

30 Days Out: Money in Top Texas Races

This is our current list of hot races on the ballot, with numbers from their 30-days-until-the-election finance reports. Numbers on Texas races come from the Texas Ethics Commission (www.ethics.state.tx.us); federal contest numbers are from the Federal Election Commission (www.fec.gov). A note: The state numbers are for the three months ended September 30, while the federal numbers are cumulative, including numbers from the 2007-08 reports filed by candidates through the end of September. A listing of n/a indicates that the reports in question are not available (yet) online.

Incumbents' names are in bold. Open seats have a letter next to them so you'll know which party is currently in office. And here's how the Texas Weekly Index (TWI) works: It's the average difference between statewide Republicans and statewide Democrats in contested elections in 2004 and 2006, by district. If it's red (or a negative number) Republicans did better in that district; if it's blue (or a positive number), Democrats did better. It's not meant to predict results, but to give you a quick look at recent political history in each district.

Statewide

10/23/08

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
U.S. Senate	-16.9	R	John Cornyn , San Antonio	\$12,840,639	\$8,605,716	\$7,322,195	\$1,039,356
		D	Rick Noriega, Houston	\$3,461,743	\$2,509,668	\$951,404	\$3,977
Railroad Commission	-16.9	R	Michael Williams , Austin	\$211,168	\$682,361	\$391,602	\$0
		D	Mark Thompson, Hamilton	\$10,967	\$3,651	\$357	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Chief Justice	-16.9	R	Wallace Jefferson , Austin	\$199,717	\$54,705	\$871,748	\$0
		D	Jim Jordan, Dallas	\$67,455	\$52,313	\$91,535	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Place 7	-16.9	R	Dale Wainwright , Austin	\$127,487	\$56,786	\$346,881	\$0
		D	Sam Houston, Houston	\$114,042	\$45,546	\$111,448	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Place 8	-16.9	R	Phil Johnson , Austin	\$132,253	\$31,038	\$692,545	\$0
		D	Linda Yañez, Edinburg	\$58,400	\$40,163	\$124,183	\$0
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	-16.9	R	Tom Price , Richardson	\$450	\$347	\$3,167	\$0
		D	Susan Strawn, Houston	\$8,500	\$5,293	\$12,347	\$0
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	-16.9	R	Paul Womack , Georgetown	\$200	\$0	\$695	\$20,000
		D	J.R. Molina, Fort Worth	\$350	\$1,350	\$0	\$0

Congress

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
CD-7	-27.7	R	John Culberson , Houston	\$1,383,174	\$677,655	\$744,056	\$0
		D	Michael Skelly, Houston	\$2,652,052	\$1,511,275	\$1,140,775	\$950,430
CD-10	-19.3	R	Michael McCaul , Austin	\$1,314,728	\$765,007	\$597,740	\$319,715
		D	Larry Joe Doherty, Brenham	\$1,018,315	\$797,637	\$220,675	\$100,000
CD-22	-22.7	R	Pete Olson, Sugar Land	\$1,864,909	\$1,396,278	\$468,630	\$177,075
		D	Nick Lampson , Stafford	\$1,915,005	\$895,425	\$1,175,912	\$0
CD-23	-6.0	R	Lyle Larson, San Antonio	\$691,976	\$498,038	\$193,936	\$0
		D	Ciro Rodriguez , San Antonio	\$2,205,066	\$1,679,534	\$619,116	\$2,139

Senate

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
SD-10	-14.2	R	Kim Brimer , Fort Worth	\$217,165	\$266,754	\$1,412,142	\$0
		D	Wendy Davis, Fort Worth	\$287,957	\$245,175	\$435,965	\$25,000
SD-11	-23.3	R	Mike Jackson , La Porte	\$134,479	\$139,620	\$1,205,115	\$0
		D	Joe Jaworski, Galveston	\$135,418	\$458,964	\$101,018	\$49,000
SD-17	-15.4	R	Austen Furse, Houston	\$145,550	\$90,469	\$371,044	\$200,000
		R	Grant Harpold, Houston	\$44,078	\$40,332	\$27,252	\$0
		R	Joan Huffman, Houston	\$126,767	\$261,562	\$877,856	\$750,000
		R	Ken Sherman, Lake Jackson	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$0
		D	Chris Bell, Houston	\$658,428	\$201,467	\$457,749	\$0
D	Stephanie Simmons, Missouri City	\$47,500	\$8,377	\$47,500	\$8,377		

House

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
HD-3	-18.8	R	Kirby Hollingsworth, Mount Vernon	\$93,128	\$44,566	\$104,496	\$0
		D	Mark Homer , Paris	\$126,803	\$23,378	\$257,405	\$125,000
HD-11	-31.7	R	Brian Walker, Tatum	\$76,130	\$45,340	\$74,687	\$0
		D	Chuck Hopson , Jacksonville	\$216,521	\$186,791	\$169,434	\$0
HD-17 (D)	-16.1	R	Tim Kleinschmidt, Lexington	\$106,715	\$102,528	\$28,988	\$54,025
		D	Donnie Dippel, La Grange	\$94,304	\$23,012	\$79,253	\$0
HD-32	-22.3	R	Todd Hunter, Corpus Christi	\$186,602	\$172,542	\$188,537	\$0
		D	Juan Garcia III , Corpus Christi	\$353,837	\$554,360	\$288,943	\$0
HD-34	-1.7	R	Connie Scott, Corpus Christi	\$88,829	\$156,405	\$61,422	\$0
		D	Abel Herrero , Corpus Christi	\$126,115	\$104,753	\$95,081	\$0
HD-47	-3.4	R	Donna Keel, Austin	\$54,224	\$35,068	\$36,778	\$0
		D	Valinda Bolton , Austin	\$118,764	\$64,462	\$125,448	\$0
HD-52 (R)	-17.0	R	Bryan Daniel, Georgetown	\$84,874	\$74,831	\$19,142	\$0
		D	Diana Maldonado, Round Rock	\$227,293	\$79,996	\$278,368	\$0
HD-55 (R)	-34.2	R	Ralph Sheffield, Temple	\$80,689	\$60,105	\$51,222	\$90,546
		D	Sam Murphey, Harker Heights	\$104,852	\$55,763	\$117,280	\$0
HD-78 (R)	-9.7	R	Dee Margo, El Paso	\$178,509	\$90,172	\$195,189	\$90,000
		D	Joseph Moody, El Paso	\$124,210	\$47,224	\$103,111	\$750
HD-85	-31.0	R	Isaac Castro, Hamlin	\$33,764	\$26,312	\$33,529	\$0
		D	Joe Heflin , Crosbyton	\$66,443	\$22,795	\$95,868	\$0
HD-93	-8.8	R	Bill Burch, Grand Prairie	\$10,420	\$15,991	\$1,699	\$19,744
		D	Paula Hightower Pierson , Arlington	\$68,025	\$132,316	\$42,071	\$0
HD-96	-16.2	R	Bill Zedler , Arlington	\$125,509	\$118,731	\$134,160	\$0
		D	Chris Turner, Burleson	\$195,046	\$139,715	\$184,464	\$0
HD-97	-23.6	R	Mark Shelton, Fort Worth	\$119,569	\$54,693	\$86,669	\$48,541
		D	Dan Barrett , Fort Worth	\$168,406	\$125,782	\$113,548	\$0
HD-101 (R)	-12.6	R	Mike Anderson, Mesquite	\$90,748	\$90,686	\$52,789	\$3,500
		D	Robert Miklos, Dallas	\$68,215	\$25,964	\$10,504	\$10,000
HD-102	-16.2	R	Tony Goolsby , Dallas	\$88,366	\$181,860	\$281,079	\$0
		D	Carol Kent, Dallas	\$176,169	\$128,350	\$177,691	\$0
HD-106	-10.8	R	Karen Wiegman, Grand Prairie	\$59,828	\$48,333	\$18,761	\$0
		D	Kirk England , Grand Prairie	\$91,333	\$38,405	\$158,006	\$1,000
HD-107	-11.5	R	Bill Keffer, Dallas	\$74,914	\$103,497	\$77,477	\$59
		D	Allen Vaught , Dallas	\$139,617	\$50,480	\$102,347	\$0
HD-129	-31.0	R	John Davis , Houston	\$46,562	\$51,811	\$62,046	\$0
		D	Sherrie Matula, Houston	\$125,823	\$61,554	\$136,934	\$0
HD-133	-18.1	R	Jim Murphy , Houston	\$87,401	\$78,163	\$169,293	\$0
		D	Kristi Thibaut, Houston	\$86,065	\$64,682	\$102,982	\$0
HD-144 (R)	-20.8	R	Ken Legler, Pasadena	\$44,719	\$24,310	\$14,276	\$0
		D	Joel Redmond, Pasadena	\$137,045	\$89,666	\$90,445	\$1,000
HD-149	-8.7	R	Greg Meyers, Houston	\$105,756	\$72,739	\$37,069	\$0
		D	Hubert Vo , Houston	\$97,620	\$59,240	\$54,233	\$95,459