National Library Week: Texas Bill Captions

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Article III, Section 35 of the Texas Constitution requires bills to have titles, commonly called captions, intended to give the legislators and the public reasonable notice about the bill's subject.

The Legislative Archive System includes captions for all bills from the 62nd Legislature (1961) through the 82nd Legislature (2011), as well as captions for all enrolled bills back to the 18th Legislature (1883). The Legislative Archive System can be used to search for bills by caption, and the captions can also be used to give some idea about the topics the Legislature was considering each session.

For National Library Week, we have created a pair of word clouds using captions from enrolled bills for the 82nd Legislature:

Captions from the 82nd Legislature

Captions from the 18th Legislature