How To Use Texas Legislature Online (TLO)

Finding a Bill:


2. Make sure you have the right session selected under “Search Legislation”
   a. This session = “87(R) – 2021” *(the special sessions have a number – in the order they were called – in parentheses instead of an ‘R’)*
3. Choose either “Word/Phrase” or “Bill Number” depending on how you want to search.
   a. If searching by bill number, make sure to put “SB” or “HB” (as applicable) in front of the number.

4. Click “Go”!
   a. If you are searching by bill number, you will be directed to the history of the bill you searched
   b. If you are searching by word/phrase, you will be directed to a list of bills including the words that you searched
Reading the Text of a Bill:

1. Go to the bill by following the steps above.
2. Once you find your bill, click on the “Text” tab at the top of the “History” screen (what appears when you search for a particular bill or click on a bill in a search list after searching a word/phrase).
3. Select the .pdf or .doc icon next to the version of the bill that you would like to read. *Hint: For final text of the bill, choose the “Enrolled” version.*
4. Once you open the bill, links to statutes will be in blue, deleted text of a statute will be crossed through, and added or new text to the statute will be underlined.