

Eight Days Out: Money in Top Texas Races

This is our current list of hot state races on the ballot, with numbers from their final pre-election finance reports (they have to report last-minute contributions via telegram, but not expenditures; where available, those numbers are included under contributions). Federal races have different reporting requirements, and aren't included here. 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

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Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
Railroad Commission	-16.9	R	Michael Williams , Austin	\$200,307	\$309,636	\$206,460	\$0
		D	Mark Thompson, Hamilton	\$133,476	\$8,444	\$2,059	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Chief Justice	-16.9	R	Wallace Jefferson , Austin	\$173,961	\$842,215	\$221,584	\$0
		D	Jim Jordan, Dallas	\$40,769	\$78,537	\$56,524	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Place 7	-16.9	R	Dale Wainwright , Austin	\$144,012	\$335,789	\$136,663	\$0
		D	Sam Houston, Houston	\$62,498	\$161,717	\$4,463	\$0
Texas Supreme Court, Place 8	-16.9	R	Phil Johnson , Austin	\$119,718	\$638,040	\$177,502	\$0
		D	Linda Yañez, Edinburg	\$77,138	\$166,028	\$32,167	\$0
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	-16.9	R	Tom Price , Richardson	\$1,107	\$330	\$3,645	\$0
		D	Susan Strawn, Houston	\$16,341	\$17,348	\$12,725	\$0
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	-16.9	R	Paul Womack , Georgetown	\$2,406	\$183	\$2,661	\$20,000
		D	J.R. Molina, Fort Worth	\$0	\$120	\$0	\$0

Senate

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
SD-10	-14.2	R	Kim Brimer , Fort Worth	\$609,988	\$1,430,907	\$569,170	\$0
		D	Wendy Davis, Fort Worth	\$523,299	\$865,677	\$45,043	\$25,000
SD-11	-23.3	R	Mike Jackson , La Porte	\$271,289	\$1,037,171	\$439,223	\$0
		D	Joe Jaworski, Galveston	\$205,926	\$285,364	\$13,996	\$64,000
SD-17	-15.4	R	Austen Furse, Houston	\$199,856	\$477,203	\$68,385	\$200,000
		R	Grant Harpold, Houston	\$25,451	\$47,637	\$26,482	\$0
		R	Joan Huffman, Houston	\$129,940	\$809,772	\$285,063	\$850,000
		R	Ken Sherman, Lake Jackson	\$300	\$2,225	\$300	\$0
		D	Chris Bell, Houston	\$395,080	\$592,682	\$124,721	\$0
		D	Stephanie Simmons, Missouri City	\$226,086	\$43,714	\$581	\$0

House

Office/District	TWI	Party	Candidates	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand	Loans
HD-3	-18.8	R	Kirby Hollingsworth, Mount Vernon	\$185,637	\$196,447	\$29,044	\$0
		D	Mark Homer , Paris	\$192,853	\$262,896	\$183,624	\$125,000
HD-11	-31.7	R	Brian Walker, Tatum	\$141,038	\$109,766	\$36,773	\$0
		D	Chuck Hopson , Jacksonville	\$248,859	\$256,304	\$161,397	\$0
HD-17 (D)	-16.1	R	Tim Kleinschmidt, Lexington	\$513,580	\$249,254	\$102,642	\$53,763
		D	Donnie Dippel, La Grange	\$323,462	\$84,066	\$49,084	\$0
HD-32	-22.3	R	Todd Hunter, Corpus Christi	\$235,326	\$385,917	\$44,000	\$0
		D	Juan Garcia III , Corpus Christi	\$375,029	\$437,904	\$64,631	\$0
HD-34	-1.7	R	Connie Scott, Corpus Christi	\$118,628	\$113,248	\$43,034	\$0
		D	Abel Herrero , Corpus Christi	\$155,568	\$153,384	\$74,806	\$0

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HD-47	-3.4	R	Donna Keel, Austin	\$224,827	\$122,568	\$22,823	\$30,000
		D	Valinda Bolton , Austin	\$131,181	\$167,735	\$54,196	\$0
HD-52 (R)	-17.0	R	Bryan Daniel, Georgetown	\$587,549	\$319,922	\$87,718	\$0
		D	Diana Maldonado, Round Rock	\$304,649	\$365,696	\$102,316	\$0
HD-55 (R)	-34.2	R	Ralph Sheffield, Temple	\$153,207	\$134,105	\$55,301	\$90,546
		D	Sam Murphey, Harker Heights	\$137,996	\$163,416	\$21,572	\$0
HD-78 (R)	-9.7	R	Dee Margo, El Paso	\$235,842	\$298,569	\$131,167	\$90,000
		D	Joseph Moody, El Paso	\$390,720	\$267,622	\$97,052	\$0
HD-85	-31.0	R	Isaac Castro, Hamlin	\$130,310	\$69,757	\$53,525	\$0
		D	Joe Heflin , Crosbyton	\$52,387	\$58,366	\$83,365	\$0
HD-93	-8.8	R	Bill Burch, Grand Prairie	\$25,583	\$26,956	\$281	\$19,744
		D	Paula Hightower Pierson , Arlington	\$42,075	\$64,597	\$17,927	\$0
HD-96	-16.2	R	Bill Zedler , Arlington	\$597,616	\$402,248	\$205,791	\$0
		D	Chris Turner, Burleson	\$281,964	\$319,108	\$54,236	\$0
HD-97	-23.6	R	Mark Shelton, Fort Worth	\$411,506	\$261,922	\$84,071	\$48,541
		D	Dan Barrett , Fort Worth	\$215,051	\$214,804	\$16,990	\$0
HD-101 (R)	-12.6	R	Mike Anderson, Mesquite	\$221,882	\$205,704	\$52,737	\$3,500
		D	Robert Miklos, Dallas	\$197,529	\$14,061	\$56,679	\$10,000
HD-102	-16.2	R	Tony Goolsby , Dallas	\$141,331	\$183,035	\$210,575	\$0
		D	Carol Kent, Dallas	\$127,686	\$238,013	\$38,631	\$0
HD-106	-10.8	R	Karen Wiegman, Grand Prairie	\$156,415	\$87,489	\$57,592	\$0
		D	Kirk England , Grand Prairie	\$114,085	\$62,811	\$192,732	\$1,000
HD-107	-11.5	R	Bill Keffer, Dallas	\$169,627	\$173,420	\$42,956	\$87
		D	Allen Vaught , Dallas	\$227,722	\$63,052	\$252,983	\$0
HD-129	-31.0	R	John Davis , Houston	\$169,794	\$116,156	\$106,850	\$0
		D	Sherrie Matula, Houston	\$106,823	\$217,564	\$47,748	\$10,000
HD-133	-18.1	R	Jim Murphy , Houston	\$105,636	\$141,623	\$125,657	\$0
		D	Kristi Thibaut, Houston	\$173,696	\$156,599	\$33,807	\$0
HD-144 (R)	-20.8	R	Ken Legler, Pasadena	\$338,839	\$165,348	\$98,191	\$0
		D	Joel Redmond, Pasadena	\$278,652	\$31,387	\$171,120	\$1,000
HD-149	-8.7	R	Greg Meyers, Houston	\$276,844	\$225,380	\$38,218	\$0
		D	Hubert Vo , Houston	\$213,748	\$31,396	\$159,635	\$95,459

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