

**87TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE:
LAWMAKING IN A NON-TRADITIONAL
REDISTRICTING SESSION**

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ADVOCACY TIPS

Be Thankful

Texas legislators are hardworking citizens who make tremendous sacrifices to serve the people of the State of Texas. The COVID-19 pandemic has not made their job any easier. When meeting with a legislator, thank them for their service, sacrifice, and time.

Be Truthful

Trust and credibility are vital at the Texas Capitol. Do not mislead a lawmaker or his/her staff. It's okay not to know an answer to a particular question.

Be Specific, Precise, and Clear

Texas lawmakers are very busy. When meeting with them, provide specific, precise, and clear information. Brevity is appreciated. At the Texas Legislature, the old adage "Less is More" is very effective.

Be Personal

Legislators like to hear personal stories about how legislation and policies impact the people of Texas. Don't hesitate in telling your story about a particular issue. If additional information is requested, promptly provide it.

Follow-up

It is important to follow-up with legislators after meeting with them. Send a hand-written note or an email thanking them for their time and service. If the legislator requested additional information, please provide it as soon as possible. Establishing a relationship with a legislator is important to ensure issues of interest are addressed during the legislative process.