

Research Minute: Emergency Management Statutes

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Wondering where to find statutes regarding emergency management, in light of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and [Governor Abbott's disaster proclamation](#)? [Texas Government Code Chapter 418](#) on emergency management was added to the statutes with the *Texas Disaster Act of 1975*. In addition to setting out the governor's powers and duties in a disaster, the chapter also sets out guidelines for the [Texas Division of Emergency Management](#), local emergency management, and addresses some financial aspects of disaster response. The *Texas Disaster Act* has been amended many times since 1975, including [several bills](#) from the 86th Legislature (2019) that added to and amended the chapter.