

## Prefiling Statistics, 83rd Regular Session

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In Texas, the [Rules and Precedents of the Texas House](#) (Rule 8, Section 7) and [Senate Rules](#) (Rule 7.04) allow legislators to prefile bills "beginning the first Monday after the general election preceding the next regular legislative session."

Prefiling for the 83rd Texas Legislature began on Monday, November 12, the first Monday after the general election on November 6. Following are the number of prefiled bills and joint resolutions as of Monday, January 7:

### 83R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions

(11/12/12-1/7/13)

HB/HJR	385
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SB/SJR	149
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Total	534
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How do these numbers compare to previous sessions? Following are the number of bills and joint resolution prefiled during the last two regular sessions:

### 82R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions

(11/8/10-1/10/11)

HB/HJR	575
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SB/SJR	312
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Total	887
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### 81R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions

(11/10/08-1/12/09)

HB/HJR	603
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SB/SJR	455
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Total	1,058
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The total number of bills and joint resolutions prefiled for the 83rd regular session is 60.2% of those prefiled during the 82nd regular session, and 50.5% of those prefiled during the 81st regular session.