



# CAPITOL Action Report

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

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## *Texas Actions for the Week!*

### **Public Education**

Click here to [\*\*Oppose the Oppose the CSHB 21 voucher amendment!\*\*](#)

While HB 21 - as passed in the House - takes a step in the right direction to address the persistent flaws of the Texas public school funding system, the Senate's amendment would take taxpayer dollars from public education to fund private schools. [Read the Texas Tribune article.](#)



EMAIL OR CALL YOUR  
SENATOR & HOUSE  
REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!



OPPOSE THE  
CSHB 21  
VOUCHER  
AMENDMENT

### **Land Use**

Click here to [\*\*Support Your Texas Parks and Wildlife!\*\*](#)

State parks are vital to our state's economy, to preserving Texas history and culture, and to providing experiences with Texas natural areas for children and families. Tell State Budget Conference Committee to increase TPWD funding to \$313.5 million, which is 94% of the Sports Goods Sales Tax, as legislated in 2015.

### **Immigration**

[\*\*Click here to Oppose Immigration Centers Being Licensed as Day Care Centers!\*\*](#)

Oppose licensing immigration "family



**OPPOSE**  
**Licensing Detention**  
**Centers as Day Cares!**

detention" centers as licensed day care centers! This move allows the state to detain women and children indefinitely. Read [Texas Observer article](#).

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## *News from The Capitol*

*By Grace Chimene, Vice President*

The legislative session is full of drama at this time. Bad amendments are added to good bills while we watch in despair. [Chubbing](#), verbal bill bullying tactic and [other parliamentary procedures](#) were used to kill bills in the House. Good government bills often lose out with tactics like this. Yet, we shouldn't forget, a lot of bad bills also don't see the light of day. ([Read aout the drama here.](#))

We need our members and supporters to take action quickly! It is imperative for you to to keep an eye on the League's Facebook page for actions that need immediate response! Please share actions so that we can be even more effective in our advocacy.

PS: The legislative session ends May 29, a day called "Sine Die"!

### **Good News!**

**GunSafety:** HB 1911 Unlicensed Carry died.

**EqualOpportunity:** Potty Bill SB6 died in the House but be prepared for amendments.

**Transportation:** Texting bill HB 62 moved to the Senate.

### **Bad news!**

Why is Senfronia Thompson upset about her very good non controversial Human trafficking bill [House Bill 2629](#)? Read Austin American Statesman "[Rep. Senfronia Thompson gives tea party legislators a 'cuss out'](#)".

### **More Bad news!**

Why we may never know why Texas has a high maternal mortality rate? A parliamentary action killed the entire "Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar," which fast tracks legislation not expected to generate debate. [Read how this and other bills were killed.](#)

### **Make the Bad News Stop!**

Why does it matter what religion you are? All foster care children need loving homes. [Read more about the foster care bill.](#)

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## *League Issues*

House bills were flying around last week. Many we supported and opposed died last Thursday. Please allow the Issue Chairs time to update their pages.

[Voter Rights and Election Laws in Texas](#)

[Women's Health and Reproductive Choice](#)

[Public Education](#)

[LWV-TX Advocacy webpage with other League issues.](#)

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## *Hey, Texas Political Nerds!*

Why we may not have straight party voting next year? (FYI: The League does not have a position on straight party voting) [Read more](#)

How does the budget process work? [Texas Tribune Video.](#)

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

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## *Capitol Calendar*

May 29 - [Memorial Day Funeral March for ACA](#)

June 11 - [LGBTQ March](#)

June 28 - [7th Annual Stonewall Celebration and Rally](#)

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