



# SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT: SUNSET DATE FOR TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS May 30, 2019

The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) and the Plumbing License Law will be abolished and expire on Sept. 1, 2019, after Senate Bill 621 did not pass during the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.<sup>1</sup> The bill contained the Sunset Advisory Commission's statutory recommendations to continue the agency and regulation of plumbing with improvements.

Since 1977, the Texas Legislature has abolished 40 agencies and programs through the Sunset process. Based on state laws and precedent, the following are likely to occur during the process of abolishing the agency and the Plumbing License Law.

- State laws and board rules that regulate plumbing will expire and the state agency will be abolished on Sept. 1, 2019. The board may not adopt new rules as of Sept. 1, 2019.<sup>2</sup>
- As of Sept. 1, 2019, all current Texas plumbing licenses and registrations will expire.
- The Sunset Act authorizes a one-year wind-down period for abolished agencies, and TSBPE will close its doors on Sept. 1, 2020.<sup>3</sup>
- TSBPE may continue to enforce the Plumbing License Law and board rules during its wind-down period. However, the agency may not take action against violations that occur after Sept. 1, 2019.<sup>4</sup>
- The agency's property and records will transfer to the comptroller on Sept. 1, 2020, unless the governor designates another custodial agency.<sup>5</sup>

Please contact TSBPE directly for information about the Sunset abolishment schedule at (512) 936-5200 or at [tsbpe.texas.gov](http://tsbpe.texas.gov).

### Online Resources

- [Senate Bill 621](#), 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019
- Texas state plumbing statutes: [Chapter 1301](#), Texas Occupations Code
- Sunset Advisory Commission statutes: [Chapter 325](#), Texas Government Code
- Sunset Advisory Commission [TSBPE reports](#)

<sup>1</sup> S.B. 621, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, available at <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=SB621>.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1301.003, Texas Occupations Code.

<sup>3</sup> Section 325.017, Texas Government Code.

<sup>4</sup> Section 311.031, Texas Government Code; *Maroney v. Chip Buerger Custom Homes, Inc.*, 2018 Tex. App. LEXIS 4461 (Tex. App.—Austin June 20, 2018 pet. denied)(not designated for publication); Tex. Att'y Gen. OR2009-18006.

<sup>5</sup> Section 1301.017(e), Texas Government Code.