

Handout 1: Effective Dates of Bills Affecting Justice Courts

Landlord/Tenant

- HB 1012: Effective: Sept. 1, 2021; applies only to an application for a writ of retrieval submitted after that date.
- SB 1783: Effective: 9/1/21; only applies to a lease entered into on or after that date.
- HB 531: Effective 1/1/22; only applies to a lease entered into or renewed after that date.
- SB 318: Effective: 9/1/21; applies only to a request for records made after that date.
- HB 900: Effective 9/1/21; only applies to the execution of a writ of possession in an eviction case filed on or after that date.

Magistration

- HB 1005: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to a person arrested after that date.
- HB 766: Effective 1/1/22 except for modification of the Crime Information Center database to accept and maintain bond condition information for a violent offense which is effective 9/1/21.
- HB 558: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to an arrest made after that date.
- SB 1047: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to a search warrant issued on or after that date.
- SB 49: Effective 9/1/21; change to Art. 16.22 applies only to person arrested on or after that date; change to oath applies only to personal bond executed on or after that date.

Criminal

- HB 569: Effective 9/1/21; Art. 45.041 applies to a defendant sentenced on or after that date regardless of when the offense occurred; Art. 45.048

applies to a defendant who is placed in jail on or after that date regardless of when the defendant was convicted of the offense.

- HB 3774: Effective 9/1/21; fingerprint provision only applies to a case filed after that date.

Handguns

- HB 1927: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to an offense committed on or after that date.
- HB 918: Effective 9/1/21

Abortion

- SB 8: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to an abortion after that date.

Truancy

- SB 289: Effective 5/26/21; applies beginning with 2021-22 school year.
- HB 3165: Effective 6/3/21; applies beginning with 2021-22 school year.

Juvenile

- SB 1480: Effective 9/1/21
- HB 80: Effective 9/1/21

Dangerous Dogs

- HB 3340: Effective 9/1/21; applies only to an order issued by a court on or after that date.

Inquests

- HB 1419: Effective 9/1/21

Fines, Fees and Costs

- SB 41: Effective 1/1/22
- SB 1373 and HB 3774: Effective 9/1/21; applies to a fine, fee or cost imposed before, on or after that date.