

Texas Weekly's Hot List

The most competitive races in the Texas General Election

We lifted this idea from the inventors of the federal terror watch, ranking districts by the threat to each incumbent (or incumbent party, in the case of open districts) and giving each group garish colors. *Yellow* means there's trouble on the sidewalk. *Orange* is trouble on the front porch. *Red* is trouble walking in the door. Incumbents' names are in bold.

This week's changes: Libertarian Mike Smith dropped out of the HD-78 race, leaving Rep. Joe Moody and Republican Dee Margo in a rematch with nobody siphoning votes from one or the other. We're moving that to orange until it sorts out. Likewise, a new third-party player — the Texas Republican House Committee, which had no money at mid-year — showed up in the HD-45 race between Rep. Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, and Jason Isaac, with a web campaign attacking the incumbent. Leave it yellow, but watch it.

| District / Temperature | Republican | Democrat | Libertarian |
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| CD-17 | Bill Flores, Bryan | Chet Edwards , Waco | Richard Kelly, Morgan |
| HD-105 | Linda Harper-Brown , Irving | Loretta Haldenwang, Irving | Cecil Anthony Ince, Irving |
| HD-133 | Jim Murphy, Houston | Kristi Thibaut , Houston | Alfred Montestruc, Houston |
| HD-3 | Erwin Cain, Sulphur Springs | Mark Homer , Paris | J. Douglas Froneberger, Sulphur Springs |
| HD-52 | Larry Gonzales, Round Rock | Diana Maldonado , Round Rock | Charles McCoy, Hutto |
| HD-85 | Jim Landtroop, Plainview | Joe Heflin , Crosbyton | |
| CD-23 | Francisco "Quico" Canseco, San Antonio | Ciro Rodriguez , San Antonio | Martin Nitschke, Houston |
| HD-101 | Cindy Burkett, Mesquite | Robert Miklos , Dallas | |
| HD-102 | Stefani Carter, Dallas | Carol Kent , Dallas | |
| HD-113 | Joe Driver , Garland | Jamie Dorris, Sachse | |
| HD-47 | Paul Workman, Spicewood | Valinda Bolton , Austin | Kris Bailey, Austin |
| HD-78 | Dee Margo, El Paso | Joseph Moody , El Paso | |
| HD-96 | Bill Zedler, Arlington | Chris Turner , Burleson | |
| HD-1 | George Lavender, Texarkana | Stephen Frost , Atlanta | |
| HD-107 | Kenneth Sheets, Dallas | Allen Vaught , Dallas | Brandon Parsons, Dallas |
| HD-114 | Will Hartnett , Dallas | John Wellik, Dallas | |
| HD-12 | James White, Hillister | Jim McReynolds , Lufkin | |
| HD-134 | Sarah Davis, Houston | Ellen Cohen , Houston | Wesley Hamner, Houston |
| HD-138 | Dwayne Bohac , Houston | Kendra Yarborough-Camarena, Houston | |
| HD-144 | Ken Legler , Pasadena | Rick Molina, Houston | Clifford Messina, Houston |
| HD-17 | Tim Kleinschmidt , Lexington | Pati Jacobs, Bastrop | Travis Hill, Elgin |
| HD-34 | Connie Scott, Corpus Christi | Abel Herrero , Robstown | |
| HD-35 | Jose Aliseda, Beeville | Yvonne Gonzales Toureilles , Alice | |
| HD-45 | Jason Isaac, Dripping Springs | Patrick Rose , Dripping Springs | |
| HD-48 | Dan Neil, Austin | Donna Howard , Austin | Ben Easton, Austin |
| HD-56 | Charles "Doc" Anderson , Waco | John Mabry, Waco | Neill Snider, Waco |
| HD-74 | Thomas (T.C.) Kincaid Jr., Fort Stockton | Pete Gallego , Alpine | |
| HD-93 | Barbara Nash, Arlington | Paula Pierson , Arlington | Colin Sowards, Mansfield |