

# **VULNERABLE YOUTH PROTECTION ACT**

## **HB 2258**

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## Program

9:00 TO 10:00AM

Meet up at **Capitol Conference Room E1.018**, form groups, grab materials to give to legislators

10:00 to 10:30am

Instructions for meeting with legislators

*E1.018 is reserved from 9am to 12pm*

10:30 to 4:00pm

Visit legislators & discuss the bill to garner support; Grab lunch; stop by **Rep. Steve Toth's office E1.404** to debrief

4:00 to 5:30pm

Grab dinner & join us for worship

6:00 to 7:30pm

Meet for **Pursuit Night Worship Service in the Auditorium**

## Where to Eat

### INSIDE THE CAPITAL

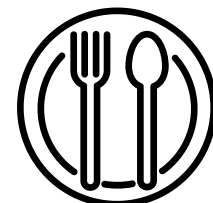
Capitol Grill - Extension - E1.002

### SHORT WALK OUTSIDE

Texas Chili Parlor  
Phoebe's Diner  
Clay Pit  
Quiznos  
Quattro  
15th Street Cafe  
Chipotle  
Roaring Fork  
Scholz Garden

### FAR WALK/SHORT RIDE

Caroline  
Perry's  
Velvet Taco  
Cava  
Chic-Fil-A  
Raising Cane's  
P Terry's  
Jimmy John's



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# NOTES

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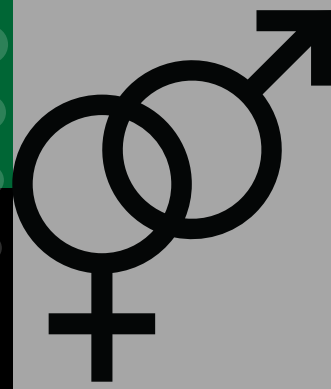
**Punitive damages of at least \$10 million per defendant in cases involving irreversible sterilization or sexual dysfunction.**

**Extended Statute of Limitations:**

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# ADVOCATE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SOCIAL TRANSITIONING



## Meeting with Your Local Legislator and their Staff

### BEFORE THE MEETING

#### KNOW THE ISSUE

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#### LEARN THE PROCESS

Our Texas Legislature only meets for  
140 days every other year. There are  
many barriers to creating and passing  
policy in that short time. Know that  
the session goes quickly. Being a  
reliable resource to your member will  
make you an effective advocate. And  
we'll keep you posted on key points  
to stay engaged as the session  
continues.

### AT THE MEETING

#### BE HONEST

Give a true and specific account of  
your story and knowledge. Use this  
time to educate and encourage your  
lawmaker. If you aren't sure of  
something, that is ok. Be sure to  
provide the needed information later  
by email or phone.

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#### BE KIND

Make your points persuasive and  
succinct (You might only get 5-15  
minutes!) while finding common  
ground. We want to work with our  
representative, not against.

#### BE PERSONAL

No one knows your story better than  
you. Legislators remember when they  
know the direct impact their work has  
on constituents. Your stories about  
kids and youth needing better care  
with churches are memorable, and  
indisputable.

### AFTER THE MEETING



#### FOLLOW UP

There are lots of ways to contact your  
legislator.

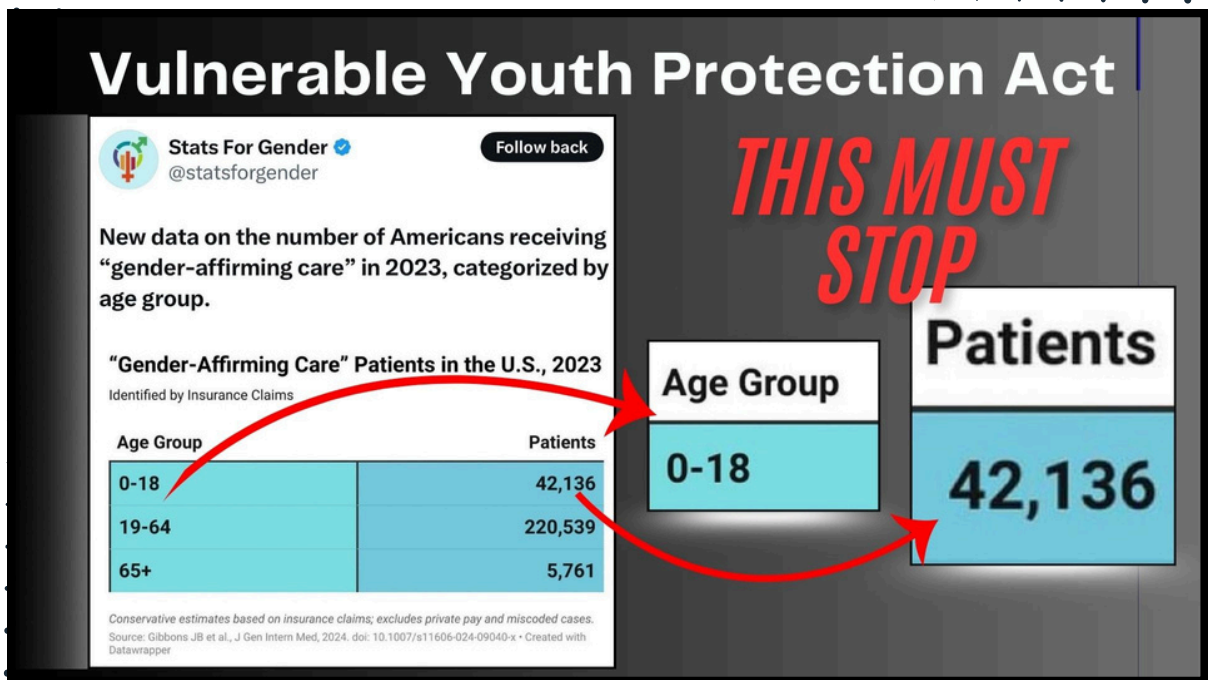
**Calls & Emails** Legislative Staff can  
be very helpful

**In-Person** at their office in their  
district or at the Capitol

**Personal Invitation** for them to visit  
your church or to attend a meeting in  
your community (*including virtually*)

**At Events** they may host town halls,  
open forums, etc.





# DON'T FORGET TO

# LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND



When visiting offices, let them know who you are and where to follow up by leaving behind some printed materials.

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22	Brian	Birdwell	R	6	1E.3	(512)463-0122
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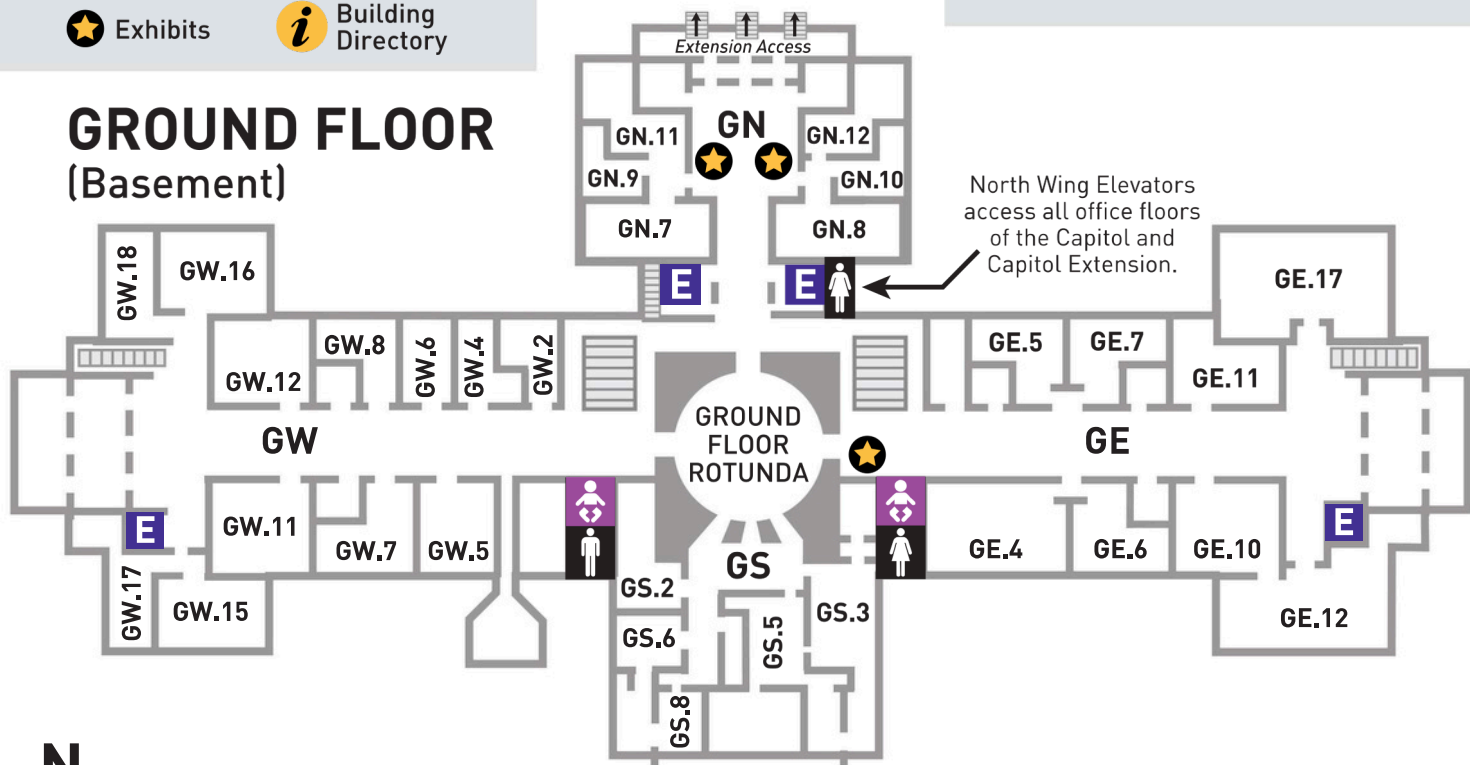
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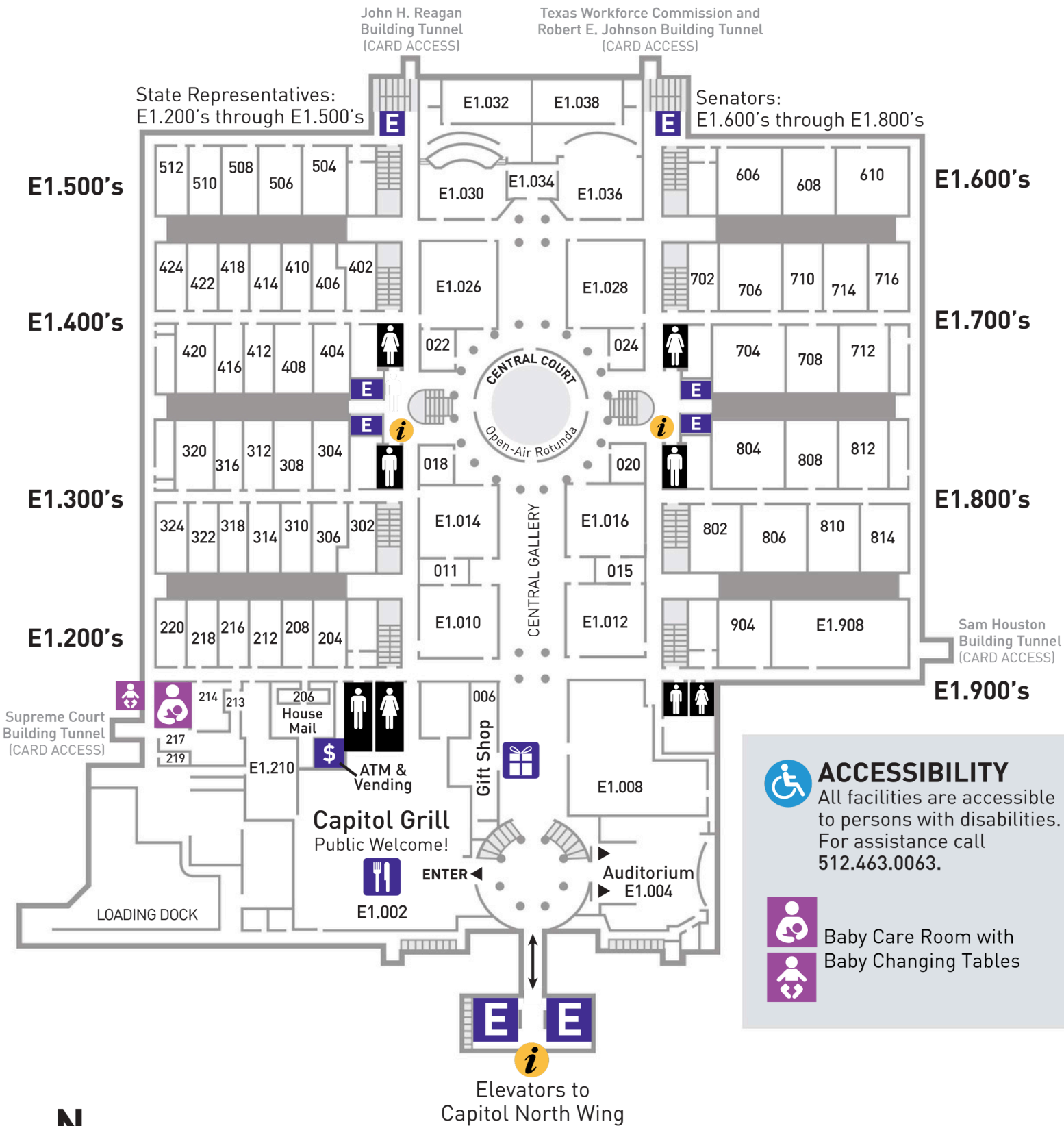


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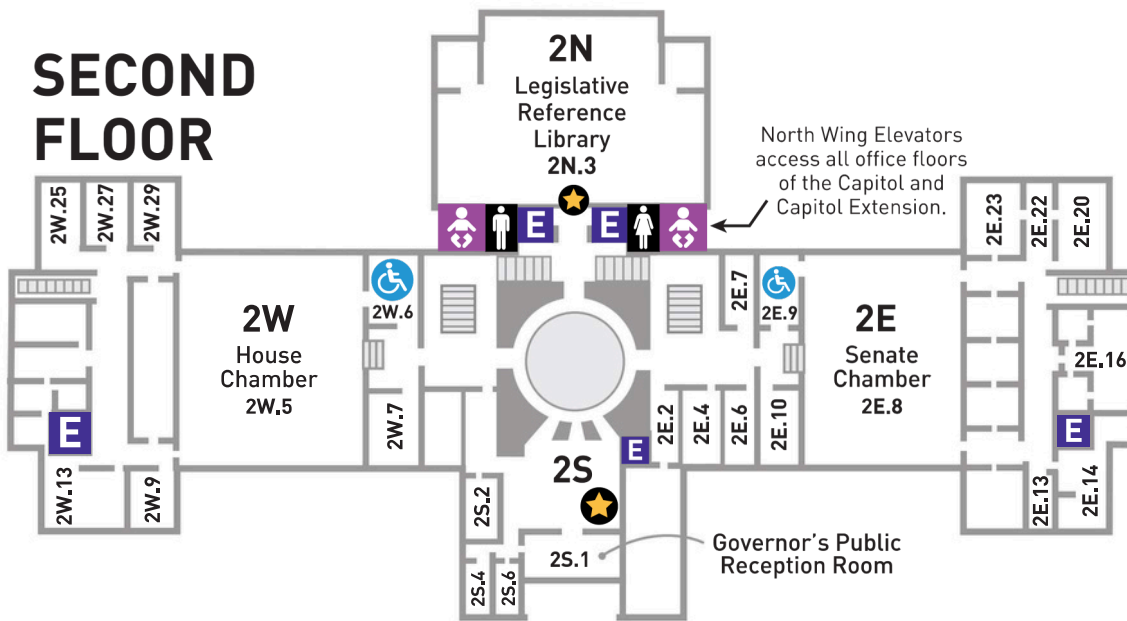


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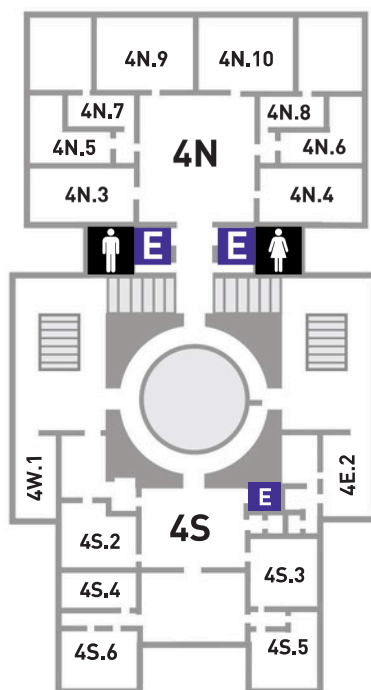
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## FOURTH FLOOR



### INFORMATION & TOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
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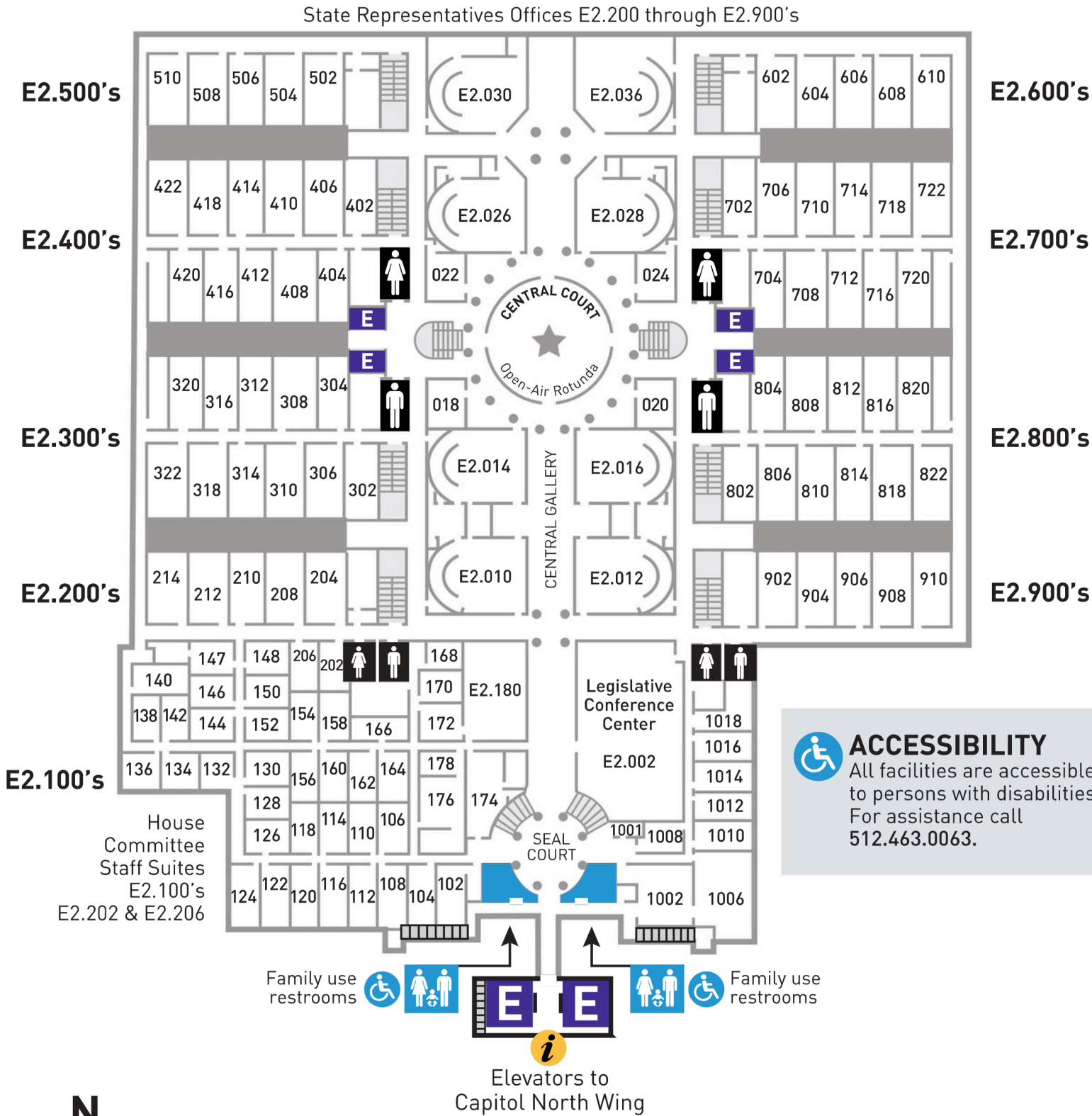
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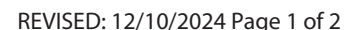
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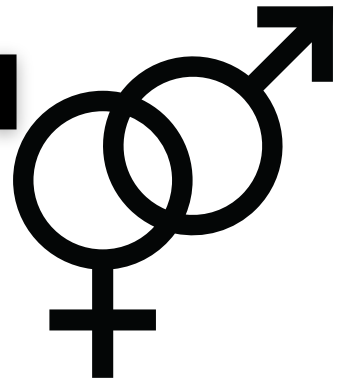


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