



TEXAS GUIDE TO THE 2026 STATE ELECTIONS



The 2027 Texas Legislative Session will begin on January 12, 2027, and legislators will be debating some significant issues from the state budget to property tax reform to infrastructure funding to artificial intelligence. In recent sessions, the Texas Legislature has seen significant budget surpluses as a result of increased sales tax revenues and federal funds. The 2027 session will be different as the recent budget surpluses are not likely to be present. All of the legislative and policy issues that will be debated will play out under some big changes in the makeup of the Texas Legislature. The Texas Society of CPAs will once again have an important and proactive legislative agenda in 2027.

In 2025, TXCPA successfully advocated for and passed important legislation to address the CPA pipeline – an additional pathway to CPA licensure and improved and modernized CPA practice mobility. TXCPA will build on those legislative wins and continue to address the CPA pipeline, defend against deregulation of the profession, and engage on all issues affecting the profession.

The TXCPA PAC has prepared this Texas Guide Election for the 2026 General Election of state legislators to provide you with helpful information to make your voting decisions on November 3, 2026 or during the early voting period, which begins on October 19, 2026.



CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE RACES



The TXCPA PAC makes contributions to candidates who are supportive of TXCPA's issues and are accessible to TXCPA members. TXCPA has many great relationships with members of the Legislature who support the Society and the accounting profession. The following is a list of Democratic and Republican candidates for Senate and House district seats in the Texas Legislature. Legislative races are listed by chapter area for easier reference. Some Senate and House districts overlap chapter areas and are listed under each applicable chapter. You can determine which races will be on your precinct ballot by obtaining state Senate and House district numbers found on your voter registration card. Candidates with asterisks are incumbents.

Candidates bolded have received contributions from TXCPA PAC and chapter PACs as of 6/1/26. The PAC will make additional contributions before the November general election.

SENATE & HOUSE RACES

* = incumbents

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Statewide Races

Democratic

Republican

US Senate OPEN
Governor
Lt. Governor
Atty General OPEN
Comptroller OPEN

James Talarico
Gina Hinojosa
Vikki Goodwin
Nathan Johnson
Sarah Eckhardt

Ken Paxton
Greg Abbott*
Dan Patrick*
Mayes Middleton
Don Huffines

ABILENE

Democratic

Republican

SD 28
HD 68
HD 69
HD 71 OPEN
HD 72

Riley Rodriquez
Jasmine Henderson
Leilani Barnett
Diane Luna
Shiloh Salazar

Charles Perry*
David L. Spiller*
James Frank*
Jay Hardaway
Drew Darby*

AUSTIN

Democratic

Republican

SD 5
SD 21
SD 24
HD 17
HD 19
HD 45

Paul Thomasson
Judith Zaffirini*
Joe Herrera
Mary Klenz
Kelly Hall
Erin Zwiener*

Charles Schwertner*
Julie Dahlberg
Pete Flores*
Stan Gerdes*
Ellen Troxclair*
Tennyson Moreno

AUSTIN CONT.

HD 46
HD 47 OPEN
HD 48
HD 49 OPEN
HD 50 OPEN
HD 51
HD 52
HD 53
HD 73
HD 136

Democratic

Sheryl Cole*
Pooja Sethi
Donna Howard*
Montserrat Garibay
Samantha Lopez-Resendez
Lulu Flores*
Chris Jimenez
Kathryn Hartmann
Merrie Fox
John H. Bucy III*

Republican

Jennifer Mushtaler
Anthony Gupta

Howard Olsen
Jessica Martinez
Caroline Harris Davila*
Wesley Virdell*
Carrie Isaac*
Theodore Schramm

BRAZOS VALLEY

Democratic

Republican

SD 5
SD 18
HD 12
HD 13
HD 14
HD 17

Paul Thomasson
Erica Gillum
Andie Ho
Albert Hunter
Janet Dudding
Mary Klenz

Charles Schwertner*
Lois Kolkhorst*
Trey Wharton*
Angelia Orr*
Paul Dyson*
Stan Gerdes*

CENTRAL TEXAS

Democratic

Republican

SD 22 OPEN
SD 24
HD 12
HD 13
HD 17
HD 50 OPEN

Amy Martinez-Salas
Joe Herrera
Andie Ho
Albert Hunter
Mary Klenz
Samantha Lopez-Resendez

David Cook
Pete Flores*
Trey Wharton*
Angelia Orr*
Stan Gerdes*
Howard Olsen

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CENTRAL TEXAS

Democratic

HD 54 Dawn Richardson
HD 55 Amelia Rabroker
HD 56 Ashley Thornton
HD 59 Andrew Turner

Republican

Brad Buckley*
Hillary Hickland*
Pat Curry*
Shelby Slawson*

CORPUS CHRISTI

Democratic

HD 31 Jennifer "JJ" Dominguez
HD 32 Gabriel Marroquin
HD 34 Stephanie Saenz
HD 43 Jeffrey Jackson

Republican

Ryan Guillen*
Todd Hunter*
Denise Villalobos*
JM Lozano*

DALLAS

Democratic

SD 1 Laticia Ambroz
SD 2 Keenen Colbert
SD 22 OPEN Amy Martinez-Salas
HD 1 OPEN Sean Huffman
HD 2 Fatima Muse
HD 4 Mark Moseley
HD 8 Jeff Chavez
HD 10 Joseph Michael Myers
HD 33 Orlando Lopez
HD 57 Ray Stith
HD 61 Brittany Black
HD 62 Catherine Thorne

Republican

Bryan Hughes*
Bob Hall*
David Cook
Chris Spencer
Brent Money*
Keith Bell*
Cody Harris*
Brian Harrison*
Katrina Pierson*
Richard Hayes*
Keresa Richardson*
Shelley Luther*

DALLAS CONT.

HD 63
HD 64
HD 65
HD 66
HD 67
HD 68
HD 70
HD 89
HD 100
HD 102
HD 103
HD 104
HD 105
HD 106
HD 107
HD 108
HD 109
HD 110
HD 111
HD 112
HD 113
HD 114
HD 115

Democratic

Denise Wooten
Julie Evans
Detrick Deburrr
Sandeep Srivastava
Jordan Wheatley
Jasmine Henderson
Mihaela Plesa*
Angie Carraway
Venton Jones*
Ana-Maria Ramos*
Rafael Anchía*
Jessica Gonzalez*
Terry Meza*
Joe Mayes
Linda Garcia*
Allison Mitchell
Aicha Davis*
Toni Rose*
Yvonne Davis*
Zach Herbert
Rhetta Andrews Bowers*
John Bryant*
Cassandra Hernandez*

Republican

Ben Bumgarner*
Andy Hopper*
Mitch Little*
Matt Shaheen*
Jeff Leach*
David L. Spiller*
George Flint
Candy Noble*
Jordan Hoffnagle
Bonnie Abadie
Melanie Medley-Thomas

Jared Patterson*

Morgan Meyer*
Will Campbell

Angie Chen Button*
Stephen Stanley
Tim McDonough
Danny Rosellini

EAST TEXAS

Democratic

SD 1 Laticia Ambroz
SD 2 Keenen Colbert
SD 3 OPEN Bobby Tillman
HD 2 Fatima Muse
HD 4 Mark Moseley

Republican

Bryan Hughes*
Bob Hall*
Trent Ashby
Brent Money*
Keith Bell*

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EAST TEXAS CONT.

Democratic

HD 5
HD 6
HD 7
HD 8
HD 9 OPEN
HD 11
HD 13

Hector Garza
Lorenzo Johnson
Fantasha Allen
Jeff Chavez
Shelley Tatum
Roxanne Lathan
Albert Hunter

Republican

Cole Hefner*
Daniel Alders*
Jay Dean*
Cody Harris*
Rocky Thigpen
Joanne Shofner*
Angelia Orr*

EL PASO

Democratic

HD 74
HD 75
HD 77
HD 78
HD 79

Eddie Morales Jr.*
Mary Gonzalez*
Vince Perez*
Joe Moody*
Claudia Ordaz*

Republican

Robert Garza
Humberto Perez
Jesus Romero

FORT WORTH

Democratic

SD 9
SD 22 OPEN
HD 58
HD 59
HD 60
HD 64
HD 90
HD 91
HD 92

Taylor Rehmet*
Amy Martinez-Salas
Chris Oldham
Andrew Turner
Krissy Guess
Julie Evans
Ramon Romero*
Yisak Worku
Salman Bhojani*

Republican

Leigh Wambsganss
David Cook
Helen Kerwin*
Shelby Slawson*
Mike Olcott*
Andy Hopper*

David Lowe*
JP Woodruff

FORT WORTH CONT.

HD 93 OPEN
HD 94 OPEN
HD 95
HD 96 OPEN
HD 97
HD 98 OPEN
HD 99
HD 101

Democratic

Ericka Lomick
Katie O'Brien
Nicole Collier*
Ebony Turner
Beth McLaughlin
Cate Brennan
Michelle Winder
Junior Ezeonu

Republican

Alan Blaylock
Cheryl Bean

Ellen Fleischmann
John McQueeney*
Armin Mizani
Charlie Geren*

HOUSTON

Democratic

SD 3 OPEN
SD 4 OPEN
SD 5
SD 11 OPEN
SD 13
SD 18
HD 3 OPEN
HD 9 OPEN
HD 12
HD 15 OPEN
HD 16
HD 18
HD 23
HD 24
HD 25
HD 26
HD 27
HD 28

Bobby Tillman
Ron Angeletti
Paul Thomasson
Shannon Dicely
Borris Miles*
Erica Gillum
Nicole King
Shelley Tatum
Andie Ho
Moniqua' Scott
Bobbie Clayton
Valorie Barton
Cheryl Lynn Clark
Frank Carr
Mike Meadors
Liz Markowitz
Ron Reynolds*
Sandy Ibanez

Republican

Trent Ashby
Brett Ligon*
Charles Schwertner*
Dennis Paul

Lois Kolkhorst*
Kristen Plaisance
Rocky Thigpen
Trey Wharton*
Brad Bailey
Will Metcalf*
Janis Holt*
Terri Leo-Wilson*
Greg Bonnen*
Cody Vasut*
Matthew Morgan*
Max Alalibo
Gary Gates*

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HOUSTON CONT.

Democratic

Republican

HD 29
HD 76
HD 85
HD 126 OPEN
HD 127
HD 128 OPEN
HD 129 OPEN
HD 130
HD 131 OPEN
HD 132
HD 133
HD 134
HD 135 OPEN
HD 137
HD 138
HD 139
HD 140
HD 141
HD 142
HD 143
HD 144
HD 145
HD 146
HD 147
HD 148
HD 149 OPEN
HD 150

Karen Reeder
Suleman Lalani*
Lawrence Brandyburg
Stefanie Bord
Michelle Williams
Desiree Klaus
Albert Wittliff
Brett Robinson
Staci Childs
Sara McGee
Josh Wallenstein
Ann Johnson*
Odus Evbagharu
Gene Wu*
Tyler Smith
Charlene Ward Johnson*
Armando Walle*
Senfronia Thompson*
Harold Dutton*
Ana Hernandez*
Mary Ann Perez*
Christina Morales*
Lauren Simmons*
Jolanda Jones*
Penny Morales Shaw*
Darlene Breaux
A'Yonna Kellum

Jeff Barry*
Linda Howell
Dennis Geesaman
Stan Stanart
Charles Cunningham*
Tom Butler
Scott Bowen
Tom Oliverson*
Scott Whitmarsh
Mike Schofield*
Mano DeAyala*
Mike Michna
Liz Ramos
Helen Zhou
Lacey M. Hull*
Kyle Harding
Laura Garcia DeLeon
Julie Hunt
Heidi Hall
Frank Salazar
David Flores
Inocencia Moreno
Alexandria Butler
Theodis Daniel
Amanda LaBrie
Dave Bennett
Valoree Swanson*

PANHANDLE

SD 28
SD 31
HD 86 OPEN
HD 87
HD 88

SAN ANGELO

SD 28
HD 72

SAN ANTONIO

SD 19
SD 21
SD 24
SD 26
HD 19
HD 31
HD 42

HD 44
HD 53
HD 73
HD 74
HD 80
HD 116
HD 117
HD 118 OPEN
HD 119
HD 120
HD 121
HD 122

Democratic

Riley Rodriquez
John Betancourt
Cullin Knutson
Diana Loya
Heather Wallace

Democratic

Riley Rodriquez
Shiloh Salazar

Democratic

Roland Gutierrez*
Judith Zaffirini*
Joe Herrera
José Menéndez*
Kelly Hall
Jennifer "JJ" Dominguez
Richard Raymond*

Eric Norman
Kathryn Hartmann
Merrie Fox
Eddie Morales Jr.*
Cecilia Castellano
Trey Martinez Fischer*
Philip Cortez*
Kristian Carranza
Liz Campos*
Barbara Gervin-Hawkins*
Zack Dunn
Shelly Nickels

Republican

Charles Perry*
Kevin Sparks*
Holly Jeffreys
Caroline Fairly*
Ken King*

Republican

Charles Perry*
Drew Darby*

Republican

Marcus Cardenas
Julie Dahlberg
Pete Flores*

Ellen Troxclair*
Ryan Guillen*
Teresa Johnson-
Hernandez
Alan Schoolcraft*
Wesley Virdell*
Carrie Isaac*
Robert Garza
Don McLaughlin*
Rhett Smith
Ben Mostyn
Jorge Borrego
Melva Perez

Marc LaHood*
Mark Dorazio*

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SAN ANTONIO CONT.

HD 123
HD 124
HD 125 OPEN

Democratic

Diego Bernal*
Josey Garcia*
Adrian Reyna

Republican

Sylvia Soto
Rick Martinez

SOUTHEAST TEXAS

SD 3 OPEN
SD 4 OPEN
HD 9 OPEN
HD 11
HD 18
HD 21 OPEN
HD 22
HD 23

Democratic

Bobby Tillman
Ron Angeletti
Shelley Tatum
Roxanne Lathan
Valorie Barton
Jacky Hernandez
Christian Manuel*
Cheryl Lynn Clark

Republican

Trent Ashby
Brett Ligon*
Rocky Thigpen
Joanne Shofner*
Janis Holt*
Ray Callas
Terri Leo-Wilson*

SOUTH PLAINS

SD 28
SD 31
HD 83
HD 84
HD 88

Democratic

Riley Rodriquez
John Betancourt
Malik Williams
Margaret Durham
Heather Wallace

Republican

Charles Perry*
Kevin Sparks*
Dustin Burrows*
Carl Tepper*
Ken King*

TEXARKANA

SD 1
HD 1 OPEN
HD 5
HD 62

Democratic

Laticia Ambroz
Sean Huffman
Hector Garza
Catherine Thorne

Republican

Bryan Hughes*
Chris Spencer
Cole Hefner*
Shelley Luther*

VICTORIA

SD 18
HD 30
HD 43
HD 44

Democratic

Erica Gillum
Crystal Sedillo
Jeffrey Jackson
Eric Norman

Republican

Lois Kolkhorst*
AJ Louderback*
JM Lozano*
Alan Schoolcraft*

WICHITA FALLS

HD 68
HD 69

Democratic

Jasmine Henderson
Leilani Barnett

Republican

David L. Spiller*
James Frank*



★★ TXCPA Political Action Committee ★★



The TXCPA PAC plays a key role in protecting and advancing the CPA license in the Texas Legislature. The PAC regularly engages with candidates and officeholders to ensure the profession is represented at the Capitol. The PAC is nonpartisan and, it supports candidates who value the profession. PAC members and TXCPA Key Persons regularly connect with legislators to keep CPA interests front and center.

TXCPA PAC has supported efforts to strengthen the CPA pipeline, including creating an additional pathway to licensure, modernizing mobility, and allowing candidates to begin testing at 120 semester hours, along with expanding scholarship opportunities.

With potential deregulation efforts ahead in 2027, the PAC remains critical to protecting the profession. PAC donors have been influential in:

- Eliminating the \$200 professional fee in 2015.
- Extending the CPA fingerprinting deadline in 2021, removing penalties, fines or license suspension due to COVID-19 delays.
- Extending the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy sunset date, securing the agency for 12 years.
- Requiring CPA firms to maintain at least 50 percent CPA ownership.
- Ensuring there is no sales tax on accounting services.

All members benefit from PAC support. Consider making a contribution.



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