

TABLE 4.3

Calendars in the Texas House of Representatives (Most Important to Least Important)

Calendar	Purpose
Emergency	Emergency bills; also used for taxation and appropriation bills
Major State	Important bills with statewide impact
Constitutional Amendments	Amendments to the Texas Constitution
General State	Bills with statewide impact deemed less important than those designated “Major State”
Local, Consent, and Resolution	Bills involving activities of specific counties, cities, and other governments; noncontroversial resolutions
Resolution	Votes in which the Texas House offers an opinion on some topic but passes no bill on it
Congratulatory and Memorial	House resolution expressing gratitude or thanks to some person or recognition of some event, but no bills passed on the matter

Source: Compiled by the authors from data available at Texas House of Representatives, House Calendars, www.house.state.tx.us/help/calendar/ (accessed August 29, 2014).