



TOMMY WILLIAMS

Texas State Senator
District 4

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Texas State Senator Tommy Williams Announces Resignation

AUSTIN - State Senator Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, officially resigned from the Texas Senate Friday in a letter to Governor Rick Perry following an announcement earlier this month he would not return for the 2015 legislative session.

"It's bittersweet," Williams said. "I'm not 'giving this up', it's just time for me to move on. I do so filled with extraordinary gratitude for the opportunity to represent Southeast Texas in the state Legislature. I also feel incredibly lucky I've had so many great people working for me. Their support has enabled me to serve my constituents and the State of Texas."

Williams said he and his wife, Marsha, are looking forward to new opportunities and spending more time with their family.

Williams, 56, joined the Texas Senate in 2003 following three terms in the state House.

A certified public accountant, Williams helped shape the state's 2014-15 budget as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He described the experience as the highlight of his legislative career. *Texas Monthly* twice named him one of the Legislature's "10 Best" legislators.

The governor is expected to call a special election for Southeast Texans in Senate District 4 to choose a successor to fill the remaining years in Williams' term.

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Note: Sen. Williams' e-Message to his constituents and letters of resignation to Governor Perry and Lt. Governor Dewhurst are attached.

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