

Interim Hearings - Week of February 15, 2016

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February 17

Senate Committee on [State Affairs](#)

Charge: First Amendment religious liberty protections

- [State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, October 15, 2015
- ["Indiana's Flawed Religious Freedom Law,"](#) *Indiana Law Review*, Volume 49, Number 1, 2015
- [Report to the 77th Legislature: Charge 9, Monitoring Implementation of Texas RFRA and Electronic Filing](#) (History Behind [SB 138](#), 76th Legislature, R.S., Religious Freedom Restoration Act; Appendix I, Written Testimony of Douglas Laycock, The University of Texas School of Law, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice, April 13, and May 5, 2000), Senate Committee on State Affairs, November 1, 2000

February 18

House Select Committee on [Mental Health](#)

Invited testimony

Senate Committee on [Health & Human Services](#)

Charge: Healthy aging

- [Healthy Aging Summit: Summary of Proceedings](#), American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), July 2015

- *How State Health Agencies Can Support Healthy Aging* (Issue brief), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, 2014
- *Aging Texas Well* (Texas Healthy Lifestyles), Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- *Program on Healthy Aging*, Texas A&M Health Science Center
- *Healthy Aging*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- *Center for Healthy Aging*, National Council on Aging

Charge: Long-term care

- *Department of Aging and Disabilities Services: Sunset Staff Report with Final Results* (Summary of Final Results and Issue 4) Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2015
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature* (Innovative Long-Term Care Strategies), Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, January 2013
- *An Audit Report on Nursing Facility Complaint Processing at the Department of Aging and Disability Services*, State Auditor's Office, August 2011
- *Interim Report 2004, 79th Texas Legislature* (Regulation and Quality of Care), Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Long-Term Care, November 2004

Charge: "Wrongful birth" cause of action

- "Pennsylvania Supreme Court Upholds 'Wrongful Birth' Statute," *Jurist*, November 20, 2015
- "Statutory Prohibitions on Wrongful Birth Claims & Their Dangerous Effects on Parents," *Boston College Journal of Law & Social Justice*, Vol. 34, Issue 2, May 2014
- "The Disabling Impact of Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life Actions," *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Vol. 40, No. 1, Winter 2005

Senate Committee on *State Affairs*

Charge: Judicial salaries, legislators' retirement annuities, straight-ticket voting

- *Retirement Benefits for Elected State Officials*, Employees Retirement System of Texas, January 2016
- "Analysis: A Judicious Swipe at Lawmaker Pensions," *Texas Tribune*, November 19, 2015
- "Texas: Latest in Two Decades of Efforts to End Straight Ticket Voting for Judicial Races," *Gavel to Gavel: A Review of State Legislation Affecting the*

Courts, March 6, 2015

- "It's Time to End Straight-Ticket Voting in Texas," Representative Ron Simmons, *Texas Tribune*, February 15, 2015
- *Studies of Political Statistics: Straight Ticket Voting in Texas 1998-2014*, Report #9, Austin Community College, Updated December 17, 2014
- *Report of the Judicial Compensation Commission*, Office of Court Administration, November 21, 2014
- *Report on Judicial Salaries and Turnover for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013*, Office of Court Administration, June 2014
- "How Lawmakers' Pensions Would Grow Under Budget," *Texas Tribune*, May 13, 2013
- "Straight-Ticket Voting Takes a Trusting Soul," *New York Times*, October 13, 2012
- "Straight-Ticket Voting and Judicial Accountability: Can the Two Coexist?", Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, September 24, 2012
- *Interim Report to the 79th Texas Legislature* (Charge 2 - Judicial salaries, retirement, and benefit; and visiting, and retired), Senate Committee on Jurisprudence, December 2004