Dates of Interest
85th Legislature

Interim

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Constitutional amendment election
[Sec. 1, Article XVII, Texas Constitution]

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Primary election to select political party candidates for the November general election for federal, state, and county officers
[Sec. 41.007, Election Code]

May-June 2018
Legislative Budget Board (LBB) sends legislative appropriations request (LAR) instructions to state agencies
[Secs. 322.007, Government Code]

July-August 2018
State agencies develop strategic plans and associated LARs

September-December 2018
LBB and the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy hold hearings on each state agency's strategic plan and LAR and prepare separate budget recommendations to be presented to the 86th Legislature
[Secs. 322.007, 401.043, 401.044, and 401.0445, Government Code]

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
General election for federal, state, and county officers
Sec. 1, Article XVII, Texas Constitution; [Sec. 41.001, Election Code]

Monday, November 12, 2018
First day legislators and legislators-elect may file bills for the 86th Legislature
[House Rule 8, Sec. 7; Senate Rule 7.04(a)]

86th Legislature

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (1st day)
86th Legislature convenes
[Sec. 5(a), Article III, Texas Constitution; Sec. 301.001, Government Code]

Upon the convening of the 86th Legislature
The comptroller of public accounts delivers the Biennial Revenue Estimate to the governor and the 86th Legislature
[Sec. 49a, Article III, Texas Constitution; Sec. 403.121, Government Code]

Monday, January 14, 2019
LBB budget estimates delivered to the governor and the 86th Legislature
[Sec. 322.008(c), Government Code]
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
LBB general appropriations bill delivered to the governor and the 86th Legislature
[Sec. 322.008(d), Government Code]

Before the governor's State of the State address to the 86th Legislature
The governor delivers the governor's budget to the 86th Legislature
[Sec. 401.046, Government Code]

Friday, March 8, 2019 (60th day)
Deadline for the unrestricted filing of bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and emergency matters submitted by the governor
[Sec. 5(b), Article III, Texas Constitution; House Rule 8, Sec. 8; Senate Rule 7.07(b); Senate Rule 10.01 subjects joint resolutions to the rules governing proceedings on bills]

Monday, May 27, 2019 (140th day)
Last day of 86th Legislature (sine die)
[Sec. 24(b), Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Interim

Sunday, June 16, 2019 (20th day following final adjournment of 86th Legislature, Regular Session)
Last day the governor may sign or veto bills passed during the regular session
[Sec. 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

Monday, August 26, 2019 (91st day following final adjournment of 86th Legislature, Regular Session)
Date that bills without specific effective dates, other than bills with immediate effect, become law
[Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]