

Effective Lobbying @ the State Level

www.capitol.texas.gov

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website. Annotations include:

- #2**: Points to the browser address bar showing <https://capitol.texas.gov/>.
- #1**: Points to the "My TLO" link in the top navigation bar.
- #3**: Points to the "Reports" link in the "Additional Searches" section.
- #1**: Points to the "How Do I ..." section.
- #2**: Points to the "Senate Research Center" link in the "Texas Senate" sidebar.
- #1**: Points to the "more>>" link in the "My TLO" section.
- Watch LIVE and archived video of meetings (Committees AND House & Senate Floor sessions)**: Points to the "Legislative Activity" section.
- Excellent reading to understand "How a Bill Becomes Law", and "How to Follow a Bill", with glossary to terms**: Points to the "Legislative Process" section.
- Plan your visit to the Capitol; parking, maps & room numbers**: Points to the "Capitol Complex Information" section.

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#1

....HOW DO I (28 questions w/answers)...

1. How do I determine my district and legislator?
2. ~~How do I send e-mail to my representative or senator?~~ Using the TLO site for emails is cumbersome, time consuming, and won't allow for attachments. Use this email format: [**FIRST.LAST@house.texas.gov**] [**FIRST.LAST@senate.texas.gov**]
3. How do I find out more about the Texas legislative process?
4. How do I find out when a public hearing is being held?
5. How do I follow the status of a bill?
6. How do I view the text of a bill or lookup the status of a bill?
8. What does the underlining and strikethrough in bill and amendment text mean?
9. Is there an FTP site available for downloading bills?
11. How do I find out how a legislator voted on a bill?
15. The information I need is not on the website. Where can I get help?
16. Can I obtain a copy of an entire code, such as the Education Code, through this system?
17. How do I register for an account so I may access the bill list and alert features? ← #2
18. I forgot my account password. How do I reset it?
19. Can I track bills? ← #2
21. How does the bill "alert" feature work? ← #2
22. How does the committee meeting, committees minutes, and calendar "alerts" feature work? ← #2
23. Why am I having trouble selecting statute sections or displaying the text properly?
25. How do I obtain a list of effective bills? ← #3
26. How do I access a mobile version of TLO?
27. How do I obtain a list of filed bills? ← #3
28. How do I testify at a House committee hearing? ← #1

VIDEOS – Making the TLO website Work for You

TLO- Setting up TLO account w/email and password

www.tinyurl.com/y7cq6bu

Working smart is the key to a citizen activist. Setting up your TLO account with an email address and password will allow you to receive the information that you specify right into your email inbox.

TLO - Finding Contact information for TX House and Senate

www.tinyurl.com/ycu8hrr2

Finding contact information for the 181 Texas state legislators, and the committees they serve on.

TLO-Setting up Bill Lists & Alerts

www.tinyurl.com/ycc9msw8

Setting up your list of bills by category with email alerts automatically generated into your email inbox whenever an action occurs on the bills in your "list" or activity in other areas that you have indicated.

TLO-Bills your legislator authored and Legislative Statistics

www.tinyurl.com/yc3tv3kp

Finding legislation that your Austin official has authored, as well as legislative statistics dating back to 1991.

How to Effectively Testify in House/Senate Committee (Rachel Malone, *How To Testify on YOUR Issue*)

www.tinyurl.com/yap5shfn