



# CAPITOL Action Report

*Empowering all Texans to engage  
in a more responsible and responsive democracy*

## *Texas Actions for the Week!*

*Hold onto your hats! What is going on at the Texas  
Legislature?!*

Whoop! We are having great success with our new advocacy action tool – One Click Politics! With One Click, you can send emails, tweets and FB posts to our elected officials. Try it out below. The Texas League is making it very easy for you to take ACTION on important issues!

### **Women's Health**

**[CLICK HERE TO STOP THESE FIVE BAD WOMEN'S HEALTH BILLS!](#)**

HB 35 (Cook) requires burial or cremation of fetal tissue

HB 200 (Burkett) bans the donation of fetal tissue from abortion clinics for scientific research.

HB 1936 (Springer) prohibits any government entities from directly or indirectly providing financial benefits to abortion providers and their affiliates

HB 2962 (Capriglione) requires additional extensive reporting related to abortion complications by licensed abortion facilities.

HB 434 (Simmons) allows health professionals to withhold information from parents about the condition of the fetus.

**[CLICK HERE TO MOVE A GOOD WOMEN'S HEALTH BILL FORWARD!](#)**

HB 1373 (Sarah Davis) enables teenage mothers 15 years or older to consent to examination and treatment relating to contraception.

### **Gun Safety**

**[CLICK HERE TO SAY NO TO UNLICENSED CARRYING OF GUNS IN TEXAS!](#)**

HB 1911 would allow handguns to be carried in public in Texas without a background check, license, or training. This bill puts public safety at risk.

### **Healthcare**

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The U.S. legislators go back to Congress on Monday April 24th. Tell them it wasn't OK to destroy our health care before recess, and it is not ok to do so now! With the latest news saying we may see a new health care bill as early as next week, this effort is more important than ever. [#ProtectOurCare](#): Do not take away our care.

Call 866-426-2631 or [click here to use this simple email tool](#) to get your voice heard by your U.S. elected officials!

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## *News from The Capitol*

*By Grace Chimene, Vice President*

Why is the legislature promoting bills most Texans don't support? Because legislators listen the few Texans who vote in the Primary Elections!

Bad bill ideas that most Texans don't support: change the US constitution, unlicensed open carry, voucher bills, discriminatory bathroom bills, immigration bills that law enforcement doesn't support.

Elected officials listen to voters! Be a Texas Voter in All Elections! Many Texas communities have elections on May 6th. Early vote April 24-May 2! [Find your Local League](#) for more info.

### ***Good News!***

36 days until the end of the 85th legislative session! But who is counting? We are! [Important legislative dates.](#)

### ***More good news!***

What did the SBOE vote on now? Why is this under good news?

The State Board of Education has given preliminary approval to revised curriculum standards that would no longer require students to challenge scientific theories about evolution. [read more](#)

### ***Even more good news!***

Will Texas change how it funds Public Education?

In a preliminary vote, the House approved Rep. Dan Huberty's bill to inject \$1.6 billion into public schools and simplify complicated funding formulas. [read more](#)

### ***Be still my beating heart? More good news!***

What are 17 year olds, juveniles or adults? House approves measure to try 17-year-olds as juveniles, not adults [read more](#)

### ***When is bad news good news?***

When Texas Legislature intentionally discriminates against Black and Latino voters and the Federal Judges call them out! [read more](#)

### ***Bad News! What are they thinking?***

Shouldn't the Texas Legislature be working to prevent discrimination instead of encouraging it? Lawmakers get uncomfortable when their voters and their business supporters are out of sync. And the "bathroom bill" isn't the only legislation where there's daylight between those groups. [read more](#). Find [Texas businesses who oppose the bathroom bills?](#)

Last week we provided 8 testimonies on five different Issues and registered on 36 bills! [Read the testimony!](#)

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## **Social Media Actions!**

**Download and share these graphics on social media - encourage your friends to share also!**

(Save as you would a photo - right click, Save as. Then upload to Facebook.)



### **Support HB 1373**

Teen Moms' Access to Contraceptive Health Care

**Call Byron Cook,  
Chair of the House  
State Affairs  
Committee!**

Call TODAY:  
512-463-0730



### **Oppose Pay Day Lending Bills!**

[LWVTEXAS.ORG](http://LWVTEXAS.ORG)



### **What to Say**

STOP HB 3081 & HB 3947

- 43 cities across our state passed the uniform city ordinance to defend local families from these harmful loans.
- Local elected officials know if their community is affected by predatory lenders and should be allowed to protect their community from harmful loans.

**Tweet:** Tell House Calendars Committee to stop all anti-abortion bills!

**Facebook:** Upload the Teen Mom and Pay Day lending graphics above.

**YouTube:** Share this week's [Capitol Action Minute video!](#)

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## **LEAGUE PRIORITY ISSUES:**

Click on the links below to learn more about issues you are interested in.

[Voter Rights and Election Laws in Texas:](#) See Testimony!

[Women's Health and Reproductive Choice:](#) See Texas Actions!

[Public Education:](#) What bills are we taking action on next week!

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## **OTHER UPDATED TEXAS ISSUES:**

[Behavioral Health:](#) What bills are moving along and what bills are stuck in committees? There is still time for a lot of action from the 85th Texas Legislature!

[Capital Punishment:](#) Check out the bills!

[Drug Laws and Policies:](#) HB 81 reduces penalties for possession of small amounts of marijuana. Call or write to your district House of Representative to urge passage of this bill.

**Equal Opportunity/Income Assistance:** See the testimony against the bathroom bill!

**Early Childhood:** Check out the bills!

**Financing State Government: Fun Photos of the House budget amendments process!**

**Gun Safety:** Check out ACTION above & testimony!

**Human Trafficking:** LOOK! Two bills passed the House! HB 29 and HB 269 passed with bipartisan support!

**Immigration:** These bill will not make Texas a safe place to live.

**Land Use:** Click on Land Use page to sign the petition to stop discharge of wastewater over the Edwards Aquifer!

**Redistricting:** Check out what is going on!

**Water:** Texas has committed substantial funds for loans and grants to localities for building new water facilities.

**Other issues we are following...**

**Air Quality/Climate Change**

**Capital Punishment**

**Child Abuse and Neglect**

**Child Health**

**Hazardous Waste**

**Juvenile Justice**

**Open Government**

**Payday & Auto Title Loans in Texas**

**Natural Resources**

**Transportation**

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## *Hey, Texas Political Nerds!*

What are Texans' attitudes about issues? The **Texas Lyceum Poll** asked Texans about immigration, border security, the national economy, elected officials etc.

Watch and share our weekly LWV-TX: **One Minute Capitol Action YouTube videos!**

View committee meetings live! **The House live broadcasts** & **Senate live broadcasts.**

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## *Capitol Calendar*

April 25 - **Alliance for a Clean Texas**

April 29 - **Austin People's Climate March & Rally**

June 11 - **LGBTQ March**

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