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PROCLAMATION (DRAFT)

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION:

WHEREAS, the people of Texas have placed the constitutional power to call the legislature into special sessions in the hands of the governor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 85th Legislature, first called session, have now convened to consider items presented to them by the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Section 40 and Article IV, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following subject matter to the 85th Legislature, first called session, for consideration:

Legislation to increase the average salary and benefits of Texas teachers; and legislation to provide a more flexible and rewarding salary and benefit system for Texas teachers.

Legislation establishing a statewide commission to study and recommend improvements to the current public school finance system.

Legislation to empower parents of children with special needs or educational disadvantages to choose an educational provider that is best for their child.

Legislation reforming the laws governing ad valorem property taxes.

Legislation using population growth and inflation to establish a spending limit for state government.

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Legislation using population growth and inflation to establish a spending limit for political subdivisions.

Legislation protecting the private property rights of land owners from political subdivision rules, regulations, or ordinances that interfere with, delay, or restrict private property owners' ability to use or enjoy their property.

Legislation expediting the issuance of permits by political subdivisions and reforming the laws governing the issuance of permits by political subdivisions.

Legislation preventing political subdivisions from imposing on private property additional or enhanced regulations that did not exist at the time the property was acquired.

Legislation reforming the authority of municipalities to annex territory, to exert control over territory, or to regulate the use of annexed land or land in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Legislation preempting local regulation of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving.

Legislation regarding the use of multi-occupancy showers, locker rooms, restrooms, and changing rooms.

Legislation prohibiting state or local government entities from deducting labor union or employee organization membership fees or dues from the wages of public employees.

Legislation prohibiting financial transactions between a governmental entity and an abortion provider or affiliate of the abortion provider.

Legislation restricting health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.

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Legislation strengthening the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications to the Department of State Health Services.

Legislation enhancing patient protections contained in the procedures and requirements for do-not-resuscitate orders.

Legislation enhancing the detection, prosecution, and elimination of mail-in ballot fraud.

Legislation continuing the operation and expanding the duties of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to ensure action is taken to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Texas.

Legislation adjusting the scheduling of Sunset Commission review of state agencies.