

Capitol Update

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON



84th Legislative Session

Dear Friend,

Tomorrow, Legislators and staff will fill the halls of our Texas State Capitol for the start of the 84th Legislative Session; and, we'd like to personally welcome you and your family for refreshments and coffee as we watch the ceremony live from our office on opening day - Tuesday, January 13, 2015. The ceremony begins on the Senate Chamber floor at 12pm.

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The Texas Legislature meets once every two years for no more than 140 days to create, negotiate, and debate thousands of legislative bills each session - *including the Texas budget*. My career as a small business owner and entrepreneur who has to make payroll, who has to deal with the impact of federal overreach, has proven invaluable to my role as a citizen legislator.

In the 140 day hotbox known as a legislative session, you have to be effective, then go home and get back to work - and, I plan to do just that.

Our 84th Legislative Session Capitol & District Staff

As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, I am honored to welcome our new and veteran staff members. Each of them bring years of experience, knowledge, and talent to both our capitol and district offices. I look forward to working with each of them to ensure our first session in the Texas Senate is a success for the constituents of District 4 and the people of southeast Texas.

Our doors are always open. So, please never hesitate to contact our office if you need anything or have any questions. Our office is located on the extension level of the **Texas Capitol E1.606** and our telephone number is **(512) 463-0104**.

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Pre-filing of Signature Bills

As pre-filing of legislative bills continues at the Texas Capitol, my staff and I are working tirelessly to lay the groundwork necessary for a successful session. Our most important battles are to keep our state strong and conservative by defending Texas and her people against federal overreach, implementing real tax reform vital to our state's economy, and leading the charge against government waste.

The following are a few of my signature bills that have been filed for our upcoming legislative session:

State Sovereignty: There is growing sentiment that the federal government has continued to overreach its power and spending and sends a message that our nation is a union of individual and sovereign states. [SCR 1](#) fights federal overreach, asserting the message to Washington D.C. the powers not delegated to the nation by the Constitution are reserved to the states or to the people.

Repealing the Franchise Tax: Our state needs meaningful tax reform to lighten the burden placed upon the shoulders of small businesses in Texas. [SB 186](#) provides tax relief for small businesses by repealing the franchise tax.

Medicaid Fraud Prevention: I am proud to have led the charge to keep the Obamacare exchanges and associated Medicaid expansion out of Texas and will continue that fight until that failed approach is just a memory. There are inadequacies in our current system and I am determined to eradicate them during this legislative session. [SB 187](#) enhances the state's ability to prevent fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid system.

Legislative bills will continue to be filed until March 13, 2015. **To search legislation, please visit the Texas Legislature online at www.capitol.state.tx.us.**

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