



86th Texas Legislature

County & District Clerk Legislative Packet 2018

Legislative Chairs

Teresa Kiel – Chair County Clerks
Guadalupe County Clerk
tkiel@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Mary Ann Gonzalez – Chair Combination Clerks
Schleicher County and District Clerk
scclerk@co.schleicher.tx.us

Heather Hawthorne – Chair Elections Clerks
Chambers County Clerk
hhawthorne@chamberstx.gov

Patti Henry – Chair District Clerks
Chambers County District Clerk
pherry@chamberstx.gov



County & District Clerks Association of Texas

Introduction

In preparing for the 86th Legislative Session Agenda, the legislative committee must recognize there is a practical limit to what can be accomplished during the legislative session. The County & District Clerk Association of Texas (CDCAT) has limited resources and the vast amount of these resources should be expended in defeating or amending otherwise bad legislation. As a result, the legislative committee must carefully consider and select legislation for which it will attempt to find sponsors and seek passage.

When proposals are considered and discussed the following points should be considered:

- Does the proposal address a central duty of the clerk, or is it only indirectly related to the office of the clerk?
- Is the proposal, when compared to others, important enough to be a CDCAT priority?
- Will the proposal be vigorously opposed by strong interest groups, and if so, will clerks commit to contributing the time and effort necessary to overcome that opposition?
- Is it imperative that this proposal be addressed by the Legislature in 2018?
- Does the proposal have wide applicability to a broad range of clerks of various sizes (both large and small) and in various parts of the state?
- Is the proposal one that the CDCAT can support if it is filed, but not introduce it as an association?

We appreciate your feedback and your support as we work with our legislators in implementing sound legislation and fulfilling the mission of the association:

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote professional standards, to provide a means for the education of its members regarding the statutory and constitutional duties of the offices of the county clerk and the district clerk, and to participate in the legislative, judicial and executive processes of state government beneficial in the performance of the members' duties.

Revised 4/5/2018



Suggestions for 86th Legislative Session

Legislation would effect: County Clerk () District Clerk () Both ()

Person submitting suggestion: _____

Contact Information: _____

1. Statute Concerning: _____

Current Statute:

Statute with suggested wording highlighted or underscored:

Please provide additional background information, comments and explanations for suggestion:



Legislative Bill Analysis

Bill No. _____

Sponsor: _____

Bill effects: County Clerks _____ District Clerks _____ Both clerks _____

Code: _____

Section: _____

Effect on clerk office and procedures: _____

Budget impact or concerns: _____

Support _____ Support with changes _____ Oppose _____ Neutral _____

Submitted by: _____

County: _____

Office: _____

Sub-Committee: _____

86th Legislative Session Timetable – 2018 to be determined.

January 2016

- Legislative Committee will discuss, review and approve legislative timetable and packet for dissemination and publication at UT Conference.

June 1st

- Deadline for submitting legislative proposals for the legislative committee's review and consideration. Proposals should be submitted utilizing the Legislative Suggestion Form attached to this legislative packet accessible on the CDCAT website. This date is proposed in anticipation of the CDCAT State Conference on June 19 – 23 in Corpus Christi, Texas where the Legislative Committee will convene to review proposals.

June (during Annual Conference)

- Legislative Committee will meet to review and consolidate proposed legislation. The date, time and place of the meeting will be included in the State Conference agenda.

July 11th

- Finalized list of legislative proposals will be published on the TAC list serve and CDCAT website.

August 8th

- Deadline for filing written objections to any legislative proposals included in the published list. Objections should be directed to the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs.

August 30th

- A legislative meeting will be scheduled during the TAC Pre-Legislation Conference in Austin, Texas, scheduled August to approve and finalize the CDCAT Legislative Agenda for the 84rd Texas Legislature.

November 11th 2016

- Pre-filing of legislation begins.

January 10, 2015

- 85th Legislature convenes at noon