***Texas Society of Architects***

***May 26, 2017 UPDATE***

*(Session ends May 29)*

**Priority Bills**:

HB 1053—Statute of Repose: *Dead*

HB 1844—Construction Lawsuit Venue: Companion bill, **SB 807 passed House May 24.**

HB 2121—Recovery of Attorney Fees-Smaller Claims: Attached to SB 533—House amendment 7, also **passed the Senate May 23** as a stand-alone item.

HB 2128—Recovery of Attorney Fees-Other: *Most* was attached to SB 533 as House amendment 7

HB 2343—Right to Repair: *Dead*

HB 2473—HB 23 Fixes: Passed House 141-0; No Action in Senate yet (*May be Trouble*)

HB 3020—Gov. Code Chapter 2269 Clean-Up: *Dead*

**HB 3021**—Eliminating (State) Duty to Defend: Passed House, 5/12; **Passed Senate May 23.**

HB 3110—Eliminating (Private) Duty to Defend: *Dead*

HB 3434—Extend TFC’s Uniform General Conditions to TEA: *Dead*

**Bills We Actively Opposed**:

HB 2170—Implied Liability for Plans & Specs: *Dead*

HB 3148—Designated Historic Site Limitations: *Dead*

HB 3326—Expanding Job Order Contracting dangerously: *Dead*

**SB 636**—Code Adoption or Amendment Limitations: **Killed by a House committee May 23**.

**SB 1215**—Shift Implied Liability from Contractor to Owner: **Passed May House 24,** but only as an **Interim Study, not a reversal of judicial precedent**, as originally filed.

**Accessibility Related Bills**:

**HB 1463**—The “ADA Right to Repair,” **passed the Senate May 19**. HB 1120 made it onto a House calendar the final day for HBs to pass the House, but died in the Pre-Mothers’ Day Massacre on 5/11. HB 1123 was heard but never approved by the House LAP committee, and HB 1121, and SB 296 never even had hearings.

**ID Bills**:

**HB 1657**, which removed a 2013 Sunset examination requirement for RIDs whose registration had been “grandfathered,” **passed May 24**, and **SB 1932**, allowing NCIDQ to set state test standards, **passed the House** **May 19, but still awaits Senate concurrence** (as of 5/25). *Dead* are HBs 1909, allowing IDs to claim a lien, and 3878, the penalty-elimination/deregulation bill opposed by the Texas Association for Interior Design (TAID).

**Sustainability Related Bills**:

Only one bill that we tracked, **SB 744**, dealing with credits for planting replacement trees, **won House approval May 23**. HBs 173 (commercial) and 1334 (personal), regarding rainwater harvesting, never had a hearing, while SB 410, requiring use of LED lighting in state buildings, was at least heard in committee, though it never received a favorable vote. HB 2535 and SB 732 and 898, all terrible bills limiting municipal tree ordinance-making authority, never had hearings.