Bill List," specialized lists of bills can be developed but first the list must be created. The example here is a list called "HMLD Bills" for "Homeland Security bills."



- Once named the list can be populated with relevant house or senate bills. These bills are identified by number "HB###", "SB###", etc. When entered, click on "Save" and the database will begin emailing notifications when the status of the bill changes.





# Significant State and Federal Legislation

This section provides emergency management planners with a list of resources that can aid in better understanding the legal foundations of emergency management plans.

## State of Texas

The following table presents state-level references each with relevance to this document and a hyperlink to its online location. They are presented in order of constitution, statute, executive order and other key references.

Source	Relevance	Link
<b>Constitution of the State of Texas</b>	Describes the basic principles and laws for the State of Texas, the powers and duties of state government, and guarantee of certain rights to Texas residents.	<a href="http://www.constitutions.on.legis.state.tx.us">http://www.constitutions.on.legis.state.tx.us</a>
<b>Texas Administrative Code Title 37</b>	Defines the administrative duties of multiple state agencies as they relate to public safety and corrections in Texas.	<a href="http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&amp;ti=37">http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=2&amp;ti=37</a>
<b>Texas Agriculture Code Chapter 61</b>	Presents commercial feed rules.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.61.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.61.htm</a>
<b>Texas Agriculture Code Chapter 63</b>	Describes the Texas Commercial Fertilizer Control Act.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.63.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.63.htm</a>
<b>Texas Agriculture Code Chapter 65</b>	Presents the commercial fertilizer rules.	<a href="http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&amp;ti=4&amp;pt=3&amp;ch=65">http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&amp;ti=4&amp;pt=3&amp;ch=65</a>
<b>Texas Agriculture Code Chapter 141</b>	Describes the Texas Commercial Feed Control Act.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.141.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AG/htm/AG.141.htm</a>
<b>Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 49 Subchapter A</b>	Describes role and responsibilities of Justices of the Peace.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/CR/pdf/CR.49.pdf">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/CR/pdf/CR.49.pdf</a>
<b>Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 49 Subchapter B</b>	Describes role and responsibilities of Medical Examiners.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/CR/pdf/CR.49.pdf">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/CR/pdf/CR.49.pdf</a>

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<b>Texas Education Code Chapter 37</b>	Describes measures for safe schools.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm</a>
<b>Texas Education Code Section 37.108</b>	Defines the parameters for multi-hazard emergency operations planning, auditing and reporting.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm</a>
<b>Texas Education Code Chapter 88</b>	Describes The Texas A & M University System and the agencies and services of that system.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.88.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.88.htm</a>
<b>Texas Education Code Section 88.112-88.116</b>	Describes the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact ratified by the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Details roles and responsibilities.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.88.htm#88.112">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.88.htm#88.112</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 411</b>	Defines the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.411.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.411.htm</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 418</b>	Provides authority and mechanisms to clarify and strengthen key roles, as well as authorize and provide for cooperation and coordination of an emergency management system embodying all aspects of predisaster preparedness and post disaster response.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Section 418.042</b>	Describes provisions to be kept current by TDEM in the comprehensive state emergency management plan.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.050">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.050</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Section 418.050</b>	Provides guidelines for reentry of areas previously evacuated because of a disaster or threat of disaster.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.050">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.050</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Section 418.11</b>	Describes the Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.018">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.018</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Section 418.117</b>	Provides for reciprocity in professional licensure.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.117">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.418.htm#418.117</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 421</b>	Describes the governor's role and responsibilities in state homeland security.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.421.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.421.htm</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 433</b>	Describes the circumstances under which the governor may proclaim a state of emergency and	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs</a>

Source	Relevance	Link
	designate the area involved.	<a href="/GV/htm/GV.433.htm">/GV/htm/GV.433.htm</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 469</b>	Describes the Texas accessibility standards for elimination of architectural barriers.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.469.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.469.htm</a>
<b>Texas Government Code Chapter 791</b>	Authorizes Inter-local Cooperation Contracts.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.791.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.791.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 81</b>	Describes the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 97</b>	Authorizes the control of communicable diseases.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.97.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.97.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 121</b>	Describes the Local Public Health Reorganization Act.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 121 Subchapter B</b>	Defines the role and responsibilities of Public Health Authorities.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm#B">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.121.htm#B</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 161</b>	Provides public health provisions.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Section 161.00705</b>	Describes recording administration of immunization and medication for disasters and emergencies.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.00705">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.00705</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Section 161.0211</b>	Regulates epidemiologic or toxicological investigations.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.0211">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.0211</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 193</b>	Regulates death records.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.193.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.193.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Section 193.010</b>	Regulates certificate of death by catastrophe.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.193.htm#193.010">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.193.htm#193.010</a>

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<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 431</b>	Describes the Texas Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Section 431.081</b>	Defines adulterated food.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm#431.081">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.431.htm#431.081</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 508</b>	Authorizes the commissioner of public health or a health authority to respond to the introduction of an environmental or toxic agent into the environment in a manner similar to that authorized for responding to an outbreak of a communicable disease, as provided in Section 81.085.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.508.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.508.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Section 531.002</b>	Defines the local mental health authority and its responsibility with a specified region for planning, policy development, coordination, and resource development and allocation to help ensure the provision of mental health services in the most appropriate and available setting.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.531.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.531.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 671</b>	Regulates determination of death and autopsy reports.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.671.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.671.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 694</b>	Regulates burial.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.694.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.694.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 695</b>	Regulates in-casket identification.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.695.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.695.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 711</b>	Provides general provisions relating to cemeteries.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.711.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.711.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 713</b>	Defines local regulation of cemeteries.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.713.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.713.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 714</b>	Contains miscellaneous provisions related to cemeteries.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.714.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.714.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 716</b>	Regulates crematories.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.716.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.716.htm</a>

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<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 777</b>	Regulates regional poison control centers.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.777.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.777.htm</a>
<b>Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 778</b>	Describes the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.778.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.778.htm</a>
<b>Texas Occupations Code Chapter 651</b>	Regulates cemetery and crematory services, funeral direction and embalming.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/OC/htm/OC.651.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/OC/htm/OC.651.htm</a>
<b>Texas Transportation Code Chapter 541</b>	Defines individual and governmental authorities related to vehicles, traffic and rules of the road.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.541.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.541.htm</a>
<b>Texas Transportation Code Chapter 545</b>	Defines the operation and movement of vehicles and the rules of the road in Texas.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm</a>
<b>Texas Water Code Chapter 13</b>	Defines water administration, rights, rates and services in Texas.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.13.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.13.htm</a>
<b>Texas Water Code Chapter 16</b>	Describes the role and responsibilities of the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board.	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.16.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/WA/htm/WA.16.htm</a>
<b>RP57-Relating to implementing recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation and Logistics</b>	Directs TDEM to develop a statewide hurricane evacuation and shelter plan for persons with critical transportation needs including medical patients and those with access and functional needs.	<a href="http://governor.state.tx.us/news/executive-order/3631/">http://governor.state.tx.us/news/executive-order/3631/</a>
	Provides planning guidance to local emergency management and shelter planners to meet access and functional needs in general population shelters.	<a href="https://www.preparingtexas.org/prepare/dness.aspx?page=32137bc8-eed7-42bb-ad7e-2765fd8abdb9">https://www.preparingtexas.org/prepare/dness.aspx?page=32137bc8-eed7-42bb-ad7e-2765fd8abdb9</a>
<b>State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2010-2013</b>	Specifies hazard mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce the effects of future disasters throughout the state.	<a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/documents/txhazmitplan.pdf">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/documents/txhazmitplan.pdf</a>

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<b>Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan, 2010-2015</b>	Serves as a high-level road map for the state's homeland security efforts for 2010 through 2015.	<a href="http://governor.state.tx.us/files/homeland/HmLndSecurity_StratPlan2015.pdf">http://governor.state.tx.us/files/homeland/HmLndSecurity_StratPlan2015.pdf</a>

## Federal

The following table presents federal-level authority sources, their relevance to this document, and hyperlinks to their online location.

Source	Relevance	Link
<b>29 U.S.C. § 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended Section 504</b>	Protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/ocasam/regs/statutes/sec504.htm">http://www.dol.gov/ocasam/regs/statutes/sec504.htm</a>
<b>29 U.S.C. § 793 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended Section 508</b>	Ensures the accessibility of technology to persons with disabilities to the extent it does not pose an undue burden on an agency or employer. Applies to, but is not solely focused on, federal web sites. Does not apply to web pages of private industry.	<a href="http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/act.htm">http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/act.htm</a>
<b>42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended</b>	Requires access to facilities designed, built, altered or leased with federal funds.	<a href="http://www.access-board.gov/about/laws/aba.htm">http://www.access-board.gov/about/laws/aba.htm</a>
<b>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 44 Emergency Management and Assistance</b>	Provides the foundation for the policies, procedures, structure, responsibilities and authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in providing assistance to states before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2002-title44-vol1/pdf/CFR-2002-title44-vol1.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2002-title44-vol1/pdf/CFR-2002-title44-vol1.pdf</a>
<b>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</b>	Establishes national standards to eliminate and address discrimination against individuals with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.ada.gov">http://www.ada.gov</a>

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<p><b>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 2008</b></p>	<p>Protects the privacy of student education records. Applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.</p> <p>Gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html</a></p>
<p><b>The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996</b></p>	<p><b>Allows for the privacy and security of a person's</b> individual identifiable information. Allows individuals to carry their health insurance from one job to another to avoid a lapse in coverage.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/</a></p>
<p><b>Public Law 88-352 78 STAT 241 Civil Rights Act of 1964</b></p>	<p>Prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/statutes/titlevii.cfm">http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/statutes/titlevii.cfm</a></p>
<p><b>Public Law 93-288 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended</b></p>	<p>Grants statutory authority to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide disaster-relief assistance to states following a presidential disaster declaration.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.fema.gov/robert-t-stafford-disaster-relief-and-emergency-assistance-act-public-law-93-288-amended">http://www.fema.gov/robert-t-stafford-disaster-relief-and-emergency-assistance-act-public-law-93-288-amended</a></p>
<p><b>Public Law 100-408 Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 1988, as amended</b></p>	<p>Ensures the availability of a large pool of funds to provide prompt and orderly compensation of members of the public who incur damages from a nuclear or radiological incident no matter who might be liable. Requires Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees and U.S. Department of Energy contractors to enter into agreements of indemnification to cover personal injury and property damage to those harmed by a nuclear or radiological incident.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ans.org/pi/ps/docs/ps54-bi.pdf">http://www.ans.org/pi/ps/docs/ps54-bi.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Public Law 104-321 Emergency Management Assistance Compact</b></p>	<p>Describes the establishment of EMACs by the U.S. Congress in 1996. Lays the groundwork for all states to adopt agreements to provide and receive mutual-aid assistance during disasters.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-104publ321/pdf/PLAW-104publ321.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-104publ321/pdf/PLAW-104publ321.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Public Law 105-19 Volunteer Protection Act of 1997</b></p>	<p>Provides certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-105publ19/pdf/PLAW-105publ19.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-105publ19/pdf/PLAW-105publ19.pdf</a></p>

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<b>Public Law 106-390 Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended</b>	Provides the legal basis for FEMA mitigation planning requirements for state, local and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance. Amends the Stafford Act by repealing and updating mitigation planning provisions.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1935">http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1935</a>
<b>Public Law 109-295 Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA) of 2006</b>	Brings new missions into FEMA; restores previously removed missions of preparedness, response and recovery; Amends the Homeland Security Act; and <b>revises the Stafford Act to improve FEMA's disaster assistance efforts.</b>	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-109publ295/pdf/PLAW-109publ295.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-109publ295/pdf/PLAW-109publ295.pdf</a>
<b>Public Law 109-308 Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act) of 2006</b>	Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that state and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.	<a href="http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusfd2006pl109_308.htm">http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusfd2006pl109_308.htm</a>
<b>Public Law 110-289 Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008</b>	Restructures the regulation of government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), which include the Federal Home Loan Banks, and authorizes U.S. Treasury investments in the GSEs. Authorizes a new foreclosure prevention program under the Federal Housing Administration.	<a href="http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/document/huddoc?id=DOC_12714.pdf">http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/document/huddoc?id=DOC_12714.pdf</a>
<b>Executive Order 13166 Improving Access to Services for Persons of Limited English Proficiency</b>	Improves access to federally conducted and assisted programs and activities for persons who, as a result of national origin, are limited in their English proficiency.	<a href="http://www.lep.gov/13166/eolep.htm">http://www.lep.gov/13166/eolep.htm</a>
<b>Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments</b>	Establishes regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications. Strengthens U.S. government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes and reduces the imposition of unfunded mandates upon tribes.	<a href="http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/eos/eo13175.html">http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/eos/eo13175.html</a>
<b>Executive Order 13347 Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness</b>	Ensures the federal government supports the safety and security of individuals with disabilities in situations involving disasters.	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/resources/specialtopics/emergencypre/eo13347/disabilitiesemergencypreparedness.pdf">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/resources/specialtopics/emergencypre/eo13347/disabilitiesemergencypreparedness.pdf</a>



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<b>Executive Order 13407 Public Alert and Warning System</b>	Establishes an effective, reliable, integrated, flexible and comprehensive system to alert and warn the American people in natural and man-made disasters and other hazards to public safety and well-being.	<a href="http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13407.htm">http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13407.htm</a>
<b>Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 Management of Domestic Incidents February 2003</b>	Enhances the ability of the U.S. to manage domestic incidents by establishing a single, comprehensive incident management system now known as NIMS.	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PPP-2003-book1/pdf/PPP-2003-book1-doc-pg229.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PPP-2003-book1/pdf/PPP-2003-book1-doc-pg229.pdf</a>
<b>ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments</b>	Shows state and local government officials how to identify and fix problems that prevent people with disabilities from gaining equal access to state and local government programs, services and activities. Guides state and local officials on how to conduct accessibility surveys of their buildings and facilities to identify and remove architectural barriers to access.	<a href="http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm">http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm</a>
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</b>	Responds to and publicizes disease outbreaks, food safety alerts, and provides disease surveillance and monitoring among many other missions. Networks researchers, scientists, doctors, nurses, economists, communicators, educators, technologists, epidemiologists and many other professionals who contribute their expertise to improve public health.	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/php/">http://www.cdc.gov/php/</a>
<b>CDC Public Health Law Program</b>	Protects and promotes public health by developing law-related tools and providing legal technical assistance to public health practitioners and state, tribal, local and territorial policymakers.	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/php/">http://www.cdc.gov/php/</a>
<b>Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</b>	Combines 22 different federal departments and agencies into a unified, integrated cabinet agency to prevent additional terrorist attacks and protects Americans on land, sea and air. Established in 2002.	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov">http://www.dhs.gov</a>
<b>Department of Justice (DOJ)</b>	Enforces the law and defends the interests of the U.S. according to the law. Ensures public safety against threats foreign and domestic. Provides federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime. Seeks just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior. Ensures fair and impartial administration of justice.	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/">http://www.justice.gov/</a>
<b>Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)</b>	Offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency through a system that allows states to send personnel, equipment and commodities to help disaster-relief efforts in other states. Established in 1996.	<a href="http://www.emacweb.org/">http://www.emacweb.org/</a>
<b>Environmental</b>	Protects human health and the environment through	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a>

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<b>Protection Agency (EPA)</b>	focus on climate change, air quality, chemical safety, clean communities, water protection, environmentalism and environmental justice, and state and tribal partnerships.	
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</b>	Coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to and recovering from natural and man-made domestic disasters including terrorism.	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/">https://www.fema.gov/</a>
<b>FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans Version 2, November 2010</b>	Provides guidance on planning and developing emergency operations plans.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?=&amp;id=5697">http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?=&amp;id=5697</a>
<b>FEMA Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters November 2010</b>	Provides planning guidance that can be incorporated into existing shelter plans to state emergency managers and shelter planners to meet access and functional needs in general population shelters.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/pdf/about/odic/fnss_guidance.pdf">http://www.fema.gov/pdf/about/odic/fnss_guidance.pdf</a>
<b>Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities</b>	Ensures the federal government appropriately supports the safety and security for individuals with disabilities in disaster situations.	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/interagency-coordinating-council-emergency-preparedness-and-individuals-disabilities">http://www.dhs.gov/interagency-coordinating-council-emergency-preparedness-and-individuals-disabilities</a>
<b>Interstate Emergency Response Support Plan (IERSP) October 2009</b>	Serves to expedite the flow of EMAC assistance.	<a href="https://www.preparin-gtexas.org/DocumentManagement/DisplayContent.aspx?contentid=9a7d74ab-478b-49cf-b9f5-ad7fabfad334&amp;siteid=21ad7fe0-eee5-49e6-980a-d722e65ceded">https://www.preparin-gtexas.org/DocumentManagement/DisplayContent.aspx?contentid=9a7d74ab-478b-49cf-b9f5-ad7fabfad334&amp;siteid=21ad7fe0-eee5-49e6-980a-d722e65ceded</a>
<b>Limited English Proficiency (LEP): A Federal Interagency Website</b>	Promotes the cooperative understanding of the importance of language access to federally conducted and federally assisted programs. Supports Title VI regulations of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 regarding language access. Serves as a clearinghouse of information, tools and	<a href="http://www.lep.gov/">http://www.lep.gov/</a>

Source	Relevance	Link
	technical assistance regarding limited English proficiency and language services for federal agencies, recipients of federal funds, users of federal programs and federally assisted programs, and other stakeholders.	
<b>National Council on Disability (NCD)</b>	Advises the president, congress and other federal agencies on policies, programs, practices and procedures that affect people with disabilities. Collaborates with people with disabilities to serve as a trusted advisor to state, tribal communities, local governments and other entities and organizations.	<a href="http://www.ncd.gov">http://www.ncd.gov</a>
<b>National Response Framework May 2013</b>	Shows how the nation responds to all types of disasters and emergencies. Develops the scalable, flexible and adaptable concepts identified in the National Incident Management System to align key roles and responsibilities across the nation.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7371">http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7371</a>
<b>The National Strategy for Homeland Security October 2007</b>	<b>Guides, organizes and unifies the nation's homeland security efforts.</b> Provides a common framework for the nation to focus efforts on preventing and disrupting terrorist attacks; protecting the American people, our critical infrastructure, and key resources; responding to and recovering from incidents that do occur; and continuing to strengthen our foundation and ensure our long-term success as a nation.	<a href="http://www.hsdl.org/?view&amp;did=479633">http://www.hsdl.org/?view&amp;did=479633</a>
<b>Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC)</b>	Works to integrate and coordinate emergency preparedness, response and recovery for children and adults with disabilities and others with access and functional needs before, during and after a disaster.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-1">http://www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-1</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)</b>	Protects the health of all Americans and provides essential human services especially for those who are least able to help themselves. Many HHS-funded services are provided at the local level by state and county agencies or through private-sector grantees.	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov">http://www.hhs.gov</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Justice A Guide to Disability Rights and Laws July 2009</b>	Provides an overview of federal civil rights laws that ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm">http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm</a>

## Nongovernment Resources

The following table presents non-governmental organization/agency sources, their relevance to all-hazards planning, and hyperlinks to their online location.

Source	Relevance	Link
<b>American Red Cross</b>	National and international disaster-relief organization that focuses on meeting people's immediate emergency needs including shelter, food, and health and emotional health service.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>
<b>Disability Rights Legal Center</b>	Advocates for the rights of people with disabilities in order to eliminate discrimination and other legal barriers that keep people with disabilities in poverty. Trains local governments, employers, the business community and people with disabilities and has close working relationships with disability commissions and grassroots disability organizations.	<a href="http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/">http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/</a>
<b>Homeland Security Digital Library</b>	The nation's premier research collection of open-source resources related to homeland security policy, strategy, and organizational management.	<a href="https://www.hsdl.org/">https://www.hsdl.org/</a>
<b>National Congress of American Indians</b>	The organization works to protect and enhance treaty and sovereign rights; secure traditional laws, cultures, and ways of life for descendants; promote a common understanding of the rightful place of tribes in the family of American governments; and improve the quality of life for Native communities and peoples.	<a href="http://www.ncai.org/">http://www.ncai.org/</a>
<b>National Disability Rights Network</b>	Nonprofit organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Systems and Client Assistance Programs providing legally based advocacy services to people with disabilities in the United States.	<a href="http://www.ndrn.org/index.php">http://www.ndrn.org/index.php</a>
<b>National Emergency Management Association</b>	Nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) association dedicated to enhancing public safety by improving the nation's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all emergencies, disasters, and threats to our nation's security.	<a href="http://www.nemaweb.org/">http://www.nemaweb.org/</a>
<b>National Organization on Disability</b>	Promotes the full participation of America's 56 million people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Focuses on increasing employment opportunities for the 79 percent of working-age Americans with disabilities who are not employed.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/">http://www.nod.org/</a>

Source	Relevance	Link
<b>National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disasters (NVOAD)</b>	Nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that serves as the forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response and recovery —to help disaster survivors and their communities.	<a href="http://www.nvoad.org/">http://www.nvoad.org/</a>
<b>The Salvation Army (TSA)</b>	National and international nonprofit organization whose efforts include food distribution and disaster relief.	<a href="http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www.usn_2.nsf">http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www.usn_2.nsf</a>

## 2013 Texas Legislation

The following table presents the 2013 State of Texas Legislation from the 83<sup>rd</sup> (R) Legislature impacting emergency management and homeland security.

Bill	Relevance	Impacted Statute(s)	Effective
<b>HB 403</b>	Extends certain protections to a qualified municipal inspector who volunteers to provide disaster response services. Relates to liability of certain certified municipal inspectors for services rendered during an emergency or disaster.	Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Sections 150.001 and 150.004.	Immediately
<b>HB 487</b>	Authorizes certain persons of a municipality or a county to accept assistance described by Section 79.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to address man-made or natural disasters. A person defined by Section 79.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, would not be liable for an act or omission that is not reckless or intentional, that occurs while providing voluntary assistance to a municipality or a county.	Local Government Code, Section 370.006.	Immediately
<b>HB 746</b>	Adds a new chapter to the Occupations Code authorizing certain volunteers who are registered with the volunteer health practitioner registration system specified by the bill to provide certain services across state lines in catastrophic circumstances. Authorizes TDEM to regulate certain in-state and out-of-state volunteer health practitioners while an emergency declaration is in effect. The bill requires DSHS to administer the volunteer health practitioner registration system specified by the bill. The bill stipulates the volunteer health practitioner registration system must include information regarding the results of a criminal history background check on the health care practitioners listed in the system, as well as confirmation whether the volunteer health practitioners in the system are duly registered, licensed and in good standing.	Occupations Code, Chapter 115.	9/1/13
<b>HB 762</b>	Amends current law relating to restrictions on disaster remediation contracts following a locally declared disaster.	Business & Commerce Code, Section 57.001	9/1/13
<b>HB 1025</b>	Indicates appropriation increases to be made out of the Economic Stabilization Fund for state-directed deployments for natural disasters and wildfires to the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Department of Public Safety, Parks and Wildlife Department for costs associated with wildfires and Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor.	Not applicable; General appropriations	Immediately

Bill	Relevance	Impacted Statute(s)	Effective
<b>HB 1081</b>	Requires the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to conduct a study regarding the current risk level of bovine tuberculosis.	Not applicable; this is a study	Immediately
<b>HB 1272</b>	Continues the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force. Requires the Task Force to work with the Texas Education Agency, Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Health and Human Services Commission to develop a list of human trafficking key indicators, develop a training curriculum, and train certain vocations to identify human trafficking.	Government Code, Section 402.035.	Immediately
<b>HB 2741</b>	Authorizes the DMV to issue a special permit during a major disaster declared by the President of the United States to an overweight or oversize vehicle or load that will be used only to deliver relief supplies.	Government Code, Section 418.016. Transportation Code, Sections 623.341-623.343.	Except as otherwise provided by the bill, 9/1/13
<b>HB 3096</b>	Amends current law relating to an exemption from the use of an emergency notification system by certain public service providers.	Government Code, Section 418.192.	Immediately
<b>HB 3178</b>	Repeals Section 418.114 of the Government Code related to requiring certain political subdivisions to agree on procedures that specify the manner in which mutual aid will be provided. Amends the Government Code to remove the time requirement for a request for mutual aid to be submitted in writing. Requires cost reimbursements to all respondents to requests for mutual aid in cases where the duration of the assistance exceeds 12 consecutive hours.	Government Code, Sections 418.114, 418.115, and 418.1181.	Immediately
<b>SB 171</b>	Amends the Government Code to require the chief of TDEM to establish a workgroup of appropriate emergency management council members, local government officials, and nonprofit organizations to determine if a uniform application form for assistance following a disaster may be developed for use by state agencies and by persons requesting assistance from state agencies.	Government Code, Section 418.013.	Immediately
<b>SB 194</b>	Amends the Local Government Code to require municipalities and counties to adopt infrastructure standards requiring at least two means of ingress and egress for use by emergency vehicles during evacuations for residential subdivisions that are subdivided into 1,000 or more lots in the unincorporated area of	Local Government Code, Section 232.0034.	9/1/13

Bill	Relevance	Impacted Statute(s)	Effective
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<b>SB 223</b>	Designates certain vehicles of TDEM as authorized emergency vehicles.	Transportation Code, Sections 541.201 and 546.0065.	Immediately
<b>SB 1120</b>	Amends current law relating to a residential tenant's lease obligation after the loss of the leased premises resulting from a natural disaster. Prohibits an apartment or property management company from requiring a displaced resident to sign a new lease at a term longer than the existing lease term before relocating the resident to a habitable unit.	Property Code, Section 92.062.	1/1/14
<b>SB 1134</b>	Directs the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to develop strategies and a framework for the securing of cyber infrastructure by state agencies and cybersecurity risk assessment and mitigation planning. Requires DIR to assist state agencies, upon request, regarding the strategies and framework developed and to provide training to state agencies and promote public awareness on cyber security issues.	Government Code, Section 2054.059.	9/1/13
<b>SB 1267</b>	Establishes certain liability protections for any outside labor or assistance providing firefighting services on private land in conjunction with the Texas Forest Service.	Education Code, Section 88.104.	Immediately
<b>SB 1393</b>	Creates a more generic reference to federal guidance on state and local homeland security plans to avoid the perception that the state is basing its plans on outdated federal documents.	Government Code, Sections 421.002 and 421.021.	Immediately
<b>SB 1394</b>	Removes the requirement for a statewide critical infrastructure protection plan developed by the Homeland Security Council.	Government Code, Section 421.024.	Immediately
<b>SB 1536</b>	Updates state law regulating Texas Military Forces.	Government Code, Chapter 437.	9/1/13
<b>SB 1556</b>	Establishes the School Safety Task Force, which will study best practices for school multi-hazard emergency operations planning and make recommendations to the legislature, the Texas School Safety Center, and the governor's office of homeland security.	Education Code, Sections 37.1081, 37.1082, 37.2051, and 46.0081.	Immediately



# Maintenance and Change

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# Abbreviations and Definitions

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C.C.R	Conference Committee Report
C.S.	Called Session
HB	House Bill
HCR	House Concurrent Resolution
HJR	House Joint Resolution
HR	House Resolution
(R)	Regular Session
R.S.	Regular Session
SB	Senate Bill
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
SR	Senate Resolution

## Definitions

**Conference Committee Report:** The text of a bill and its required attachments that is issued when a conference committee has completed its work in resolving the differences between the house and senate versions of a measure.

**Enacting Clause:** A clause required by the Texas Constitution to precede the body of each bill. The enacting clause follows the caption and must read as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: ...".

**Session:** The period during which the legislature meets. There are two types of sessions. The regular session convenes every two years and may last no more than 140 days. A called session, commonly referred to as a special session, is so designated because it must be called by the governor. A called or special session may last no more than 30 days. On the Texas Legislature Online site, the regular session is indicated by an "R" or "R.S." following the number of the legislature. Ex: 81(R) or 81<sup>st</sup> Leg., R.S. Format will depend on context.

The called session is indicated by a number in parentheses following the number of the legislature. Ex: 78(2) or 78<sup>th</sup> Leg., 2<sup>nd</sup> C.S., which indicates the second called session for the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Format will depend on context.

**Veto:** The rejection of an enrolled bill by the governor.

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