

## Texas Legislative Update

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### Gambling Update

Bills are moving quickly through the TX Senate and we will begin to see more hearings over in the TX House in the weeks ahead. If you missed our last Sentinel update explaining how you can get involved, check it out – [Texas Legislative Update: February 26, 2025](#).

### Gambling Update

1. The gambling industry and their lobbyists have been relentless in Texas for many years. As one of our priorities, every legislative session we are following the bills, educating our legislators and public to the dangers of gambling, and pushing back against the attempts to make casino and commercialized sports betting legal in Texas.

2. We have written an [informative paper](#) summarizing the problems associated with predatory gambling which you can use in addressing concerns with your [representatives](#). Please also share [this](#) with people in your church.

3. Here is a partial list of gambling bills we are following:

- [SB28](#) and [HB389](#): The Texas Senate has uncovered massive corruption and organized crime within the Texas Lottery. These two bills were [filed](#) to end this [fraud](#) and we support these. [SB28](#) passed the Senate and has been sent to the House where it needs a hearing.
- Even more so, we support the lottery being completely abolished with [HB 2918](#) and [SB1988](#).
- [SJR 16](#) and [HJR 137](#): We oppose both of these bills. They allow for the legalization of casinos and commercialized sports betting in Texas through proposing a constitutional amendment. Neither has received a hearing yet.
- [SJR 58](#) and [HJR 156](#): These two bills propose a constitutional amendment authorizing the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas to conduct gambling by executing a gaming compact with Texas. We oppose these. Neither has received a hearing yet.

### ACTION:

Please contact your Texas Senator and House representative, Governor Abbott, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and let them know we do not want the gambling industry in Texas preying upon our children and families, and to oppose ANY expansion of gambling, as well as end the fraud and abolish the Texas Lottery. [Click here](#) to find your representatives and their contact information.

If you would like to know some quick tips about the most effective way to speak with your elected representatives, see [Tips for Effective Advocacy](#).