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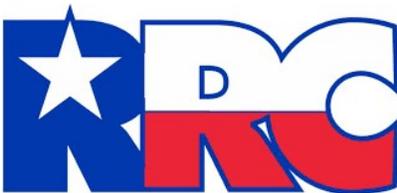
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## November 2024 Monthly Update



### RRC Geothermal Rule Update

In our last monthly update, I mentioned that TLMA was reviewing the proposed geothermal rule. After reading the proposed rule and consulting with experts, we determined that TLMA would not file comments.

The proposed rule is a result of SB 786 from the 88th legislative session and transfers a small subset of shallow geothermal wells used for heating homes and buildings to the RRC. Thus, the rule does not impact the wells of most

concern to the majority of our members. We expect another rule addressing deep geothermal wells in the coming year, and we will further evaluate that rule for comments.



### ***Boerschig v. Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. Amicus***

TLMA filed an amicus brief in the *Boerschig v. Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.* Texas Supreme Court case urging the Court to grant Boerschig’s petition for review. In the brief, TLMA states “the holding of the Court of Appeals creates risk and uncertainty in real estate transactions because the buyer of a property burdened by an implied easement has no idea what to anticipate in the future.” Certainty in real estate transactions and holding entities with the power of eminent domain to high legal standards are critical for Texas’ landowners.

You can view the [case documents](#) and [brief](#) by following the links.

Shortly after our brief was filed, the Court requested briefs on the merits. Great news for Texas landowners!



### **RRC Legislative Appropriations Request**

Ahead of the biennial legislative session, each regulatory agency is required to submit a Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) to the Legislative Budget Board for consideration during the budget development process. Below is the link to the Railroad Commission’s LAR.

<https://www.rrc.state.tx.us/media/yxyowmwu/lar-26-27.pdf>



## Election Update

As mentioned in an update following the primary election in March, the primaries held most of the excitement for Texas' election cycle. However, the November presidential election always draws higher crowds than an off-year election.

Overall, not much changed in Texas. Texas is still dominated by Republicans, with Republicans winning all top of the ticket races – President, US Senate, and Railroad Commissioner.

Texas House Republicans picked up two seats increasing their majority to 88 Republicans to 62 Democrats. There will be 32 new House members given retirements, losses, and members who chose to run for other offices.

The Texas Senate elected three new members, and the Republicans flipped one seat. The Senate Republicans will now have a 20 to 11 majority.

The next major task for House members is to elect a speaker on the first day of the legislative session.



## Bill Pre-filing Begins

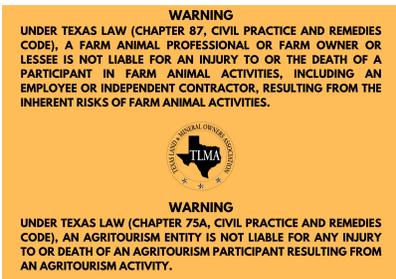
On November 12, pre-filing of bills for the 89th Legislative Session began. There were more than 1,400 bills filed on the first day. As of today, there are 1,917 bills filed. The previous legislative session saw a record number of bills filed and the trend looks to continue into the 89th legislative session.

If you would like to view the bills filed, please visit the [Texas Legislature Online](#) website.



## What type of vendors would members like to see at the TLMA SMM?

Following this year's Statewide Members Meeting, we received feedback that a lower number of our attendees may have visited the vendors' exhibitor booths. We would love your feedback. If some of this year's vendors were not of interest, please let us know and suggest other vendors or business types. Was the location inconvenient? Did you need a longer break in order to visit the booths? Please send an email with feedback to [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) to help us serve you better.



## FINAL CALL - TLMA Farm Liability Act Signs!

The TLMA Farm Liability Act signs are still available for presale! You can order online by using this [form](#) or emailing [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) with the number of signs and shipping address. The 20" x 14" signs are \$40 each. They will be available for presale until we hit the minimum required or through the end of the year. Once we meet the minimum required, you will receive an invoice to pay for your signs.

Do you have a topic or issues you want to be included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) for review and potential inclusion.

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

Tuesday, December 3 – Joint Oversight on Grid Reliability Committee Hearing  
Monday, December 9 – House Administrative Committee Hearing on Rule Proposals for 89th Legislative Session  
December 24 and 25 – TLMA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday  
December 31 and January 1 – TLMA Offices Closed for New Year’s Holiday  
January 14 – First Day of 89th Legislative Session

## Additional Articles and Links

Do you need to update your contact information? Please email [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) for assistance.

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- [Texas House Committee Assignments - BY COMMITTEE](#)
- [Texas Legislature Online](#)
- [Texas House Livestream](#)
- [Texas Senate Livestream](#)
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