



Texas Burglar & Fire Alarm Association

Representing Texas electronic security, fire and integrated systems professionals

April 2019 UPDATE

The 2019 legislative session for Texas is in full swing! At the moment, there are three bills that the TBFAA is working on:

SB616/HB1530 (Sunset)

I am pleased to report that Senator Johnson (D - Dallas) introduced our amendments into committee for SB616 to keep the Private Security Board, keep sales people registered, and maintain the Qualified Managers. The Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee approved SB616 with the amendments to proceed to the Senate floor for debate. This is very promising, and I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to contact the committee members with the TBFAA position on the bill. Our next step is a state-wide campaign to contact local senators and encourage the adoption of the amendments to SB616.

SB1004/**HB1141** (Electricians)

We continue to communicate with the electricians (IEC and IBEW) to come up with a compromise on this bill, but our substitute language is not being accepted. TBFAA remains in strong opposition to this bill and we encourage everyone to contact the (representative) committee members for HB1141 to oppose the bill. If passed, this bill will create a lot of problems for alarm companies in Texas and could result in the loss of jobs across our state.

SB1773/**HB538** (Central Station)

We have talked with the mayor of Hedwig Village and even provided a non-legislative solution with no response from the mayor. TBFAA is in strong opposition to HB538 and we encourage everyone to contact the committee members expressing opposition. We are also trying to encourage the mayor of Hedwig Village to drop the legislation and proceed with changes to his local ordinance to accomplish his goal of faster response times to burglar alarms. HB538 has not yet been scheduled for a committee hearing.

The TBFAA Legislation Page is a great resource to find and contact the committee members, read the TBFAA positions, find and contact your local representation, and view the bills. Please visit <https://www.tbfaa.org/legislation.php> for more information.

Be sure to make your plans to attend the 2019 TBFAA Convention in Rockwall, October 24th & 25th. Hotel information is on the TBFAA website, and convention registration will be available soon. Your participation in TBFAA is important, and we want your voice to be heard! As always, you can contact me using president@tbfaa.org if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,
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TBFAA President