

The November 2008 Texas Ballot

This is the final ballot from the Secretary of State's office (including three special elections set for November 4), with our ornaments. Incumbent's names are in **bold**. Open seats have the outgoing incumbent's party in parentheses. Races highlighted in **YELLOW** are on our "hot" list, and they'll change as we get closer to the elections and learn things (and get corrected). Candidate names are highlighted in **BLUE** if they have only minor-party opposition. Names highlighted in **GREEN** have no opponents at all. 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. Third party candidates are Libertarians except where noted.

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Texas Statewide Races - 2008

Office/District	TWI	Republicans	Democrats	Libertarians, Independents
U.S. Senate	-16.9	John Cornyn , San Antonio	Rick Noriega, Houston	Yvonne Adams Schick, Spicewood
Railroad Commission	-16.9	Michael Williams , Austin	Mark Thompson, Hamilton	David Floyd, Austin
Texas Supreme Court, Chief Justice	-16.9	Wallace Jefferson , Austin	Jim Jordan, Dallas	Tom Oxford, Beaumont
Texas Supreme Court, Place 7	-16.9	Dale Wainwright , Austin	Sam Houston, Houston	David Smith, Henderson
Texas Supreme Court, Place 8	-16.9	Phil Johnson , Austin	Linda Yañez, Edinburg	Drew Shirley, Round Rock
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	-16.9	Tom Price , Richardson	Susan Strawn, Houston	Matthew Eilers, Universal City
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	-16.9	Paul Womack , Georgetown	J.R. Molina, Fort Worth	Dave Howard, Round Rock
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9	-16.9	Cathy Cochran , Austin		William Bryan Strange III, Dallas

Texas Congressional Races - 2008

Office/District	TWI	Republicans	Democrats	Libertarians, Independents
CD-1	-32.4	Louie Gohmert , Tyler		Roger Owen, Hallsville, IND
CD-2	-22.6	Ted Poe , Humble		Craig Wolfe, Spring
CD-3	-30.4	Sam Johnson , Plano	Tom Daley, McKinney	Christopher Claytor, Plano
CD-4	-28.3	Ralph Hall , Rockwall	Glenn Melancon, Sherman	Fred Annett, Paris
CD-5	-27.3	Jeb Hensarling , Dallas		Ken Ashby, Dallas
CD-6	-25.9	Joe Barton , Ennis	Ludwig Otto, Arlington	Max Koch III, Mansfield
CD-7	-27.7	John Culberson , Houston	Michael Skelly , Houston	Drew Parks , Houston
CD-8	-35.6	Kevin Brady , The Woodlands	Kent Hargett, Spring	Brian Stevens, Montgomery
CD-9	40.8		Al Green , Houston	Brad Walters, Pasadena
CD-10	-19.3	Michael McCaul , Austin	Larry Joe Doherty , Brenham	Max Finkel , Austin
CD-11	-45.5	Mike Conaway , Midland		John Strohm, Austin
CD-12	-25.8	Kay Granger , Fort Worth	Tracey Smith, Fort Worth	Shiloh Sidney Shambaugh, Fort Worth
CD-13	-42.1	Mac Thornberry , Clarendon	Roger James Waun, Wichita Falls	
CD-14	-25.5	Ron Paul , Lake Jackson		
CD-15	9.3	Eddie Zamora, McAllen	Ruben Hinojosa , Mercedes	Cricha Raether, Cedar Park
CD-16	17.4		Silvestre Reyes , El Paso	Mette Baker, Dryden; Benjamin Eloy "Ben" Mendoza, IND
CD-17	-29.3	Rob Curnock, Waco	Chet Edwards , Waco	Gardner Osborne, Hillsboro
CD-18	45.3	John Faulk, Houston	Sheila Jackson Lee , Houston	Mike Taylor, Houston
CD-19	-41.8	Randy Neugebauer , Lubbock	Dwight Fullingim, Lubbock	Richard "Chip" Peterson, Lubbock

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CD-20	19.1	Robert Litoff, San Antonio	Charlie Gonzalez , San Antonio	Michael Idrogo, San Antonio
CD-21	-28.6	Lamar Smith , San Antonio		James Arthur Strohm, Austin
CD-22	-22.7	Pete Olson, Sugar Land	Nick Lampson , Stafford	John Wieder, Alvin
CD-23	-6.0	Lyle Larson, San Antonio	Ciro Rodriguez , San Antonio	Lani Connolly, San Antonio
CD-24	-26.3	Kenny Marchant , Coppell	Tom Love, Arlington	David Casey, Bedford
CD-25	11.2	George Morovich, La Grange	Lloyd Doggett , Austin	Jim Stutsman, Austin
CD-26	-23.6	Michael Burgess , Lewisville	Ken Leach, Gainesville	Stephanie Weiss, North Richland Hills
CD-27	0.3	Willie Vaden, Ingleside	Solomon Ortiz , Corpus Christi	Robert Powell, Corpus Christi
CD-28	3.4	Jim Fish, Cibolo	Henry Cuellar , Laredo	Ross Lynn Leone, Seguin
CD-29	21.1	Eric Story, Houston	Gene Green , Houston	Joel Grace, League City
CD-30	52.4	Fred Wood, Dallas	Eddie Bernice Johnson , Dallas	Jarrett Woods, Dallas
CD-31	-26.1	John Carter , Round Rock	Brian Ruiz, Hutto	Barry Cooper, Big Sandy
CD-32	-19.2	Pete Sessions , Dallas	Eric Roberson, Plano	Alex Bischoff, Dallas

Texas Senate Races - 2008

Office/District	TWI	Republicans	Democrats	Libertarians, Independents
SD-4	-30.1	Tommy Williams , The Woodlands		
SD-6	29.2	Gilbert Peña, Houston	Mario Gallegos Jr. , Houston	Susan Delgado, Houston
SD-9	-20.5	Chris Harris , Arlington	Melvin Willms, Grand Prairie	Carl Nulsen, Arlington
SD-10	-14.2	Kim Brimer , Fort Worth	Wendy Davis, Fort Worth	Richard Cross, Arlington
SD-11	-23.3	Mike Jackson , La Porte	Joe Jaworski, Galveston	Cliff Messina, Houston
SD-16	-17.1	John Carona , Dallas	Rain Levy-Minns, Dallas	Paul Osborn, Dallas
SD-17 - special (R)	-15.4	Austin Furse, Houston; Grant Harpold, Houston; Joan Huffman, Houston; Ken Sherman, Lake Jackson	Chris Bell, Houston; Stephanie Simmons, Missouri City	
SD-20	3.0		Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa , McAllen	Billy "Bill" Parker, Bishop
SD-21	5.4	Louis Bruni Jr., Laredo	Judith Zaffirini , Laredo	Barry Allison, San Antonio
SD-23	50.4		Royce West , Dallas	Jim Renfro, Duncanville
SD-24	-39.1	Troy Fraser , Horseshoe Bay		Bill Oliver, Temple
SD-26	12.2		Leticia Van de Putte , San Antonio	Steve Lopez, San Antonio
SD-27	17.2		Eddie Lucio Jr. , Brownsville	
SD-28	-38.9	Robert Duncan , Lubbock		M.J. "Smitty" Smith, Lubbock
SD-30	-34.4	Craig Estes , Wichita Falls		
SD-31	-51.4	Kel Seliger , Amarillo		Lauren Poindexter, Odessa

Texas House Races - 2008

Office/District	TWI	Republicans	Democrats	Libertarians, Independents
HD-1	-8.3	George Lavender, Texarkana	Stephen Frost , Atlanta	Tim Eason, Texarkana
HD-2	-33.9	Dan Flynn , Van		Michael French, Wills Point
HD-3	-18.8	Kirby Hollingsworth, Mount Vernon	Mark Homer , Paris	
HD-4	-31.4	Betty Brown , Terrell	Victor Morales, Crandall	James Yow, Scurry
HD-5	-27.3	Bryan Hughes , Mineola		
HD-6	-43.6	Leo Berman , Tyler		Gene Moody, Flint
HD-7	-41.1	Tommy Merritt , Longview		Joey Stroman, Longview
HD-8	-24.9	Byron Cook , Corsicana		
HD-9	-22.7	Wayne Christian , Center	Kenneth Franks, Pineland	Joe Allport, Garrison
HD-10	-37.3	Jim Pitts , Waxahachie		Phil Smart, Ferris
HD-11	-31.7	Brian Walker, Tatum	Chuck Hopson , Jacksonville	Paul Bryan, Longview
HD-12	-19.2	Van Brookshire, Coldspring	Jim McReynolds , Lufkin	

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HD-13	-33.7	Lois Kolkhorst , Brenham		
HD-14	-38.3	Fred Brown , College Station		Ron Darby, Bryan
HD-15	-54.0	Rob Eissler , The Woodlands		
HD-16	-51.1	Brandon Creighton , Conroe		
HD-17 (D)	-16.1	Tim Kleinschmidt , Lexington	Donnie Dippel , La Grange	Alan Duesterhoft , Somerville
HD-18	-24.4	John Otto , Dayton	Arlan Foster , Liberty	
HD-19	-20.0	Mike Hamilton , Mauriceville	Larry Hunter , Vidor	Richard Ramsey , Newton
HD-20	-32.2	Dan Gattis , Georgetown	Jim Dillon , Liberty Hill	Craig Weems , Cedar Park
HD-21	-17.9		Allan Ritter , Nederland	
HD-22	47.8		Joe Deshotel , Beaumont	Dean Tucker , Beaumont
HD-23	7.8		Craig Eiland , Galveston	Charles Earley , Galveston
HD-24	-26.7	Larry Taylor , Galveston		Rafael Ramos , League City
HD-25	-29.3	Dennis Bonnen , Angleton		Richard Cole , Freeport
HD-26	-26.3	Charlie Howard , Sugar Land		
HD-27	15.6	Steve Host , Sugar Land	Dora Olivo , Rosenberg	
HD-28	-28.6	John Zerwas , Richmond	Dorothy Bottos , Hockley	M. Stephen Lucas , Katy
HD-29 (R)	-25.6	Randy Weber , Pearland	Kevin Murphy , Pearland	
HD-30	-30.8	Geanie Morrison , Victoria		
HD-31	59.2		Ryan Guillen , Rio Grande City	
HD-32	-22.3	Todd Hunter , Corpus Christi	Juan Garcia III , Corpus Christi	Lenard Nelson , Rockport
HD-33	2.5	Raul Torres , Corpus Christi	Solomon Ortiz Jr. , Corpus Christi	Justin Garrett , Corpus Christi
HD-34	-1.7	Connie Scott , Corpus Christi	Abel Herrero , Robstown	
HD-35	-2.7		Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles , Alice	
HD-36	29.5		Kino Flores , Palmview	
HD-37	26.1		Rene Oliveira , Brownsville	
HD-38	13.1		Eddie Lucio III , Brownsville	
HD-39	26.6		Armando "Mando" Martinez , Weslaco	
HD-40	39.3		Aaron Peña , Edinburg	
HD-41	-4.5	Javier Villalobos , McAllen	Veronica Gonzales , McAllen	Charles Snelling , McAllen
HD-42	37.8		Richard Raymond , Laredo	
HD-43 (D)	5.4		Tara Rios Ybarra , South Padre Island	Richard Shuey , Raymondville
HD-44	-33.2	Edmund Kuempel , Seguin		John Lynch , Cibolo
HD-45	-11.4	Matt Young , Wimberley	Patrick Rose , Dripping Springs	Rom Gleinser , Dripping Springs
HD-46	46.9		Dawna Dukes , Austin	Allen Hacker , Pflugerville
HD-47	-3.4	Donna Keel , Austin	Valinda Bolton , Austin	
HD-48	-5.8	Pamela Waggoner , Austin	Donna Howard , Austin	Ben Easton , Austin
HD-49	47.3		Elliott Naishtat , Austin	
HD-50	0.5	Jerry Mikus Jr. , Austin	Mark Strama , Austin	Jerry Chandler , Austin
HD-51	50.7		Eddie Rodriguez , Austin	Arthur DiBianca , Austin
HD-52 (R)	-17.0	Bryan Daniel , Georgetown	Diana Maldonado , Round Rock	Lillian Simmons , Round Rock
HD-53	-45.8	Harvey Hilderbran , Kerrville		Brian Holk , Tow
HD-54	-23.3	Jimmie Don Aycock , Killeen		Nicolaas Kramer , Kempner
HD-55 (R)	-34.2	Ralph Sheffield , Temple	Sam Murphey , Harker Heights	Chris Lane , Belton
HD-55 - special (R)	-33.2	Ralph Sheffield , Temple	Sam Murphey , Harker Heights	R. "Danny" Daniel , Belton, IND
HD-56	-34.5	Charles "Doc" Anderson , Waco		David Meine , Waco
HD-57	0.6		Jim Dunnam , Waco	Neill Snider , Waco
HD-58	-36.0	Rob Orr , Burleson	Greg Allen Kauffman , Crowley	Tom Stewart , Joshua
HD-59	-33.8	Sid Miller , Stephenville	Ernie Casbeer , Oglesby	Coy Reynolds , Glen Rose
HD-60	-39.8	Jim Keffer , Eastland	David Shupp , Mineral Wells	
HD-61	-42.9	Phil King , Weatherford	Charles William Randolph , Decatur	Richard Forsythe Jr. , alford
HD-62	-24.8	Larry Phillips , Sherman	Peter "Pete" Veeck , Denison	

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HD-63	-47.3	Tan Parker , Flower Mound	Jesus Carrillo, Ponder	John Turner, Flower Mound
HD-64	-23.7	Myra Crownover , Denton	John McClelland, Little Elm	Jason Jordan, Denton
HD-65	-32.8	Burt Solomons , Carrollton		Lee Hooper, Lewisville
HD-66	-38.8	Brian McCall , Plano		Benjamin Westfried, Plano
HD-67	-27.7	Jerry Madden , Richardson		Jeffrey Joyner, Richardson
HD-68	-33.8	Rick Hardcastle , Vernon		
HD-69	-32.8		David Farabee , Wichita Falls	Richard Brown, Holliday
HD-70	-44.0	Ken Paxton , McKinney		Robert Virasin, Frisco
HD-71	-44.2	Susan King , Abilene		Michael Walton, Abilene
HD-72	-42.0	Drew Darby , San Angelo		Dennis Higgins, San Angelo
HD-73 (R)	-52.1	Doug Miller, New Braunfels	Daniel Boone, Canyon Lake	Saannon Beckett McCracken, Bandera
HD-74	-6.4	Thomas "T.C." Kincaid Jr., Fort Stockton	Pete Gallego , Alpine	
HD-75	19.7	Charlie Garza, El Paso	Chente Quintanilla , Tornillo	
HD-76	47.6		Norma Chavez , El Paso	
HD-77 (D)	36.4		Marisa Marquez, El Paso	
HD-78 (R)	-9.7	Dee Margo, El Paso	Joseph Moody , El Paso	Bill Collins , El Paso
HD-79	13.6		Joe Pickett , El Paso	
HD-80	3.0		Tracy King , Batesville	
HD-81 (R)	-44.9	Tryon Lewis, Odessa		Elmo Hockman, Odessa
HD-81 - special (R)	-43.9	Tryon Lewis, Odessa		
HD-82	-55.8	Tom Craddick , Midland	Bill Dings, Midland	Sherry Phillips, Midland
HD-83	-51.5	Delwin Jones , Lubbock		
HD-84	-30.5	Carl Isett , Lubbock		
HD-85	-31.0	Isaac Castro , Hamlin	Joe Heflin , Crosbyton	
HD-86	-56.9	John Smithee , Amarillo	James Wood, Amarillo	Kevin Howell, Amarillo
HD-87	-41.2	David Swinford , Dumas		L. Blake Bailey, Amarillo
HD-88	-49.9	Warren Chisum , Pampa		
HD-89	-46.9	Jodie Laubenberg , Parker		
HD-90	31.9	Lary Keilberg, Fort Worth	Lon Burnam , Fort Worth	
HD-91	-28.5	Kelly Hancock , North Richland Hills	Chris Utchell, Watauga	Paul Mastin, Fort Worth
HD-92	-30.1	Todd Smith , Euless	Kalandra Wheeler, Euless	
HD-93	-8.8	Bill Burch, Grand Prairie	Paula Hightower Pierson , Arlington	Colin Sowards, Mansfield
HD-94	-29.4	Diane Patrick , Arlington		Geoffrey Adams, Arlington
HD-95	50.6		Marc Veasey , Fort Worth	Hy Siegel, Fort Worth
HD-96	-16.2	Bill Zedler , Arlington	Chris Turner, Burleson	Todd Litteken, Arlington
HD-97	-23.6	Mark Shelton, Fort Worth	Dan Barrett , Fort Worth	Rodney Wingo, Fort Worth
HD-98	-46.7	Vicki Truitt , Keller	Nancy Moffat, Southlake	Stephen Smith, Fort Worth
HD-99	-30.4	Charlie Geren , Fort Worth	Sheila Ford, Fort Worth	Robin Chester, Fort Worth
HD-100	55.7		Terri Hodge , Dallas	Robert Pritchett, Dallas
HD-101 (R)	-12.6	Mike Anderson, Mesquite	Robert Miklos, Dallas	
HD-102	-16.2	Tony Goolsby , Dallas	Carol Kent, Dallas	
HD-103	30.6		Rafael Anchia , Dallas	David Mason, Carrollton
HD-104	40.8		Roberto Alonzo , Dallas	
HD-105	-17.6	Linda Harper-Brown , Irving	Bob Romano, Irving	James Baird, Irving
HD-106	-10.8	Karen Wiegman, Grand Prairie	Kirk England , Grand Prairie	Gene Freeman, Grand Prairie
HD-107	-11.5	Bill Keffer, Dallas	Allen Vaught , Dallas	Brandon Parsons, Dallas
HD-108	-16.1	Dan Branch , Dallas	Emil Reichstadt, Dallas	
HD-109	43.2		Helen Giddings , Dallas	Kevin Jackson, Lancaster
HD-110	65.1		Barbara Mallory Caraway , Dallas	
HD-111	38.6	Homer Fincannon, Duncanville	Yvonne Davis , Dallas	Tim Miles, Dallas
HD-112 (R)	-25.9	Angie Button, Garland	Sandra Phuong VuLe, Garland	Philip White, Richardson
HD-113	-23.2	Joe Driver , Garland	Eric Brandler, Rowlett	
HD-114	-24.1	Will Hartnett , Dallas		
HD-115	-32.6	Jim Jackson , Carrollton		Preston Poulter, Dallas

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HD-116	17.1		Trey Martinez Fischer , San Antonio	William Armstrong V, San Antonio
HD-117	-2.0	John Garza, San Antonio	David McQuade Leibowitz , San Antonio	
HD-118	3.8	Don Green, Somerset	Joe Farias , San Antonio	James Thompson, Universal City
HD-119 (D)	16.2		Roland Gutierrez, San Antonio	
HD-120	23.8		Ruth Jones McClendon , San Antonio	
HD-121	-27.4	Joe Straus , San Antonio		Arthur Thomas IV, San Antonio
HD-122	-40.7	Frank Corte Jr. , San Antonio	Frances Carnot, San Antonio	Sally Baynton, San Antonio
HD-123	16.4		Mike Villarreal , San Antonio	
HD-124	9.6		Jose Menendez , San Antonio	
HD-125	5.6		Joaquin Castro , San Antonio	
HD-126	-35.6	Patricia Harless , Spring	Chad Khan, Houston	Oscar Palma Jr., Houston
HD-127	-41.0	Joe Crabb , Atascocita	Joe Montemayor, Crosby	Justo Perez, Kingwood
HD-128	-28.5	Wayne Smith , Baytown		
HD-129	-31.0	John Davis , Houston	Sherrie Matula, Houston	
HD-130 (R)	-49.5	Allen Fletcher, Tomball		William Gray Jr., Tomball
HD-131	54.8		Alma Allen , Houston	
HD-132	-36.4	Bill Callegari , Katy		Phil Kurtz, Houston
HD-133	-18.1	Jim Murphy , Houston	Kristi Thibaut, Houston	
HD-134	-8.6	Joe Agris, Houston	Ellen Cohen , Houston	Mhair Dekmezian, Houston
HD-135	-28.3	Gary Elkins , Houston	Trey Fleming, Houston	Alfred Montestruc, Houston
HD-136	-42.8	Beverly Woolley , Houston		Gerald "Jerry" LaFleur, Houston
HD-137	5.3		Scott Hochberg , Houston	Alex Cresswell, Houston
HD-138	-19.4	Dwayne Bohac , Houston	Virginia "Ginny" Stogner McDavid, Houston	
HD-139	58.7		Sylvester Turner , Houston	
HD-140 (D)	26.0		Armando Lucio Walle, Houston	
HD-141	46.5	Michael Bunch, Houston	Senfronia Thompson , Houston	Richard Brown, Houston
HD-142	54.4		Harold Dutton Jr. , Houston	
HD-143	26.2	Dorothy Olmos, Houston	Ana Hernandez , Houston	Joe Marcom, Galena Park
HD-144 (R)	-20.8	Ken Legler , Pasadena	Joel Redmond , Pasadena	
HD-145 (D)	25.7	Patricia Rodriguez, Houston	Carol Alvarado, Houston	
HD-146 (D)	42.2		Al Edwards, Houston	
HD-147	56.9		Garnet Coleman , Houston	Joe Tirado, Houston
HD-148	22.9	Howard Gano Jr., Houston	Jessica Christina Farrar , Houston	
HD-149	-8.7	Greg Meyers , Houston	Hubert Vo , Houston	
HD-150	-41.5	Debbie Riddle , Tomball	Brad Neal, Spring	Ken Petty, Spring