



Gun Owners of America

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2nd Amendment Sanctuary — PRIORITY SUPPORT

Background:

- The Federal government has been steadily encroaching on gun rights through Congressional legislation, agency regulation, and executive overreach. The current U.S. House has already passed severe infringement.
- Texas gun owners highly value their right to keep and bear arms but have no confidence in the Federal government to protect this right.
- Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, and Wyoming adopted similar acts during the Obama administration, and many other states are currently considering 2nd Amendment Sanctuary bills.
- With the Federal government declaring war on gun owners, the time for Texas to stand and protect our rights is NOW.

What these bills do:

- Prohibit Texas from using its personnel or resources to enforce Federal statutes, orders, rules, or regulations that are related to firearms, ammunition, or firearms accessories and do not exist in Texas law.
- Withhold state grant funds from departments or agencies that try to help enforce such regulations.
- Allows Texans to petition the Attorney General to force a department or agency to stop violating this act.

See bill specifics below.

Notes:

- Most of these bills apply only to *future* Federal laws.
- None of these bills would affect any current or future infringements in Texas law.
- None of these bills would prevent the Federal Government from enforcing its own laws.
- The Federal government cannot compel states to enforce Federal laws. *Printz v. United States* (1997).

Filed Bills:

- **HB 112 by Toth | SB 513 by Hall** (*add an individual criminal penalty [Class A misdemeanor] for violation; (apply to statutes/rules/orders/regulations enacted after Jan. 1, 2021)*)
- **HB 635 by Krause** (*applies to all Federal gun-related laws, past, present, and future, that do not exist in Texas law, except that it does not apply to a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect on August 31, 2021, that pertains to border security; requires the Attorney General to defend any state agency that the federal government attempts to sue for an action or omission consistent with the requirements of this section*)
- **HB 2622 by Holland | SB 541 by Springer** (*does not apply to the enforcement, or a contract or agreement to provide assistance in the enforcement, of a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation in effect before January 19, 2021 [HB 2622 language varies slightly and is ambiguous]; requires the Attorney General to defend agencies as in HB 635*)
- **HB 919 by Leman / SB 499 by Kolkhorst** (*apply to statutes/rules/orders/regulations enacted after Sept. 1, 2021*)

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