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## The 2017 Texas Legislative Regular Session Ended in May, but Legislators Return this Month

The 85th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on May 29. On June 6, Gov. Greg Abbott announced a special session would convene July 18 to address additional items.

Throughout the 140-day regular session, legislators filed 6,631 House and Senate bills, eclipsing the 6,267 bills filed during 2015's 84th Regular Session. The total number of bills passed and sent to the Governor was 1,211 this year, compared to 1,323 in 2015.

**The Legislature will address 20 items when it convenes in July, including:**

- Sunset legislation
- Property tax reform
- Caps on state and local spending
- Preventing local governments from changing rules mid-way through construction projects
- Speeding up local government permitting processes
- Municipal annexation reform
- Texting while driving

The special session is limited to 30 days and can only address the items included in the Governor's proclamation calling for the session.

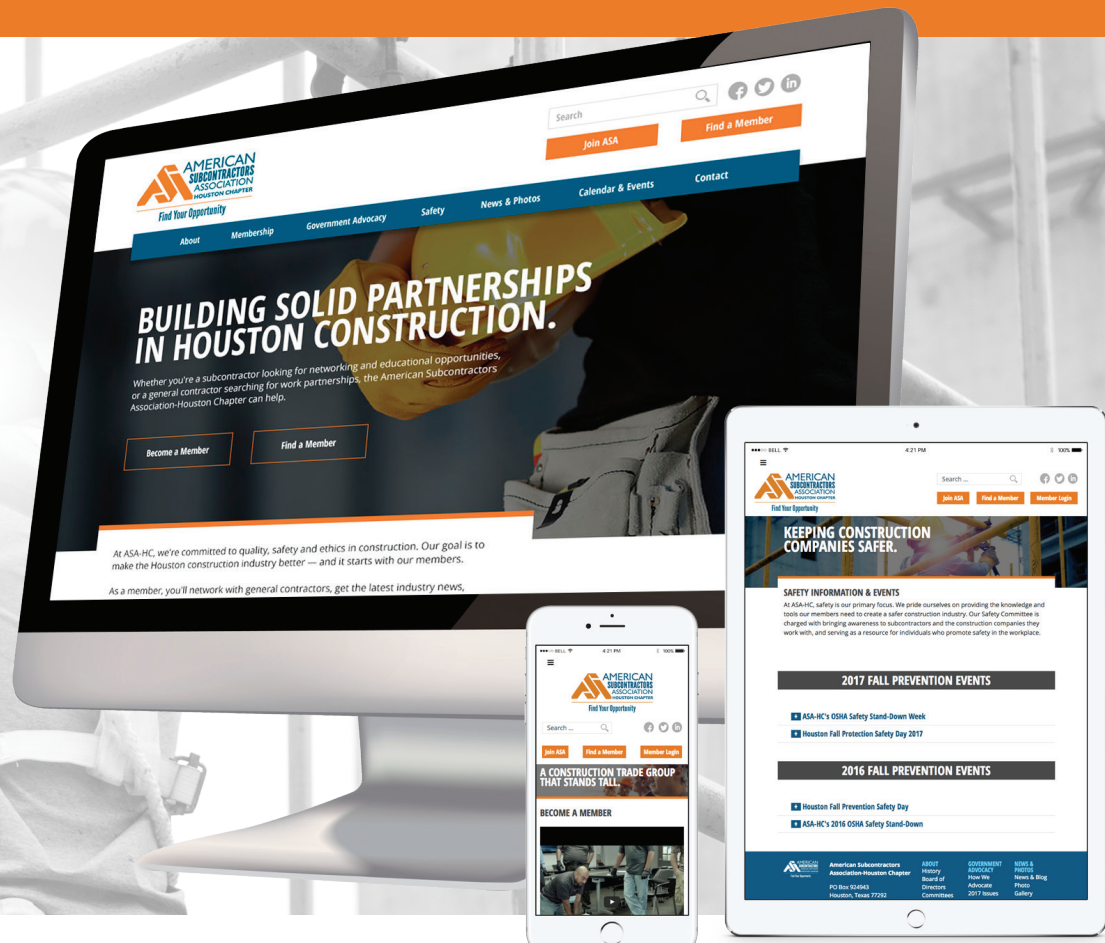
### GAIN A FIRMER UNDERSTANDING OF THE 85TH REGULAR SESSION

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## Construction is Complete on the New ASA-HC Website!

ASA-HC is proud to announce we've rolled up our sleeves to build a better website! Our new online home brings you an updated membership directory, a more streamlined design and more information than ever. Take a look around!

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## Fiesta on the Beach



ASA-HC held its 12th Annual Fiesta on the Beach Saturday, June 3, at AIA's Sandcastle Competition on Galveston's East Beach. The members-only event offered free food and drinks, as well as a cool, shady place to relax during the competition.

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## Did You Know?

### Common Terms Used in the Texas Legislature

#### SPECIAL SESSION:

A special session of the Texas Legislature is a convening of state lawmakers outside of the constitutionally-mandated 140-day regular session. The Texas Constitution says special sessions may last a maximum of 30 days, but does not set a minimum duration. During a special session, lawmakers may only consider legislation that fits into the governor's "call," or the issues the governor specifies. The governor may call as many special sessions as he wants.

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## JULY 2017

## Build Up Your Calendar

**12th** [Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
9:00 a.m.

**25th** [Safety Committee Meeting](#)  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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