





The soil is the basic natural resource of the State, and it is being depleted so rapidly that unless remedial steps are taken, the heirs to our agricultural lands a few generations hence will find them a worn-out, unproductive legacy. Such already has proved the case in other states where the lands have been cultivated longer, without adequate attention to conservation.

The public waters, too, are becoming more and more important as a natural resource, as the state grows. More and more they are coming into demand for power, irrigation and municipal use. While we have a Water Board for their conservation, we should look well to keeping our facilities abreast of the changing requirements of the times, lest we fail to realize the full public benefits of our waters.

Much study and consultation has strengthened my belief that conservation of our natural resources could best be achieved through a unified program of effort for conserving all natural resources. And so I commend this idea to your earnest consideration, confident of your wisdom to work out a constructive plan that will meet the emergency, give effect to the Constitution, and safeguard the State's interest in its natural properties, now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) R. S. STERLING,  
Governor.







## Message From the Governor.

The Chair recognized the Doorkeeper, who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following messages:

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, August 6, 1931.  
To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

By reason of the scores of cases now pending in the District Courts of Travis County, Texas, in which the State of Texas is a party, and by reason of the fact that our present local district courts are wholly unable to reach and dispose of these cases, I feel that Travis County is in urgent need of an additional district court.

In order to meet the emergencies existing in Travis County I hereby submit to the Legislature as an emergency matter the subject of the creation of an additional district court in and for Travis County, and hand you herewith a suggested measure which has been drawn and presented to me with the request that I submit it to your body for your action.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. STERLING, Governor.

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, August 6, 1931.  
To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

Owing to the vast amount of litigation created and pending in Gregg County, Texas, by reason of the oil field development, I feel that this county is in urgent need of an additional district court, at least ten-

I hand you herewith a suggested measure amending Articles 2255, Chapter 12, Title 42 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925.

I understand that confusion now exists under the present law and that the attached bill, if passed, will remedy the situation.

Feeling that an emergency exists in this regard I hereby submit for your consideration the attached bill and the subject therein mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

R. S. STERLING, Governor.

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, August 6, 1931.  
To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

By reason of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Texas, on a case involving the question of free tuition of pupils in common and independent school districts, I understand thousands of boys and girls in Texas will no doubt be deprived of free tuition and schooling for the coming school year.

The attached proposed measure has been drawn with the purpose of correcting the situation, and I have been urged by many of our citizens to submit it to you for immediate attention.

Realizing the emergency which exists, and feeling that each and every boy and girl within the scholastic ages should be privileged to attend our public free schools, I hereby submit the attached proposed measure and the subject therein contained for



two thousand (32,000) and not more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census.

(3) The enactment of a law amending Section 1 of Chapter 129 of the General Laws of the State of Texas enacted by the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature so as to provide that the Centennial Committee therein created shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members instead of nine (9) members and providing for their appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. STERLING,  
Governor.

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, August 7, 1931.

To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

I hereby submit for your consideration the following subjects, to-wit:

(1) Legislation validating issues of funding or refunding notes, bonds, warrants, time warrants and treasury warrants heretofore issued or authorized to be issued by any counties, cities or towns in Texas.

(2) Legislation authorizing the assignment and transfer of any tax liens levied by the State of Texas and/or any county, municipality, school district or any other political subdivision of the State and providing for the issuance of tax certificates evidencing the transferred tax obligation, providing means for the collection of such tax certificates, the rate of interest for such obligations, the time of payment, the time for filing and filing fees.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. STERLING,  
Governor.

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, August 7, 1931.

To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

Under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas relating to apportionment of the states' congressional representation Texas is now entitled to an increase in the number of Representatives, in the Congress, according to the last enumerated census.

I, therefore, hereby submit for your consideration and attention the

subject of redistricting the State of Texas as to its congressional representative districts.

Respectfully,

R. S. STERLING,  
Governor.



**Messages From the Governor.**

The Chair recognized the Doorkeeper, who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following messages:

Executive Office.

Austin, Texas, August 10, 1931.

To the Members of the Forty-second Legislature:

I hereby submit the following subjects for your consideration, viz:

(1) To amend our insurance laws so as to provide that licenses for life insurance agents will not be renewed each year, thus making the same provision for life insurance agents as the Regular Session of the Legislature made for all other insurance agents and saving the State several thousand dollars per year in unnecessary expense.

(2) To provide that all warrants drawn upon the State Treasury, and not paid for lack of funds, shall draw interest from and after the date of such refusal of payment until the date upon which they are called for payment by the State Treasurer thus

may hereafter be conveyed to the United States of America for navigation purposes, so long as such lands shall be used by the United States of America for navigation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. STERLING, Governor.

**Message from the Governor.**

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper, who introduced a messenger from the Governor with the following message:

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, August 12, 1931.  
To the Members of the Senate of the  
Forty-second Legislature:

Subject to your confirmation I have re-appointed Honorable James Shaw as State Banking Commissioner for the next ensuing statutory term.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. S. STERLING, Governor.

Read and referred to Committee on Governor's Nominations.

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, August 12, 1931.  
To the Forty-second Legislature:

I understand that a bill has been passed in the House amending Article 2350, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Chapter 290 of the Regular Session of the Fortieth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 46 of the First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature. I am informed further that point of order has been sustained in the Senate against the passage of this bill for lack of my submitting the subject.

At the special instance and request of the legislators from the district affected by this bill, I hereby submit this subject to you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted  
R. S. STERLING, Governor.