

Prefiling Statistics, 87th Regular Session

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In Texas, the [Rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas](#) (Rule 8, Section 7) and the [Senate Rules](#) (Rule 7.04(a)) allow legislators to prefile bills "beginning the first Monday after the general election preceding the next regular legislative session."

Prefiling for the 87th Texas Legislature began on Monday, November 9, the first Monday after the general election on Tuesday, November 3. On November 9, a total of 541 bills and joint resolutions were filed in the House and Senate.

The following are the number of bills and joint resolutions prefiled during the first week of the 87th Regular Session:

87th Regular Session – Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/09/2020–11/13/2020)

HB/HJR	576
SB/SJR	169
Total	745

How do these numbers compare to previous sessions? The following are the number of bills and joint resolutions filed during the first week of the last four regular sessions:

86th Regular Session – Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/12/2018–11/16/2018)

HB/HJR	382
SB/SJR	184
Total	566

85th Regular Session – Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/14/2016–11/18/2016)

HB/HJR	389
SB/SJR	239
Total	628

84th Regular Session – Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions
(11/10/2014–11/14/2014)

HB/HJR	282
SB/SJR	172
Total	454

83rd Regular Session – Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions
(11/12/2012–11/16/2012)

HB/HJR	203
SB/SJR	106
Total	309

For a general overview of bill prefiling, see our previous blog post, [Bill Prefiling FAQs](#).