



City of College Station
88th Texas Legislature Preview
January 12, 2023



88th Texas Legislature Dates of Interest

January 10 Legislature Convenes

January 17 Inauguration

March 10 Last Day to File Bills

May 29 Last Day of Regular Session

June 18 Veto Deadline



Legislative Leadership

GOVERNOR

Governor Greg Abbott was first sworn in as governor in 2015 having previously served as Texas Attorney General and as a member of the Supreme Court of Texas.

SENATE

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick returns for a third term to preside over the Senate having first been elected to that position in 2014. He previously served two four-year terms in the State Senate representing a portion of Harris County.

HOUSE

State Representative Dade Phelan of Beaumont was first elected Speaker of the House of Representatives in January of 2021. He was reelected to a second term this week. Speaker Phelan has served in the legislature since 2015.



Legislative Snapshot

- ▶ **86 Republicans, 64 Democrats in the Texas House**
- ▶ **19 Republicans, 12 Democrats in the Texas Senate**

- ▶ **46 Women and 104 Men in the Texas House**
- ▶ **8 Women and 23 Men in the Texas Senate**

- ▶ **28 Freshman Representatives; 6 Freshman Senators**



Committee Assignments

Senate Committee Assignments are mostly intact as far as the leadership of each committee. The newly elected members of the Senate will be assigned committees by Lt. Governor Patrick at his discretion after the legislature convenes.

House Committee assignments will be made by the Speaker Phelan in the next several weeks at his discretion.

Bills Filed

Through January 11th

House Bills Filed: 1,252

Senate Bills Filed: 351



Issues for the 88th Legislature

- **State Budget for the 2024-2025 Biennium**
- **\$32.7 Billion Budget Surplus**
- **Property Tax Relief**
- **Education Funding**
- **Border Security**
- **School Security**
- **Electric Grid Improvements**

QUESTIONS

FEEDBACK