

Interim Hearings – Week of January 20, 2020

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January 21

House Committee on [Elections](#)

Charge 1: Oversight of rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure intended legislative outcome of the following legislation:

- [HB 933](#), which requires election information to be posted on the Secretary of State's (SOS) and each county's internet website. Monitor the costs associated with implementing the legislation. Work with the SOS to determine which office elections should be included in the website.
- [HB 1421](#), which strengthens the cybersecurity of the state's election infrastructure. Review the program required under the bill to train county election officers in the best practices for identifying and reducing cybersecurity threats.
- [HB 2504](#), which modifies ballot access requirements for non-major party nominees. Review the provision requiring the SOS to establish rules implementing the fees and petitions.
- [HB 4130](#), which requires the SOS to develop procedures for adequately certifying electronic poll books. Review the provision requiring the secretary of state to adopt rules mandating real-time updates for electronic poll book use during the early voting period or under the countywide polling place program. Monitor and report on countywide polling. Examine the number and location of polling places, polling booths, and wait times for voting

House Committee on [Redistricting](#) (Plano)

Topic: 2021 legislative redistricting process and 2020 Census data

- [Texas Redistricting](#), Texas Legislative Council

January 22

House Committee on [Redistricting](#) (Arlington)

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- [Texas Redistricting](#), Texas Legislative Council

Senate Committees on [Natural Resources & Economic Development](#) and [Water & Rural Affairs](#) (Joint Hearing)

Charge: Future Water Supply: Examine current laws, processes, and water storage options and availability. Make recommendations promoting the state's water supply, storage, availability, valuation, movement, and development of new sources.

- ["Texas Water: Planning for More," Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, April 2019
- [2017 Texas State Water Plan \(Water supplies, Water supply needs\)](#), Texas Water Development Board
- [Aquifer Storage and Recovery](#) and [Aquifer Storage and Recovery Documents](#), Texas Water Development Board

Charge: Groundwater Regulatory Framework: Study the state's groundwater regulatory framework and make recommendations to improve groundwater regulation, management, and permitting.

- [Interim Report to the 86th Legislature \(Charge 1 – Streamlining water permitting, Charge 2 – Regulatory framework of groundwater conservation districts\)](#), Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs, December 2018
- [Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature \(Groundwater, Groundwater regulations, Sub-charge B: Developments in case law regarding groundwater ownership and regulation\)](#), House Committee on Natural Resources, December 2018
- [Groundwater Conservation Districts](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- [Priority Groundwater Management Areas](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- [Groundwater Information](#), Texas Groundwater Protection Committee
- [Groundwater](#), Texas Water Development Board