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82nd Texas Legislature

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Introduction

In preparing for the 82nd Legislative Session Agenda, the legislative committee must recognize there is a practical limit to what can be accomplished during the legislative session. The County & District Clerk Association of Texas (CDCAT) has limited resources and the vast amount of these resources should be expended in defeating or amending otherwise bad legislation. As a result, the legislative committee must carefully consider and select legislation for which it will attempt to find sponsors and seek passage.

When proposals are considered and discussed the following points should be considered:

- Does the proposal address a central duty of the clerk, or is it only indirectly related to the office of the clerk?
- Is the proposal, when compared to others, important enough to be a CDCAT priority?
- Will the proposal be vigorously opposed by strong interest groups, and if so, will clerks commit to contributing the time and effort necessary to overcome that opposition?
- Is it imperative that this proposal be addressed by the Legislature in 2011?
- Does the proposal have wide applicability to a broad range of clerks of various sizes (both large and small) and in various parts of the state?
- Is the proposal one that the CDCAT can support if it is filed, but not introduce it as an association?

We appreciate your feedback and your support as we work with our legislators in implementing sound legislation and fulfilling the mission of the association:

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote professional standards, to provide a means for the education of its members regarding the statutory and constitutional duties of the offices of the county clerk and the district clerk, and to participate in the legislative, judicial and executive processes of state government beneficial in the performance of the members' duties.



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Dates of Interest

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Primary election for legislative and other offices is held.
[Election Code, sec. 41.007]

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Primary runoff election for legislative and other offices is held
[Election Code, sec. 41.007]

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

General election for legislative and other offices is held
[Election Code, sec. 41.002]

Monday, November 8, 2010

Pre-filing of legislation for the 82nd Legislature begins
[House Rule 8, Sec. 7, and Senate Rule 7.04 (a)]

Session Begins

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 (1st day)

82nd Legislature convenes at noon
[Government Code, Sec. 301.001]

Monday, May 30, 2011 (140th day)

Last day of 82nd Regular Session; corrections only
in house and senate.
[Sec. 24 (b), Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Session Ends

Sunday, June 19, 2011 (20th day following final adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the
regular legislative session.
[Sec.14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

Monday, August 29, 2011 (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately)
become law
[Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]



82nd Legislative Session Timetable 2010 -2011

March 12th

- Legislative Committee will establish and approve legislative timetable.
- Distribution of legislative timetable and its publication on the TAC listserve and CDCAT website
- Propose and solidify deadline for submission of proposed legislation, which will be published accordingly

April 25th

- Deadline for submitting legislative proposals for the legislative committee's review and consideration. Proposals should be submitted utilizing the Legislative Suggestion Form attached to Legislative packet available on the TAC listserve and CDCAT website. This date coincides with the final date of the UT CLE Conference in Round Rock, Texas, April 28-30.

May 28th

- Legislative Committee will solidify the date, time and place that legislative proposals are to be considered. This notice will be published on the TAC listserve and CDCAT website and will coincide with the CDCAT Annual Conference in Amarillo, Texas June 13-17.
- Legislative proposals will be published on the CDCAT website

June 13th

- A legislative meeting will be scheduled during the CDCAT Annual Conference in Amarillo, Texas, June 13-17 to review and consider submitted legislative proposals. Notice of this meeting will be disseminated accordingly.

July 23rd

- Finalized CDCAT Legislative Program will be released and published on the TAC listserve and CDCAT website.

August 6th

- Deadline for filing written objections to any legislative proposal included in the proposed CDCAT Legislative Program. Objections should be directed to the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs.

September 1st

- A legislative meeting will be scheduled during the TAC Annual Conference & Expo in Austin, Texas, September 1-3 to approve and finalize the CDCAT Legislative Program for the 82nd Texas Legislature. Notice of this meeting will be disseminated accordingly.

November 8th

- Prefiling of legislation begins.

January 11, 2011

- 82nd Legislature convenes at noon



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Suggestions for 82nd Legislative Session

Legislation would effect: County Clerk () District Clerk () Both ()

Person submitting suggestion: _____

Contact Information: _____

1. Statute Concerning: _____

Current Statute:

Statute with suggested wording highlighted or underscored:

Please provide additional background information, comments and explanations for suggestion:



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Legislative Bill Analysis

Bill No. _____

Sponsor: _____

Bill effects: County Clerks _____ District Clerks _____ Both clerks _____

Code: _____

Section: _____

Affect on clerk office and procedures: _____

Budget impact or concerns: _____

Support _____ Support with changes _____ Oppose _____ Neutral _____

Submitted by: _____

County: _____

Office: _____

Sub-Committee: _____