2012–2013 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Legislative Timetable

Pursuant to the Policy Governing Legislative Action (§8.01) by the State Bar of Texas, the following timetable was submitted to and approved by the State Bar Board of Directors. This timetable is offered to State Bar sections that plan to propose legislation in the 2013 session of the Texas Legislature.

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January 20: Board of Directors vote on the legislative timetable.

February 3: Copies of the legislative timetable and legislative policy are sent to all section chairs. §8.01.08(C)

March 2: Notice is sent to all section chairs of the July 2 deadline for submission of proposed legislation to the Board of Directors for the 2013 State Bar Legislative Program. Proposals must be in final bill form and must include the information as set out in §8.01.06(C)(1–6) of the State Bar of Texas Legislative Policy, as follows:

(1) A brief narrative explanation of the legislation.

(2) Identification of, reference to, or copies of similar legislation, if any, proposed to or being considered by the same legislative or administrative body.

(3) A verification that all sections and committees of the State Bar have been sent the legislation for comment and the comments received (copy of form letter and copy of return receipt from each committee and section).

(4) A statement indicating whether the proposed legislation had been introduced in either the House or Senate during prior legislative sessions, as well as a statement of any amendments proposed to the proposed legislation during the prior legislative sessions and the status of the proposed legislation.

(5) A statement of the known position on the legislative proposal taken by any section or committee of the State Bar that has considered the same proposal, including the principal reasons for support of or opposition to the proposal.

(6) Such other information as the Executive Director may reasonably request from time to time.

April: Legislative timetable is published in the *Texas Bar Journal*. §8.01.08(D)

July 2: Deadline for submission of proposed legislation for inclusion in the Bar's legislative program. All proposals must be in final bill form and must contain the information outlined in §8.01.06(C)(1–6) of the Legislative Policy or the proposal will not be considered for inclusion in the State Bar's legislative program.

Proposals may only be submitted by sections and *not* committees of the State Bar. Committees wishing to submit proposals must do so through a section of the State Bar having cognizance of the subject matter of the proposed legislation. Sections may submit proposals for inclusion in the State Bar's legislative program or to be sponsored in the section's own name.

Proposals must have been mailed to *all* other sections and committees of the State Bar for comment. Proposals should also be mailed to other parties and entities that have a direct interest in the subject matter of the proposal along with an invitation to comment. Comments received should be forwarded with proposals at this time. (§8.01.06(A)(1) — at least 45 days before Legislative Policy Subcommittee meeting.)

July: Notice published in the *Texas Bar Journal* setting out the time, date, and place that legislative proposals will be considered by the Legislative Policy Subcommittee together with a brief summary for each proposal. §8.01.08(B)

August 2: Executive Director prepares and forwards to each member of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee a copy of each item of proposed legislation together with the explanatory material required by §8.01.08(G) of the Legislative Policy. (§8.01.08(G) — not less than 14 days before Legislative Policy Subcommittee meeting.)

August 6: Deadline for filing written objections to any legislative proposals to be considered by the Legislative Policy Subcommittee. Objections must be filed in order to appear in opposition before the committee. If no objection is timely filed, the Legislative Policy Subcommittee will enter a position of "no objection" on the proposals being considered. (§8.01.06(D) — 10 days before Legislative Policy Subcommittee meeting.)

August 16–17 (tentative)**:** Meeting of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee to consider proposed legislation that has been properly submitted.

August 27: Appeal deadline for any proponent whose legislative proposal is not recommended by the Legislative Policy Subcommittee for inclusion in the State Bar's legislative program and who wishes to appeal to the Board of Directors by giving written notice to the Executive Director. (§8.01.06(I) — within 10 days after date of action.)

August 30 (tentative)**:** Second meeting of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee.

September 7: Report of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee and copies of legislative proposals sent to the Board of Directors. (§8.01.08(H) — 14 days before Board meeting.)

September 10 (tentative)**:** Deadline for appeal from decision (if any) made at second Legislative Policy Subcommittee meeting. (§8.01.06(I) — within 10 days after date of action.)

September 20–21: Board of Directors Meeting — Consider recommendations of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee and adopt the 2013 Legislative Program of the State Bar of Texas.

November 9: Deadline for sections sponsoring legislative proposals to submit to the Director of Governmental Relations a suggested list of legislative sponsors for each proposal. (§8.01.09(E) — 60 days before Legislature convenes in regular session.)

November 12: Pre-filing of bills begins.

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January 8: 83rd Legislative Session begins.

May 27: 83rd Legislative Session ends.