Guides to the Texas Legislature

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This post includes a list of guides published by Texas legislative agencies to assist you in following the legislative process. These guides will help you track and read a bill, understand the terminology used in the Texas Legislature, learn about issues facing the Legislature, and much more.

Guide to Texas Legislative Information, prepared by the Research Division of the Texas Legislative Council for the 84th Legislature (2014). "The purpose of this publication is to help legislators, other state officials and employees, and interested citizens in researching the work of past legislatures and in tracking the work of the current legislature."

Issues Facing the 84th Texas Legislature, prepared by the Texas Senate Research Center (2015).

"[This report] is intended to serve as a reference guide to issues facing the 84th Legislature. It is not a comprehensive list of issues, but rather an outline of broad categories and topics of concern that have arisen during the interim."

Research Spotlight: Legislative Lexicon, prepared by the Texas Senate Research Center (2015).

"[This publication] provides users with clear definitions of many of the words, terms, and phrases used in the Legislature."

Reading Statutes and Bills, prepared by the Research Division of the Texas Legislative Council (2014).

"The purpose of this publication is to provide a basic overview of Texas statutes and bills and tips for how best to read and understand them."

Topics for the 84th Legislature, by House Research Organization (2014). "This report highlights many, although by no means all, of the issues the 84th Legislature may consider during its 2015 regular session."

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