

## Interim Hearings – Week of April 28, 2014

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#### April 28th

##### House Committee on [Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence](#)

Charge: Civil liability for interacting with ex-offenders, implications of [HB 1188 \(83R\)](#) and potential expansion of similar protections to landlords

- ["EEOC's criminal background check policy under fire,"](#) *Denver Business Journal*, January 22, 2014
- ["The Kobayashi Maru of Ex-Offender Employment: Rewriting the Rules and Thinking Outside Current 'Ban the Box' Legislation,"](#) *Temple Law Review*, October 2013
- ["States push to provide some ex-felons a second chance,"](#) MSNBC, July 21, 2013
- ["65 Million 'Need Not Apply': the Case for Reforming Criminal Background Checks for Employment,"](#) *National Employment Law Project*, March 2011

Charge: Electronic legal materials, reliability and permanence, possible adoption of Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA)

- [UELMA Resources](#), American Association of Law Libraries, last updated April 2014
- [Preserving Legislative Digital Records](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, last updated January 6, 2014
- [Electronic Legal Material Act](#) (includes text of act and map of adopting states), Uniform Law Commission, last updated 2014
- ["'Link rot' is degrading legal research and case cites,"](#) *ABA Journal*, December 1, 2013
- ["Are digitization and budget cuts compromising history?,"](#) *ABA Journal*, May 1, 2013

Charge: Issues that inhibit use of wills and access to probate process in Texas, particularly for low-income individuals

- *National Probate Court Standards, especially Standard 1.1, Access to Justice*, National College of Probate Judges, January 2013

May 1st

House Committee on *Economic & Small Business Development*

Topic: Economic development, manufacturing, and workforce development in the Houston area

- "Council expands subsidy for downtown development," *Houston Chronicle*, April 16, 2014
- *2014 Houston Economic Development Guide*, Greater Houston Partnership, 2014
- *2014 Houston Employment Forecast*, Greater Houston Partnership, December 3, 2013
- *Houston Metro Outlook: Year-End 2013*, Delta Associates/Transwestern, December 2013
- "2014 Economic Forecast, Part Two: Houston," *Texas CEO*, November 2013

House Committee on *State Affairs*

Charge: Title 15 of the Election Code, requirements for financial reports by campaigns, candidates, officeholders, and political committees

- *Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with the Texas Ethics Commission*, Texas Ethics Commission, Revised March 25, 2014