

**Bexar County Legislative Program for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature**  
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<i><b>Elections</b></i>					
1	County Reimbursement for Party Primary Voting	<b>Amend the Elections Code</b> by removing section 173.003 entirely and adding language in section 173.001 to indicate the entire election.			
2	State Funds Directed to Election Authority for Primary Elections	<b>Amend Elections Code, § 173.031</b> to include language allowing state funds to be directly to flow directly the county authority conducting the primary election			
<i><b>Commissioners Court</b></i>					
3	Medical Examiner	<b>Amend Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 49</b> , to include certification and accreditation requirements, medical examiner's authority, clarification on definitions, and Open Records Requests.			
4	Due Process Timeline	Amend statute to shorten the "due process timeline" for complying with nuisance abatement matters.			

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<i>Budget</i>					
5	Parole Violations (Blue Warrants)	<b>Amend Section 508.254(c), Government Code</b> to allow a magistrate to release the individual on bond if the person was arrested on an administrative violation and has not previously been convicted of an offense under Chapter 29, Penal Code (Robbery, Aggravated Robber); or an offense under Title 5, Penal Code (Murder, Capital Murder, Certain Sexual Offenses), punishable as a felony; or an offense involving family violence, as defined by Section 71.004 Family Code.			
6	Collections Improvement	<b>Re-file HB 1215</b> from the 81 <sup>st</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature which amends Article 103.003 Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to allow Commissioners Court to collect court costs, fines and fees in a county where the Collections Improvement Program reports directly to Commissioners Court.			
7	Paper-Ready Inmates	<b>Amend §511.009 Texas Government Code</b> to include language that would allow counties to apply the TDCJ-ID standards to “paper ready” inmates that are in the county jail.			
8	Open Meetings Act/Staff Communications	<b>Amend Chapter 551, Government Code</b> to include language which would permit Commissioners Court to allow the placement of a Communications Section with County staff on the agenda			
9	Road and Bridge Fee	<b>Amend § 502.172(a) Transportation Code</b> to increase from \$10 to \$20			

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10	Technology Fee	<b>Create an Article in the Government Code</b> which would impose a new \$2 fee on traffic citations and Class C misdemeanors for the purpose of purchasing and/or upgrading technology for law enforcement personnel. Funds collected by the fee will be deposited into a fund to be used by county law enforcement personnel for technology purposes only.			
11	County Officer Controlled Funds	<b>Amend Local Government Code § 111.065</b> to include b) The Commissioners court may consider other funds controlled by county officers when preparing or monitoring the general fund budget.			
12	Dollar Values on Criminal Offenses	<b>Amend § 28.03 and 31.03 of the Penal Code</b> – Update dollar value associated with criminal classifications to reflect inflation			
13	Indigent Defense Fee	<b>Amend § 26.04 of the Code of Criminal Procedure</b> which would allow the Commissioners Court of a county to impose a \$100 processing fee on the application that permits an attorney to be on the public appointment list.			