

# NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE

TEXAS PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION ★ MAY 26, 2026

U.S. Senate ★ Lieutenant Governor ★ Attorney General ★ Railroad Commissioner ★  
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ★ State Board of Education ★ Court of Appeals

EARLY VOTING: May 18–May 22 ★  
ELECTION DAY: May 26. Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## ★ VOTING IN TEXAS

The Primary Election is extremely important for Texas!

**Primary Elections:** Texas has an open primary system. This means all eligible voters can take part. You do not have to sign up with a political party ahead of time. When you vote in the primary, you choose one party's primary election or convention to participate in.

The Primary Election was held on March 3. If no candidate gets enough votes, a Runoff Election is held on May 26.

- The Republican and Democratic parties choose their candidates through primary elections.
- The Libertarian and Green parties choose their candidates at party conventions held at other times.

Since many districts in Texas heavily favor one party over the other, the primary elections often determine the winner of the General Election! Even if you do not strongly identify with any political party, you can and should carefully consider the candidate choices and participate in one of the primaries or conventions to have your voice heard.

**Important Note:** Once you vote in a party's primary election or convention, you cannot vote in another party's primary or convention. If there is a runoff election, you may vote only in the same party's runoff.

**General Election:** Voting in one party's primary election, convention or runoff election does NOT commit you to vote for a particular party or candidate in the November General Election. You can still vote for any candidate of your choice, regardless of party, in the General Election.

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# U.S. SENATOR

Six-year term. One of two members of the U.S. Senate from Texas. With the U.S. House, the Senate makes laws; raises revenues, appropriates federal funds and manages the federal debt; regulates commerce among states and with other nations; declares war and maintains and regulates the military; establishes the federal court system and defines federal crimes; and directs the census every ten years. The Senate has the exclusive power to advise and consent on presidential nominations to executive and judicial offices, to ratify U.S. treaties, and to try impeachments. Current annual salary: \$174,000

## ★ John Cornyn (R)

No response received

## ★ Ken Paxton (R)

No response received

# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Four-year term. The lieutenant governor is powerful because of their position as president of the Texas Senate, where they appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees; appoint senators to committees; assign bills to committees; and control the Senate's agenda. They are also a member of several commissions and boards, and serve as governor in the governor's absence. Current annual salary: \$7,200 plus \$221 for every day the Legislature is in session, including any special sessions.

## ★ QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Qualifications:** What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**Women's Health:** What changes need to be made to Texas abortion laws to ensure women have access to proper medical care in the event of pregnancy complications?

**Healthcare:** What role should the state government play in promoting a healthy Texas population, and what steps would you take to ensure that healthcare is affordable and accessible for all Texans?

**Cannabis Legislation:** What legislation would you support regarding cannabis?

**Water:** What legislation would you recommend to ensure that Texans and Texas businesses have enough water for the future?



## ★ Vikki Goodwin (D)

**Qualifications:** I'm serving my 4th term in the TX Legislature; have been able to pass meaningful laws.

I'm the owner of Goodwin & Goodwin Real Estate, involved community leader, graduate of UT & the LBJ School.

**Women's Health:** We did not go far enough with the "Life of the Mother Act" that passed in 2025. The way to guarantee the best health outcomes for pregnant women is to allow women to make their own personal, private health care decisions in consultation with their doctors. Women who have adverse health conditions should have all options available for putting their own health before that of the fetus.

# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR | *(continued)*

## ★ Vikki Goodwin (D) *(continued)*

**Healthcare:** A healthy population is essential. The state should ensure no one falls through the cracks; focus on prevention and transparency. Programs that have proven records of success should be expanded, including Medicaid. Mobile health clinics that provide low-cost diagnostic tests and checkups can help reach areas where there is a lack of doctors. Keeping people out of emergency rooms will lower costs.

**Cannabis Legislation:** I support treating cannabis like alcohol with regulations: must be 21 years of age to purchase, can't be sold next door to schools, can't be marketed to kids, labels must clearly indicate the con-

tents and strength. We don't need a nanny state. People with cancer, PTSD, and all types of ailments should be able to continue buying a product that has helped them without the broken TCUP.

**Water:** We should pass the TX Stewardship Amendment to ensure our water isn't polluted. We must update and improve our Texas Water Plan using the latest science. Now it includes plans for many reservoirs that aren't feasible, and not enough emphasis on re-use. We need to ensure we aren't developing the most expensive water. Desalination of ocean water is expensive, while storing rainwater is less costly.

**Campaign Website:** [Goodwin4Texas.com](http://Goodwin4Texas.com)

## ★ Marcos Isaias Velez (D) No response received

# ATTORNEY GENERAL

Four-year term. The attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer of the state; represents the state and state officials in legal matters; issues opinions; oversees collection of child support; administers the crime victims compensation fund; enforces the open records/open meetings acts; approves public bond issues; and enforces consumer regulations. Current annual salary: \$153,750

## ★ QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Qualifications:** What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**Elections:** How would you protect Texans' freedom to vote while maintaining safe and secure elections?

**Immigration:** How would you address immigration issues affecting our state while ensuring all individuals within our borders have access to due process protections?

**Priorities:** How would you identify, evaluate, and prioritize which state legal cases to pursue?

**Leadership:** What specific improvements or reforms do you envision for the Texas Attorney General's office in the coming years?



## ★ Joe Jaworski (D)

**Qualifications:** Courageous fighter in courtroom and public square. 8 years as Galveston mayor/councilmember; 35

years as Texas trial lawyer/mediator; loyal husband to Rebecca for 35 years; proud Dad to my two kids.

**Elections:** I will staff a voter expansion division in the Texas OAG which will daily focus on removing the stain of voter suppression from Texas law. I will be

## ★ Joe Jaworski (D) (continued)

known as the Attorney General who finally enforced the law which requires Principals to offer registration to all high school seniors. I, with local District Attorneys, will personally prosecute offenders who intentionally break our voting laws.

**Immigration:** I will lead Texas on immigration issues by reminding voters that immigration and criminal justice are two very different American institutions. I will demand that Congress perform its Constitutional duty to reform our immigration laws. I will support asylum as a proper tool of legal immigration, I will support Texas Dreamers who seek in-state college tuition to better themselves and our state.

**Priorities:** I will create/staff a Division of Affordability within the Texas OAG; it will use the power of govern-

ment to reduce the cost of living in Texas for all 32 million residents of the state. I will measure performance and announce results. The OAG will expressly focus on helping young adult Texans to achieve the American Dream - affordable home ownership, debt free education, and starting a family.

**Leadership:** End persecution of vulnerable citizens. Reform Child Support Division: promptly collect/disburse child support and assist payor and payee to collect correct amounts. Assist school principals to register every 18 year old senior to vote. Remain widely accessible to the public, rather than reclusive or partisan only. Focus political and legal decisions on affordability for everyday working Texans.

**Campaign Website:** [JaworskiForTexas.com](http://JaworskiForTexas.com)



## ★ Nathan Johnson (D)

**Qualifications:** Eight years as a state senator: passing > 100 bills, killing and shaping bills, building coalitions, making government work, exercising independence, leadership, and political judgment; law practice.

**Elections:** We have good laws to keep elections secure, provided that enforcement and audits are fair and consistent. As AG, I will work with DAs around the state to ensure security. As a Senator, I filed bills to protect election workers from harassment (safe and secure), allow voter registration online and same-day, enable citizen ballot initiatives, and move redistricting to an independent commission.

**Immigration:** Work with the federal government to speed processing of asylum claims and treat applicants humanely, intercept and deter trafficking of drugs and people, revise Texas' ill-conceived 287(g) agreement, vastly expand guest worker program, work with other nations to stem the flow of migrants. The U.S. Constitu-

tion grants due process to everyone in the United States, including undocumented immigrants.

**Priorities:** I would ask three questions: whether there are actions that are harming Texans, whether the actions are illegal, and whether I can prove it. I would emphasize blocking federal overreach, promoting competition in markets, protecting people against violence and commercial scams, and rooting out political corruption. I would end the practice of using the office for personal and political purposes.

**Leadership:** Better leadership is needed more than structural reform. I'll recruit great staff, including attorneys, who are committed to serving the public over serving an ideology. I'll devote resources to performing the work of the office rather than the work of a political machine. There may be administrative changes and laws yet to pass or change, which we'll address in concert with the Legislature.

**Campaign Website:** [www.nathanfortexas.com](http://www.nathanfortexas.com)

## ★ Mayes Middleton (R)

No response received



## ★ Chip Roy (R)

**Qualifications:** I have courtroom and prosecutorial experience as a US Attorney, a nationally recognized conservative voting record in Congress, and senior leadership experience as First Assistant Attorney General.

**Elections:** As Attorney General, I will rigorously enforce Texas election law so that every eligible voter is protected and every unlawful ballot is prevented. This includes prosecuting election fraud, defending voter ID and citizenship verification requirements, and resisting federal attempts to undermine Texas's election safeguards.

**Immigration:** Texas must use every lawful tool available to defend itself: litigation against unlawful federal policies, support for state and local enforcement efforts, aggressive action against cartel networks, and NGOs that facilitate illegal activity, and prosecution of crimes tied to human trafficking. As Attorney General, I will

treat border security as a top priority and have a record of doing so.

**Priorities:** As a former First Assistant Attorney General, I understand how the office functions day to day and how to align its work with clear strategic priorities. I would prioritize defending Texas sovereignty against federal overreach, aggressively prosecuting human trafficking, cartel activity, election fraud, and corporate cronyism and misconduct; and protecting Texans' constitutional liberties.

**Leadership:** As First Assistant Attorney General, I effectively served as the chief operating officer of the office overseeing daily operations, coordinating across divisions, managing personnel, and ensuring the Attorney General's priorities were executed. My goal is an office that is feared by criminals, respected by the courts, trusted by law enforcement, and dedicated to serving the people of Texas.

**Campaign Website:** [chiproy.com](http://chiproy.com)



## VOTERS GUIDE POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- For the races covered in the *Voters Guide*, all candidates on the ballot with opponents on the ballot are invited to participate. For races in which a candidate on the ballot has only write-in opponents, the League attempts to reach out to all candidates in that race so their responses can be published on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) only (not in the printed guide).
- Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification. The League assumes no responsibility for the content of the candidate responses.
- Negative references to opponents, including officeholders, or specific persons are not allowed.
- If a response does not meet the criteria listed in this Voters Guide, in place of a response or portion of a response that does not meet the criteria, the Voters Guide will state "Response removed; does not meet criteria" or "Portion of response removed; does not meet criteria".
- The Voters Guide is organized by office, with candidates listed by party. For general elections, candidates are listed in ballot order.

For the complete LWV Texas Voters Guide policy, see [lwvtexas.org](http://lwvtexas.org).

# RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Six-year term. The Railroad Commissioner is one of the three-member Texas Railroad Commission. The commission regulates the oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquefied petroleum gas industry and surface coal and uranium mining. It has no regulatory authority concerning railroads. Current annual salary: \$140,937

## ★ QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Qualifications:** What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**Environmental and public safety:** What steps would you take to eliminate the backlog of uncapped abandoned oil, gas, and injection wells across the state?

**Public Participation:** How would you improve transparency and public participation in the Commission's rule-making and permitting process?

**Monitoring and Enforcement:** How would you ensure that the Commission is able to provide adequate monitoring and enforcement to the oil, gas, and mining sectors?

**Challenges:** What do you see as the two greatest challenges to the office, and how would you address them?

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### ★ Bo French (R)

No response received

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### ★ Jim Wright (R)

**Qualifications:** Currently Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Started working in energy industry at age 19. Later created a group of environmental management companies that service the energy sector.

**Environmental and public safety:** The RRC is currently working with the U.S. Department of the Interior to streamline and improve the federal Orphaned Wells Grant Program. That and recent legislative initiatives in the state legislature make it easier to cut through red tape and allow the RRC to utilize its world-renowned well plugging expertise and save taxpayers money.

**Public Participation:** We engage with the public through open meetings and the RRC website, making information available on proposed rules. We have sector based advisory groups and remote listening sessions, hosted by the Office of Public Engagement. Those allow energy experts to answer questions on rulemaking and

permitting processes. As chairman, I know transparency in what we do as a government agency is critical.

**Monitoring and Enforcement:** RRC has been hard at work to improve our efficiency in staffing and the use of new data tools to flag potential potential issues or questionable recordings. That commitment results in better follow up to serious complaints by the general public and ensures consistency in the reporting. Improved data results in improved monitoring and enforcement.

**Challenges:** 1. Support the best use of our natural resources to benefit Texans, while maintaining stewardship of the environment. 2. Balancing the needs and wants of the various sectors and sizes of energy related businesses from small businesses to multi-million dollar interests so that decisions are fair to all stakeholders.

**Campaign Website:** [wrightfortexas.com](http://wrightfortexas.com)

# JUDGE, TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Six-year term. The Texas Court of Appeals is Texas' highest court for criminal cases. The Court includes a Presiding Judge and eight Judges, each of which is elected by voters of the entire state. The court must review all cases in which the death penalty is assessed. It also exercises discretionary review in other criminal cases and issues rulings about wrongful imprisonment. Current annual salary range: \$210,000–\$264,600

## ★ QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Qualifications:** What training, experience, and characteristics qualify you for this position?

**Ethics:** How will you ensure your rulings remain impartial and free from both political pressure and the interests of your campaign donors?

**Issues:** What do you see as the most pressing challenge facing the courts today, and how would you propose addressing it?

**Philosophy:** What is your judicial philosophy?

## ★ PLACE 3



### ★ Alison Fox (R)

**Qualifications:** I have almost 20 years in criminal appellate law, drafting opinions, reviewing records, and litigating writs. I am known for my rigor, neutrality, and fidelity to the Constitution.

**Ethics:** I will decide every case based solely on the law and the record. Ethical rules, precedent and judicial restraint - not politics or donors - govern my rulings.

**Issues:** I believe the greatest challenge is applying the law consistently and impartially while resisting political pressure, misinformation, and demands for results over

justice. I can address these problems by applying the law consistently, writing clear opinions, respecting precedent, and maintaining independence from politics — courts build trust through fairness, transparency, and restraint.

**Philosophy:** My judicial philosophy is grounded in fidelity to the Constitution, respect for precedent, and judicial restraint. Judges must apply the law as written, decide cases on the record, and remain independent from politics or personal views.

**Campaign Website:** [www.foxforjudge.com](http://www.foxforjudge.com)

### ★ Thomas Smith (R)

No response received



## ★ DISTRICT 5

### ★ Allison Bush (D) *(continued)*

global awareness. Students need accurate, inclusive content that develops critical thinking, civic responsibility, informed voting, and an understanding of how history shapes today's democracy.

**Teacher Support:** The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by setting rigorous, practical preparation standards, protecting certification pathways, and ensuring ongoing professional development aligned to classroom needs. While SBOE doesn't set pay, it should publicly advocate for competitive wages and benefits that attract and retain high-quality educators.

**Digital Education:** Technology should enhance strong instruction and reflect the evolving world students live in. The SBOE should support innovative, responsible use of digital tools alongside teacher-led learning and in-person interaction. When used well, technology increases engagement, expands access, and prepares students for college, careers, and civic life.

**Religion in Public Schools:** Public schools must uphold the constitutional separation of church and state and remain religiously neutral. Curriculum may teach about religion's role in history and culture but should not promote or favor any belief system. Respecting religious freedom means protecting every student's right to learn in an inclusive environment free from endorsement or exclusion.

**Other Issues:** Key pressing issues include the teacher shortage, graduation standards that reflect diverse student pathways, student mental health support, and protecting public education from privatization. Decisions must prioritize students, educators, and local communities over political interests. The SBOE must be an education-focused board guided by evidence and expertise—not driven by political agendas.

**Campaign Website:** [www.allisonfortx.com](http://www.allisonfortx.com)



### ★ Stephanie Limon Bazan (D)

**Qualifications:** I'm a former educator, current nonprofit leader & board member with experience making

policy-driven decisions & recommendations, overseeing \$100M+ budgets & collaborating across differing viewpoints.

**Social Studies Curriculum:** Students deserve a social studies curriculum that is historically accurate and sets a foundation in geography, government and economics while also incorporating culture to help them grow into informed and engaged citizens. By learning multiple perspectives and developing critical thinking skills, students are better prepared to participate actively and contribute thoughtfully in their communities.

**Teacher Support:** Policies should support multiple, high-quality pathways into the classroom and remove barriers to entry while maintaining high standards. We must respect and treat educators as professionals and

ensure professional development is meaningful, not merely compliance-driven. Focusing on a strong, sustainable pipeline will help ensure every student has access to well-prepared, supported teachers.

**Digital Education:** SBOE can support responsible, age-appropriate access to technology that helps prepare students for college and careers, while affirming that strong instruction is grounded in skilled educators and proven teaching practices. Technology should be a tool that enhances learning, expands access, and supports differentiated instruction, and not a replacement for teachers.

**Religion in Public Schools:** A broad understanding of world religions is an important part of a well-rounded education, helping students understand diverse perspectives and cultures. Public school curriculum, however, should remain grounded in the separation of church and state, and no single religion, including Christianity, should be promoted as an exclusive viewpoint, nor should any faith be elevated or denigrated.

## ★ DISTRICT 5

### ★ Stephanie Limon Bazan (D) *(continued)*

**Other Issues:** Other important issues facing the SBOE include supporting English Language Learners, addressing the impact of poverty on student achievement, recruiting and retaining bilingual educators, and meet-

ing the growing needs of students receiving special education services. All while making sure we are strengthening public schools and better supporting all students, teachers and families.

**Campaign Website:** [stephaniebazan.com](http://stephaniebazan.com)

## ★ DISTRICT 7



### ★ Debra Drake Ambrose (D)

**Qualifications:** I served three terms as a Board Trustee. I understand Texas public education from the classroom

level to system-wide policy. I am committed to student learning and civic readiness.

**Social Studies Curriculum:** Social Studies curriculum should intentionally balance all levels of history so students understand their local identity within a broader national and global context. The curriculum should emphasize critical thinking, historical inquiry, multiple perspectives and media literacy. Preparing responsible citizens means helping students analyze evidence and engage with different viewpoints.

**Teacher Support:** The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by ensuring certification standards are rigorous, relevant, and aligned with classroom realities. Preparation programs should emphasize content knowledge, effective pedagogy, classroom management, and culturally responsive instruction. Ongoing professional development should be teacher-informed, research-based, and job-embedded to meet the district needs.

**Digital Education:** Technology should be used as a

tool to enhance learning, not replace effective teaching. The SBOE should support thoughtful integration of digital resources that improve access, personalize instruction and build digital literacy. Clear guidelines should engage age-appropriate technology use, protect student privacy, and support educators in choosing when digital tools are most effective.

**Religion in Public Schools:** Public schools must remain religiously neutral, as required by the U.S. Constitution. While students should learn about religion in an objective, academic manner such as its historical and cultural influence, public school should not promote or endorse Christianity. Maintaining this separation protects religious freedom for students and families and ensure respect of Texas' diverse population.

**Other Issues:** Key issues facing the SBOE include high-quality, accurate instructional materials; addressing learning gaps and student achievement; supporting teacher recruitment and retention; and maintaining transparency and public trust in the curriculum adoption process. The Board must also navigate the responsible use of artificial intelligence, and the need for strong civic education.



### ★ Tiffany Perkinz (D)

**Qualifications:** I am a lifelong Texas educator and parent of six, with experience in public, private, and higher edu-

cation. I hold a Master's in Education and own a tutoring and independent teaching business.

**Social Studies Curriculum:** K-12 social studies should ground students in a true and honest account of Texas history and frame it within a national and global

## ★ DISTRICT 7

### ★ Tiffany Perkinz (D) *(continued)*

context. Students should understand how events in Texas connect to larger U.S. and world events. Instruction recognizes that Texas both shapes and is shaped by the wider world, and prepares them to be informed citizens in a global society, not just memorizers of facts.

**Teacher Support:** The SBOE can strengthen teacher support by prioritizing preparation programs grounded in real classroom experience, mentorship, and subject-area expertise. Certification should be rigorous without unnecessary barriers. Professional development should be teacher-led, practical, and classroom-relevant. Supporting teachers as professionals improves retention and leads to stronger instruction.

**Digital Education:** Technology should support—not replace—learning. Teachers report that overuse of AI is weakening students’ critical thinking and writing skills, which are rooted in learning how to think. Students need to read whole novels and engage in sustained writing rather than test-prep excerpts or shortcuts. Teachers

should have the autonomy to decide when technology enhances versus hinders learning.

**Religion in Public Schools:** Public schools should not promote or endorse any religion. Religious topics may be taught in an academic, historical, or literary context, but instruction must remain neutral and inclusive. Faith formation belongs to families and religious communities, not the state. Maintaining religious neutrality protects students’ freedom of belief and ensures public schools serve all Texans.

**Other Issues:** One of the most pressing issues for the SBOE is protecting academic freedom and keeping politics out of curriculum decisions. The board must prioritize transparency, high-quality instructional materials, and long-term literacy and critical thinking over ideological agendas. Public schools should be places where students are supported and prepared to think critically, engage civically, and succeed.

**Campaign Website:** [texasfortiffany7.org](https://texasfortiffany7.org)

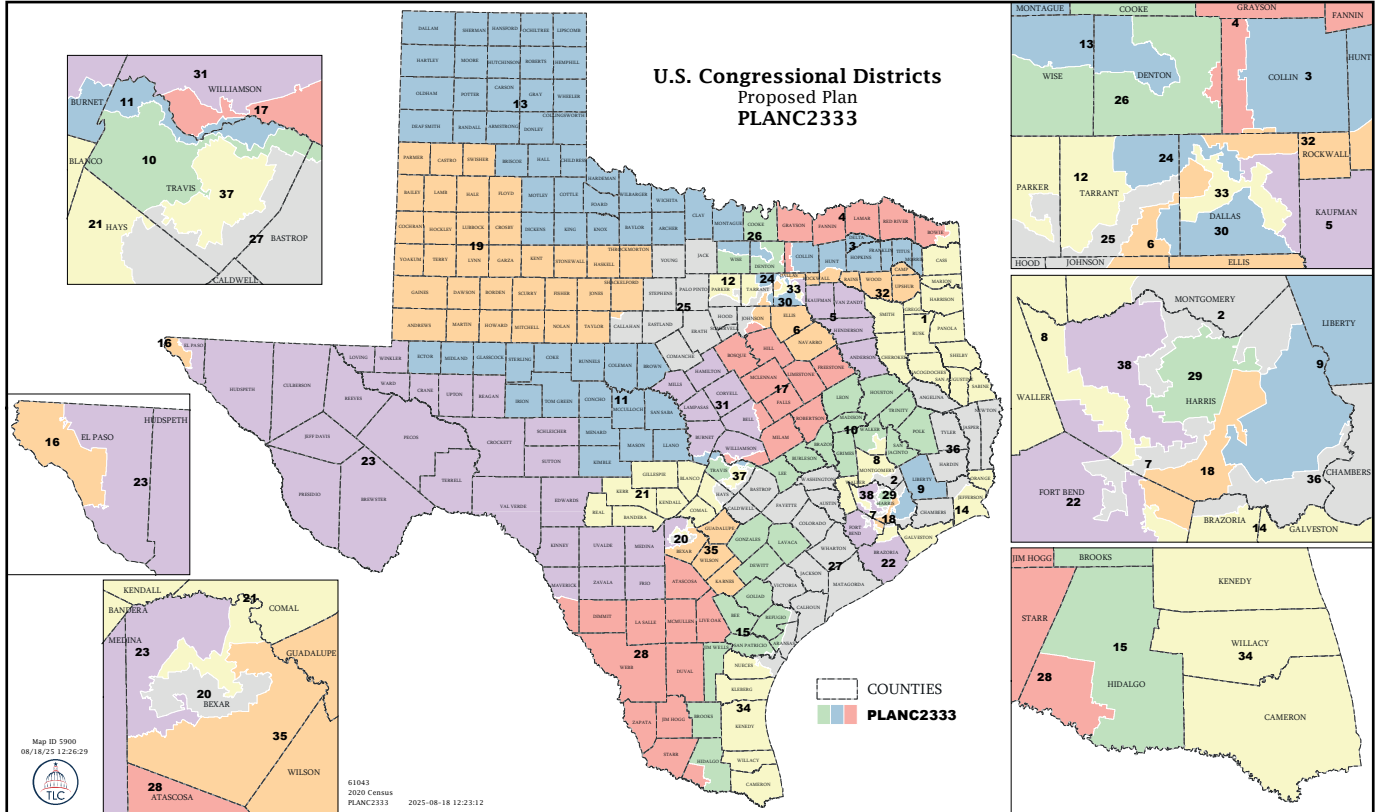
## CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS

Six-year term. There are 14 regional Courts of Appeals, each covering several counties, plus a specialized 15th Court with statewide jurisdiction. Each of these Courts includes a Chief Justice and at least two other Justices. These Courts hear appeals on civil and criminal cases from lower courts in their districts. Current annual salary range: \$205,000–\$255,050

See [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) to compare Court of Appeal candidates in your district.



# TEXAS REDISTRICTING MAP 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION



This is the official Texas redistricting map adopted in 2025 for use in the 2026 Primary Election. The redrawing affected the following U.S. House districts: 9, 18, and 29 (Houston); 20, 21, 27, 35, and 37 (Austin/Hays County); 28 (Laredo); 30 and 33 (Dallas); and 34 (Rio Grande Valley). If you previously lived in one of these districts, please check your voter registration at [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov) to confirm whether your voting district has changed. You can view an interactive version of this map at [dvr.capitol.texas.gov/Congress/89/PLANC2333](https://dvr.capitol.texas.gov/Congress/89/PLANC2333).

## EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.





# BE A TEXAS VOTER!

Whichever way you choose to vote, be sure you are registered by checking at [VoteTexas.gov](https://www.vote-texas.gov)! You must be registered before you can vote! Then, vote in one of the following ways.

## VOTE BY MAIL

- You can vote by mail if you are:
  - 65 years or older
  - Sick or disabled
  - Out of the county during early voting and on Election Day
  - Expecting to give birth within 3 weeks before or after Election Day
  - In jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.
- To vote by mail in Texas, you must apply every year! Go to [lwvtexas.org/VotebyMail](https://www.lwvtexas.org/VotebyMail) for a vote-by-mail application and easy-to-understand instructions on voting by mail.
- Track your ballot at [VoteTexas.gov](https://www.vote-texas.gov)! If there is an error in your vote-by-mail application or ballot, your county election office is required to notify you and instruct you how to fix it either by mail, in person or via the online tracker.

## VOTE IN PERSON

- During early voting, you may vote at any polling place.
- On Election Day:
  - In some counties, you can vote at any polling place.
  - In other counties, you can vote only at your precinct.
- Find polling places on your county election website or at [VOTE411.org](https://www.VOTE411.org).
- If you have a disability, you may request to move ahead of other voters in line.
- If in line before the poll closing time, you must be allowed to cast a ballot.

## VOTE IN PERSON USING CURBSIDE VOTING

- If you are physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring your health, you may park at the curbside voting parking space and call the number that is posted to ask that an election officer bring a ballot to your car.
- However, you must sign a form declaring, under penalty of perjury, that you cannot physically enter the polling station without personal assistance or without putting your health at risk.
- After you mark your ballot, give it to the election officer or hand it to a companion to deposit in the ballot box for you.

## VOTE EVEN IF YOU ARE A SUSPENDED VOTER

You can still vote if your voter registration is in suspense as long as you are registered in your county! “Suspense” means that your county voter registrar needs to confirm your voting address.

## PURGED FROM THE VOTER ROLLS?

If you receive a notice requesting proof of citizenship for your voter registration and you are a U.S. citizen, do not ignore it. Contact your county voter registrar or election office immediately to confirm your registration status and learn what steps, if any, you need to take to remain eligible to vote.

## VOTE A LIMITED BALLOT

If you have moved to a new county and have not registered in that county by the registration deadline, you may be eligible to vote a limited ballot in your new county. A limited ballot is one that allows you to vote on candidates and measures that are on the ballot for both your former county and your new county, such as statewide and national races.

*Note:* Voting a limited ballot is only available during early voting at your county’s main early voting polling place.



## VOTER ID: WHAT TO TAKE TO THE POLLS

You may use one of seven forms of photo ID, listed below.

- Texas Driver License
- Texas Election Identification Certificate
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- US Military Identification card containing your photograph
- US Citizenship Certificate containing your photograph
- US Passport (book or card)

Note:

- IDs may have expired up to four years.
- Persons 70 years or older may use an expired ID, regardless of expiration date.
- ID address does not have to match the voter registration address.
- The name on the photo ID should match the name on the list of registered voters or be “substantially similar”.  
If your name doesn’t match exactly, you can still vote but will need to sign a form stating you are the person on the list of registered voters.

If you are registered but do not have a photo ID and cannot reasonably obtain one, you may sign a form and present alternative documentation. Learn more at [lwvtexas.org/Voter-ID](https://lwvtexas.org/Voter-ID).

### VOTER HARASSMENT

- Election officials cannot question a voter about the use of an ID type.
- Poll watchers may never question a voter about Voter ID issues.
- If you are harassed, call or text Election Protection at 866-687-8683!



## VOTING FOR JUDGES IN TEXAS



Although in some states, judges are appointed, in Texas most judges are elected. Judges make decisions about fundamental issues impacting family life, education, health care, housing, employment, finances, discrimination, civil rights, public safety, and government actions.

The Texas court system is made up of a statewide network of trial courts and courts of appeal. In trial courts, judges and/or juries evaluate the facts and the law and make a decision in a civil or criminal legal dispute. When decisions in most trial courts are appealed, they are sent to a court of appeal where judges consider what happened at the trial court, evaluate legal arguments, and then decide if a mistake was made.

See [txcourts.gov/about-texas-courts](https://txcourts.gov/about-texas-courts) for more information.



## HELPFUL CONTACTS AND WEBSITES

### League of Women Voters of Texas

[lwvtexas.org](http://lwvtexas.org)

### Secretary of State

[VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov)

### Your County Election Website

[sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/links.shtml](http://sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/links.shtml)

### Election Protection

[866OurVote.org](http://866OurVote.org)

### Voter Hotlines!

- English: 866-OUR-VOTE or 866-687-8683
- Spanish: 888-Ve-Y-Vota or 888- 839-8682
- Asian: 888-API-VOTE or 888-274-8683
- Arabic: 844-YALLA-US or 844-925-5297
- Disability Rights TX: 888-796-VOTE or 888-796-8683

### Republican Party

[texasgop.org](http://texasgop.org)

### Democratic Party

[txdemocrats.org](http://txdemocrats.org)

### Libertarian Party

[lptexas.org](http://lptexas.org)

### Green Party

[txgreens.org](http://txgreens.org)

## ABOUT THIS VOTERS GUIDE

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