



Texas Senate Bill 491 is set for vote in Senate Rules Committee on Monday, March 27.

Texas House Bill 2198 is set for vote in House Land and Resources Committee on Wednesday, March 29.

Senator Bryan Hughes (Tyler/Texarkana area) and Representative Cole Hefner (Sulphur Springs/Mount Pleasant area) filed companion bills that will **override existing city zoning** by removing building height restrictions in cities with populations over 725,000, which include Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, and Ft. Worth. Neither man represents any of these cities.



These bills will end zoned height limits and allow construction of taller buildings near single-family homes. The wording of the bills specifies that compatibility rules, which extend to 500 feet in residential areas (Austin), would change to within 50 feet of the proposed project.

With the growth in the Texas population, many cities, both large and small, struggle with new development styles. Each city has its own blend of traditions and ways of proceeding into the future. It is only through local cooperation that all the people can plan a way to move forward.

Regardless of our views on how development should proceed, it is important that the people affected have a voice. **These state laws will remove a community's ability to chart its own future.**

Each bill is in a committee where it either will be passed on to the Senate or House for vote, returned to the author, or shelved.

Time is short - make your views known now.

Sarah Eckhardt is a member of the Senate Rules Committee. If you want your views known, Click on the link to her webpage. There you will find a link to send an email. With just two clicks and two minutes, you can send a short and specific message about your opinion on this matter.

Neither of our representatives serve on the House Committee for Land and Resources. However, letting them know of our views is an important step. Two quick clicks, and you can send your message on this subject.

The following links go to main congressional pages that have all the contact details.

Sarah Eckhardt is the senator for most of the neighborhood (Travis County).

Pete Flores is the senator for the far north part of the neighborhood (Williamson County).

[Senator Eckhardt](#)

[Senator Flores](#)

Vikki Goodwin is the representative of most of the neighborhood (Travis County).

John Bucy III is the representative for the far north part of the neighborhood (Williamson County).

Follow the bill status at the links.

[SB 491](#)

[HB 2198](#)

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