# RELATING TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### **RECOGNITION DAYS**

HB 174 Relating to American Indian Heritage DayEffective: 5-10-2013GV 662.056Last Friday in September

HB 149 Relating to Texas Arbor DayEffective 5-18-2013GV 662.056First Friday in November

HB 1204 Relating to Influenza Awareness Day Effective 9-1-2013 GV 662.059 October 1 HB 694 Access to records by military personnel Effective 6-14-2013 GV 411.1410

Agency of armed forces, including recruiter, may obtain criminal history record information from TXDPS, with written authorization from applicant

Information must not be further released Information must be destroyed when purpose complete

#### SB 146 Access to records by institution of higher education Effective 6-14-2013 GV 411.0945

Applies to person who applies to reside in on-campus housing for academic period on or after 6-14-2013

Institution of higher education may obtain criminal history record information from TXDPS that relates to student or applicant for admission, who resides in on-campus housing SB 192 Access to records by banking commissioner Effective 9-1-2013 GV 411.092

Banking Commissioner may obtain criminal history record information from TXDPS relating to applicant for license, charter, or authority issued by banking commissioner under Finance Code relating to banks, trust companies, money service businesses, and perpetual care cemeteries SB 1044 Access to records by public defenders and others Effective 9-1-2013 GV 411.1272; GV 411.1301

Office of Capital Writs Public Defenders

Local Government Corporations engaged in criminal identification activities

Transportation Corporations for criminal identification activities, including forensic analysis

**May access criminal history record information** 

HB 912 Images captured by dronesEffective 9-1-2013GV 423.001 et seqApplies to images captured on or after 9-1-2013

Offense: Illegal use of unmanned aircraft to capture image (Class C misdemeanor) Offense: Possession, disclosure, display, distribution, or use of image (Class C misdemeanor

Civil action: By owner or tenant of real property against person who illegally captures image or property or owner or tenant while on property SB 392 Notice to attorney general Effective 9-1-2013 GV 402.010 Applies to petitions filed on or after 9-1-2013

Requires party challenging constitutionality of statute to file a form adopted by OCA to indicate which pleading should be served on attorney general SB 966 Judicial Branch Certification Commission Effective 9-1-2014 Supreme Court to adopt rules by 9-1-2014

Creates Judicial Branch Certification Commission on 9-1-2014

**Abolishes:** 

Court Reporters Certification Board Guardianship Certification Board Process Server Review Board Transfers duties, including court interpreters, to JBCC

5 judges, 3 from court that employs court reporter 4 public members

## SB 1620Realtime translation providersEffective 6-14-2013GV 57.002

Court required to appoint "certified communication access realtime translation (CART) provider" in civil or criminal proceeding

Communication access realtime translation means: Immediate verbatim translation of spoken word into English text

Certified court interpreter – for hearing impairment Licensed court interpreter – for language other than English

### SB 1907 Storage of firearmsEffective 9-1-2013GV 411.2032

Prohibits a Texas institution of higher education from enforcing any rule that restricts a person in lawful possession of a firearm from storing the firearm in a locked, privately owned motor vehicle on a street, or parking area located on campus SB 1908OCA study of judicial systemEffective 9-1-2013GV 72.0313

Requires OCA to study and report to Governor each law that imposes a court fee or cost in a Texas court Is fee necessary for its purpose?

Submit unnecessary costs and fees by 84<sup>th</sup> Leg

OCA must consult with local government representatives

HB 1035 Filing political reports SB 692 Effective 9-1-2013 LG 159.004

**Applies to report required on or after 1-1-2014** 

Financial statement timely filed Personal delivery by 5pm on last day Electronic filing by midnight of last day]

If rules allow filing by electronic mail, financial disclosure reports timely filed Placed in mail on last day Personal delivery by 5pm on last day Electronic filing by midnight of last day HB 2021 Collection of unpaid costs in civil casesEffective 6-14-2013LG 140.009

Allows commissioners court to contact with private attorney or vendor for collection of amounts owed to county in civil cases if amount is 60 days past due

Add collection fee of 30% of amount referred

Does not apply to commercial bail bonds

HB 2902 Overdue county library propertyEffective 9-1-2013LG 323.071

Allows commissioners court to adopt regulations to prohibit abuse of library services by failing to pay fines or return property, and establish fines for lost, damaged, and overdue library property

Violation of rules results in civil penalty of not more than \$100 for each violation

County may sue in district or county civil court to recover penalty

SB 1400 Regulation of air gunsEffective 6-14-2013LG 235.022

Allows commissioners court to regulate discharge of firearms and air guns on lots that are 10 acres or smaller in a subdivision in unincorporated area

Violation is Class C misdemeanor

Air gun means any gun that discharges a pellet, BB, or paintball by means of compressed air, gas propellant, or a spring