



TEXAS GUIDE TO THE 2024 STATE ELECTIONS



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The 2025 Texas Legislative Session will begin on January 14, 2025, and legislators will be debating some significant issues from property tax reform to school choice to infrastructure funding. While the State of Texas is expected to have another surplus going into the 2025 session, the legislature is facing some tumultuous times after the impeachment of the Attorney General and the drawn-out debate on school choice. Those two issues created some significant turnover in the Texas House, with many retirements and many incumbents losing in the March primaries. The Texas Society of CPAs will once again have an important and proactive legislative agenda in 2025.

After the 2023 legislative successes around the CPA pipeline – earlier opportunities to begin testing and expanded accounting scholarship opportunities – TXCPA will build on those legislative wins and continue to address the CPA pipeline. Licensing, alternative pathways to licensure and maintaining mobility will be the focus of the TXCPA legislative agenda in 2025.

The TXCPA PAC has prepared this Texas Guide to the 2024 General Election of state legislators to provide you with helpful information to make your voting decisions on November 5, 2024, or during the early voting period, which begins on October 21, 2024.



CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE RACES



The TXCPA PAC supports candidates who are supportive of TXCPA's issues and are accessible to TXCPA members. TXCPA has many great relationships with members of the legislature who support the Society and the accounting profession. The following is a list of Democratic and Republican candidates for Senate and House district seats in the Texas Legislature.

Legislative races are listed by chapter area for easier reading. Some Senate and House districts overlap chapter areas and are listed in each applicable chapter. You can determine which races will be on your precinct ballot by obtaining state Senate and House district numbers found on your voter registration card. Candidates with asterisks are incumbents. Candidates in bold received contributions from the TXCPA PAC and chapter PAC funds (as of 8/14/24; additional contributions will be made before the general election).

SENATE & HOUSE RACES

* = incumbents

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ABILENE

Democrat

Republican

SD 10 Andy Morris
SD 28
HD 60
HD 68 Stacey Swann
HD 69 Walter Coppage
HD 71 Linda Goolsbee
HD 72

Phil King*
Charles Perry*
Mike Olcott
David L. Spiller*
James Frank*
Stan Lambert*
Drew Darby*

AUSTIN

Democrat

Republican

SD 5
SD 14 **Sarah Eckhardt***
SD 21 **Judith Zaffirini***
SD 24
SD 25 Merrie Fox
HD 17 Desiree Venable
HD 19 Dwain Handley
HD 45 **Erin Zwiener***
HD 46 **Sheryl Cole***
HD 47 **Vikki Goodwin***
HD 48 **Donna Howard***
HD 49 **Gina Hinojosa***
HD 50 **James Talarico***
HD 51 **Lulu Flores***

Charles Schwertner*
Pete Flores*
Donna Campbell*
Stan Gerdes*
Ellen Troxclair*
Tennyson Moreno
Nikki Kosich
Scott Firsing

AUSTIN CONT.

Democrat

Republican

HD 52
HD 53
HD 73
HD 136

Jennie Birkholz
Joe P. Herrera
Sally Duval
John H. Bucy III*

Caroline Harris Davila*
Wesley Virdell
Carrie Isaac*
Amin Salahuddin

BRAZOS VALLEY

Democrat

Republican

SD 18
HD 12
HD 13
HD 14
HD 17

Dee Howard Mullins
Albert Hunter
Fred Medina
Desiree Venable

Lois Kolkhorst*
Trey Wharton
Angelia Orr*
Paul Dyson
Stan Gerdes*

Central Texas

Democrat

Republican

SD 22
SD 24
HD 12
HD 13
HD 17
HD 50
HD 54
HD 55
HD 56
HD 59

Dee Howard Mullins
Albert Hunter
Desiree Venable
James Talarico*
Dawn Richardson
Jennifer Lee
Erin Shank
Hannah Bohm

Brian Birdwell*
Pete Flores*
Trey Wharton
Angelia Orr*
Stan Gerdes*
Brad Buckley*
Hillary Hickland
Pat Curry
Shelby Slawson*

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CORPUS CHRISTI

	Democrat	Republican
SD 20	Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa*	
SD 27	Morgan LaMantia*	Adam Hinojosa
HD 31		Ryan Guillen*
HD 32	Cathy McAuliffe	Todd Hunter*
HD 34	Solomon P. Ortiz Jr.	Denise Villalobos
HD 43	Mariana Casarez	JM Lozano*

DALLAS

	Democrat	Republican
SD 1		Bryan Hughes*
SD 2		Bob Hall*
SD 8	Rachel Mello	Angela Paxton*
SD 12	Stephanie Draper	Tan Parker*
SD 16	Nathan Johnson*	
SD 22		Brian Birdwell*
SD 23	Royce West*	
SD 30	Dale Frey	Brent Hagenbuch
HD 1		Gary VanDeaver*
HD 2	Kristen Washington	Brent Money
HD 4	Alex Bar-Sela	Keith Bell*
HD 8	Carolyn Salter	Cody Harris*
HD 10		Brian Harrison*
HD 33		Katrina Pierson
HD 57	Collin Johnson	Richard Hayes*
HD 61	Tony Adams	Keresa Richardson
HD 62	Tiffany Drake	Shelley Luther
HD 63	Michelle Beckley	Ben Bumgarner*

DALLAS CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 64	Angela Brewer	Andy Hopper
HD 65	Detrick Deburr	Mitch Little
HD 66	David Carstens	Matt Shaheen*
HD 67	Makala Washington	Jeff Leach*
HD 68	Stacey Swann	David L. Spiller*
HD 70	Mihaela Plesa*	Steve Kinard
HD 89	Darrel Evans	Candy Noble*
HD 100	Venton Jones*	
HD 102	Ana-Maria Ramos*	
HD 103	Rafael Anchia*	
HD 104	Jessica Gonzalez*	
HD 105	Terry Meza*	Rose Cannaday
HD 106	Hava Johnston	Jared Patterson*
HD 107	Linda Garcia	
HD 108	Elizabeth Ginsberg	Morgan Meyer*
HD 109	Aicha Davis	
HD 110	Toni Rose*	
HD 111	Yvonne Davis*	
HD 112	Averie Bishop	Angie Chen Button*
HD 113	Rhetta Andrews Bowers*	Stephen Stanley
HD 114	John Bryant*	Aimee Ramsey
HD 115	Cassandra Hernandez	John Jun

EAST TEXAS

	Democrat	Republican
SD 1		Bryan Hughes*
SD 2		Bob Hall*
SD 3		Robert Nichols*
SD 8	Rachel Mello	Angela Paxton*

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EAST TEXAS CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 2	Kristen Washington	Brent Money
HD 4	Alex Bar-Sela	Keith Bell*
HD 5		Cole Hefner*
HD 6	Cody Grace	Daniel Alders
HD 7	Marlena Cooper	Jay Dean*
HD 8	Carolyn Salter	Cody Harris*
HD 9		Trent Ashby*
HD 11		Joanne Shofner
HD 13	Albert Hunter	Angelia Orr*

EL PASO

	Democrat	Republican
SD 29	Cesar Blanco*	
HD 74	Eddie Morales Jr.*	Robert Garza
HD 75	Mary Gonzalez*	
HD 77	Vince Perez	
HD 78	Joe Moody*	
HD 79	Claudia Ordaz Perez*	

FORT WORTH

	Democrat	Republican
SD 9		Kelly Hancock*
SD 10	Andy Morris	Phil King*
SD 12	Stephanie Draper	Tan Parker*
SD 22		Brian Birdwell*
SD 23	Royce West*	
SD 30	Dale Frey	Brent Hagenbuch

FORT WORTH CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 58		Helen Kerwin
HD 59	Hannah Bohm	Shelby Slawson*
HD 60		Mike Olcott
HD 64	Angela Brewer	Andy Hopper
HD 90	Ramon Romero*	
HD 91		David Lowe
HD 92	Salman Bhojani*	
HD 93	Perla Bojorquez	Nate Schatzline*
HD 94	Denise Wilkerson	Tony Tinderholt*
HD 95	Nicole Collier*	
HD 96	Ebony Turner	David Cook*
HD 97	Carlos Walker	John McQueeney
HD 98	Scott White	Giovanni Capriglione*
HD 99	Mimi Coffey	Charlie Geren*
HD 101	Chris Turner*	Clint Burgess

HOUSTON

	Democrat	Republican
SD 3		Robert Nichols*
SD 4		Brandon Creighton*
SD 5		Charles Schwertner*
SD 6	Carol Alvarado*	Martha Fierro
SD 7	Michelle Gwin	Paul Bettencourt*
SD 11		Mayes Middleton*
SD 13	Borris Miles*	
SD 15	Molly Cook*	Joseph Trahan
SD 17	Kathy Cheng	Joan Huffman*
SD 18		Lois Kolkhorst*

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HOUSTON CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 3		Cecil Bell, Jr.*
HD 9		Trent Ashby*
HD 12	Dee Howard Mullins	Trey Wharton
HD 15		Steve Toth*
HD 16	Mike Midler	Will Metcalf*
HD 18		Janis Holt
HD 23	Dev Merugumala	Teresa Leo-Wilson*
HD 24		Greg Bonnen*
HD 25	Jai Daggett	Cody Vasut*
HD 26	Daniel Lee	Matthew Morgan
HD 27	Ron Reynolds*	Ibifrisolam Max-Alalibo
HD 28	Marty Rocha	Gary Gates*
HD 29	Adrienne Bell	Jeff Barry
HD 76	Suleman Lalani*	Lea Simmons
HD 85		Stan Kitzman*
HD 126		Sam Harless*
HD 127	John Lehr	Charles Cunningham*
HD 128	Chuck Crews	Briscoe Cain*
HD 129	Doug Peterson	Dennis Paul*
HD 130	Brett Robinson	Tom Oliverson*
HD 131	Alma A. Allen*	
HD 132	Chase West	Mike Schofield*
HD 133		Mano DeAyala*
HD 134	Ann Johnson*	Audrey Douglas
HD 135	Jon E. Rosenthal*	
HD 137	Gene Wu*	
HD 138	Stephanie Morales	Lacey M. Hull* (R)

HOUSTON CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 139	Charlene Ward Johnson	
HD 140	Armando Walle*	
HD 141	Senfronia Thompson*	
HD 142	Harold Dutton*	
HD 143	Ana Hernandez*	
HD 144	Mary Ann Perez*	
HD 145	Christina Morales*	
HD 146	Lauren Simmons	Lance York
HD 147	Jolanda Jones*	Claudio Gutierrez
HD 148	Penny Morales Shaw*	Kay Smith
HD 149	Hubert Vo*	Lily Truong
HD 150	Marisela "MJ" Jimenez	Valoree Swanson*

PANHANDLE

	Democrat	Republican
SD 31		Kevin Sparks*
HD 86		John Smithee*
HD 87	Timothy Gassaway	Caroline Fairly
HD 88		Ken King*

PERMIAN BASIN

	Democrat	Republican
SD 29	Cesar Blanco*	
SD 31		Kevin Sparks*
HD 53	Joe P. Herrera	Wesley Virdell
HD 72		Drew Darby*
HD 74	Eddie Morales Jr.*	Robert Garza
HD 81		Brooks Landgraf*
HD 82	Steven Schafersman	Tom Craddick*
HD 83		Dustin Burrows*
HD 88		Ken King*

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RIO GRANDE VALLEY

	Democrat	Republican
SD 20	Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa*	
SD 21	Judith Zaffirini*	
SD 27	Morgan LaMantia*	Adam Hinojosa
HD 31		Ryan Guillen*
HD 35	Oscar Longoria*	
HD 36	Sergio Munoz*	
HD 37	Jonathan Gracia	Janie Lopez*
HD 38	Erin Gamez*	
HD 39	Mando Martinez*	Jimmie Garcia
HD 40	Terry Canales*	
HD 41	Bobby Guerra*	John "Doc" Robert Guerra

SAN ANGELO

	Democrat	Republican
SD 28		Charles Perry*
HD 72		Drew Darby*

SAN ANTONIO

	Democrat	Republican
SD 19	Roland Gutierrez	
SD 21	Judith Zaffirini*	
SD 24		Pete Flores*
SD 25	Merrie Fox	Donna Campbell*
SD 26	José Menéndez*	
HD 19	Dwain Handley	Ellen Troxclair*
HD 31		Ryan Guillen*
HD 42	Richard Raymond*	
HD 44	Eric Norman	Alan Schoolcraft

SAN ANTONIO CONT.

	Democrat	Republican
HD 53	Joe P. Herrera	Wesley Virdell
HD 73	Sally Duval	Carrie Isaac*
HD 74	Eddie Morales Jr.*	Robert Garza
HD 80	Cecilia Castellano	Don McLaughlin
HD 116	Trey Martinez Fischer*	Darryl Crain
HD 117	Philip Cortez*	Ben Mostyn
HD 118	Kristian Carranza	John Lujan*
HD 119	Liz Campos*	Brandon Grable
HD 120	Barbara Gervin-Hawkins*	
HD 121	Laurel Jordan Swift	Marc LaHood
HD 122	Kevin Geary	Mark Dorazio*
HD 123	Diego Bernal*	
HD 124	Josey Garcia*	Sylvia Soto
HD 125	Ray Lopez*	

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

	Democrat	Republican
SD 3		Robert Nichols*
SD 4		Brandon Creighton*
HD 9		Trent Ashby*
HD 11		Joanne Shofner
HD 18		Janis Holt
HD 21		Dade Phelan*
HD 22	Christian Manuel*	
HD 23	Dev Merugumala	Teresa Leo-Wilson*

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SOUTH PLAINS

Democrat

Republican

SD 28
SD 31
HD 83
HD 84
HD 88

Noah Lopez

Charles Perry*
Kevin Sparks*
Dustin Burrows*
Carl Tepper*
Ken King*

TEXARKANA

Democrat

Republican

SD 1
HD 1
HD 5
HD 62

Tiffany Drake

Bryan Hughes*
Gary VanDeaver*
Cole Hefner*
Shelley Luther

VICTORIA

Democrat

Republican

SD 17
SD 18
SD 27
HD 30
HD 43
HD 44
HD 85

Kathy Cheng
Morgan LaMantia*
Stephanie Bassham
Mariana Casarez
Eric Norman

Joan Huffman*
Lois Kolkhorst*
Adam Hinojosa
AJ Louderback
JM Lozano*
Alan Schoolcraft
Stan Kitzman*

WICHITA FALLS

Democrat

Republican

SD 30
HD 68
HD 69

Dale Frey
Stacey Swann
Walter Coppage

Brent Hagenbuch
David L. Spiller*
James Frank*



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Thanks to the TXCPA PAC, laws were passed to implement TXCPA's pipeline initiatives allowing CPA candidates to begin testing at 120 semester hours and expanding the Texas State Board of Accountancy Scholarship Program to provide funds to more students. 2025 will see more pipeline initiatives advanced in the Texas Legislature.

Thanks to TXCPA PAC donors, your \$200 professional fee was eliminated in the 2015 legislative session.

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