


Candidates for the 85th Texas Senate

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Libertarian Party Convention
Early Voting for Run Off
Primary Run Off
Early Voting for General Election
General Election
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As of November 2, 2015*

<u>PRIMARY CHALLENGERS</u>	<u>GENERAL CHALLENGERS</u>	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>LEAVING</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>RETURNING</u>
1. SD 1 2. SD 24			1. Eltife 2. Fraser	1. SD 1 2. SD24	3. Bettencourt 4. Burton 5. Campbell 6. Estes 7. Hall 8. Hancock 9. Huffines 10. Huffman 11. Nichols 12. Seliger 13. Schwertner 14. Watson 15. West 16. Whitmire
2 = 13% of those up for election	= %	= %	= 6%	= %	16 = 52%
Total Challenged: = %				Members Known= 16 = 52%	

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1	17.2 % B 10.5% H 4.3 %HCVAP 2.0 %O 29.8 % D 69.5 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	ELTIFE NOT RUNNING FOR REELECTION	R	TX Senate – 2004 – present (Elected in a special session to replace Sen. Ratliff)	57, Tyler Former Mayor & member of the THECB Owns Realtors Office Married with two sons	<u>Jack “Red” Brown</u> – Lindale President and Managing Partner of TX Water Systems, a private water utility company in Tyler. First Army Deputy Commanding General of Operations of the US Army Reserves which is responsible for assisting with training, readiness, and mobilization of Army National Guard and Reserve Units in the US. President of the LISD, Chairman of Lindale Eco Devo Corp, Member of BoD of Boys & Girls Clubs of ETX, Lindale CoC, and is active in the Lindale First United Methodist Church. Married to Jane with daughter Hannah. <u>Dennis Golden</u> – 61, Carthage Optometrist, Chief of Staff for Golden Eye Assoc. Member of the Medical Staff at ETMC Former Secretary of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ('09 – '15) and UH Regent ('04-'09), Member Board of Trustees for Panola College for 21 years, 6 as Chair Announced 6-16-15 <u>Bryan Hughes</u> – 47, Mineola Trial Attorney (formerly with Sadler Law Firm) TX House 2003 - 2016 Endorsed by TLR, Ken Paxton, Sid Miller, David Barton, Tim Lambert, Jonathan Saenz and Rep. Co Chairs for Harrison, Red River, Franklin, Titus, Camp, Morris and Wood Cos. and JoAnn Flemming’s We The People. Endorsed by Lt. Gov., TLR Facebook Twitter Announced <u>David Simpson</u> – 55, Longview Tree Farmer and Business Owner Former Mayor of Avinger 1993-1998 TX House 2011 – 2016 Endorsed by Gregg Co Rep. Chair and several activists and pastors. Endorsed by Konni Burton Facebook Twitter Announced	BROWN % GOLDEN % HUGHES % SIMPSON %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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2	12.1% B 22.3% H 11.9%HCVAP 3.5%O 38.2% D 60.8% R 0.7%L Term expires * 12-31-2018	HALL-	R	TX Senate 2015 - present	74, Edgewood Retired USAF Captain. Tried to run against Deuell in 2012, but did not meet residency requirements as he had just moved in the area. Has founded the Canton Tea Party and become very involved in the Tea Party movement in the last two years. Votebobhall.com, FB	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
3	12.5 % B 10.6 % H 5.3 %HCVAP 1.7 %O 27.9 % D 71.1 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	NICHOLS-	R	TX Senate - 2007 - present	72, Jacksonville Owner of 4 plastics manufacturing plants Former Mayor of Jacksonville Former Texas Transportation Commr.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN NICHOLS % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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4	14.0 % B 16.5 % H 8.6 % HCVAP 3.7 % O 32.2 % D 67.0 % R 0.6 % L Term expires * 12-31-2016	BRANDON CREIGHTON Facebook Twitter ANNOUNCED	R	TX Senate- 2015 - present TX House - 2007-2015	46, Conroe Owns Law Firm VP of Water District and serves on other community boards. Former Senate Committee staffer and TX & Ok. Atty General Atty. Consultant: Blakemore Endorsed by Lt. Gov		CREIGHTON %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
5	10.3 % B 18.9 % H 13.0 % HCVAP 5.1 % O 38.8 % D 59.7 % R 1.1 % L Term expires * 12-31-2018	SCHWERTNER	R	TX SENATE 2013-present TX HOUSE - 2011 - Present	46, Georgetown Orthopedic Surgeon. Old WilCo family. Married to an ObGyn Consultant: Allen Blakemore	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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6	12.5 % B 70.0 % H 53.0 %HCVAP 2.6 %O 63.5 % D 35.8 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	SYLVIA GARCIA Facebook Twitter	D	TX SENATE 2013-present	66, Houston Attorney Former Harris County Commissioner, Comptroller for the City of Houston, Director and Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal System				GARCIA %	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
7	12.1 % B 23.4 % H 14.9 %HCVAP 9.3 %O 33.0 % D 66.2 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	BETTENCOURT	R	TX Senate 2015 - present	58, Houston CEO of Bettencourt Tax Advisors LLC. Former Harris County Tax Collector Assessor for 10 years. Conservative activist and radio/TV personality who champions lower taxes and fiscal responsibility. Harris Co GOP Vice Chair and Treasurer, National Party Delegate in 2000, 2004, and 2008 and Presidential electorate in 2012. Married to Susan with two children. Catholic. Consultant: Blakemore www.paulbettencourt.com	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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8	10.1 % B 14.2 % H 8.5 % HCVAP 13.9 % O 39.3 % D 59.5 % R 0.7 % L Term expires * 12-31-2018	VAN TAYLOR- Rumored to be considering a run for CD 3	R	TX Senate 2015 - present TX House - 2011-2015	44, Dallas Churchill Capitol Company, real estate investment. Former Marine. Harvard graduate.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
9	11.6% B 28.4% H 17.1% HCVAP 7.4% O 41.3% D 57.8% R 0.7% L Term expires * 12-31-2018	HANCOCK	R	TX SENATE 2013 – present TX House 2007 – present	53, Richland Hills (male) Owns Advanced Chemical Logistics North Richland Hills ISD Member (13 yrs) Consultant: Murphy Turner	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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10	17.9% B 24.8% H 15.5% HCVAP 4.9 %O 47.1% D 52.1% R 0.6%L Term expires * 12-31-2018	BURTON	R	TX Senate - 2015 - present	53, Colleyville BBA in Marketing from UNT. Used to have a wedding consulting business, but has been a stay at home mom with two adopted children. VP of NE Tarrant Tea Party and member of the Tea Party Advisory Committee for the Tea Party Caucus. Lutheran. Married to Phil.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
11	10.9 % B 22.9 % H 16.6 % HCVAP 6.9 %O 36.5 % D 62.6 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	LARRY TAYLOR Facebook Twitter	R	TX Senate 2013- present TX House – 2003 -2012	56, Friendswood Former Mayor Protem of Friendswood. On water planning board. Owns an insurance company. larry-taylor.com. Endorsed by TLR, Empower Texans.YCT, TAB, Endorsed by Lt. Gov		TAYLOR %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %


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12	8.0% B 17.0% H 11.1% HCVAP 7.2% O 36.1% D 63.0% R 0.7% L Term expires * 12-31-2016	JANE NELSON Facebook Twitter ANNOUNCED	R	TX Senate - 1993 - present	65, Flower Mound Retired teacher, Co-Owner of Maywood a manufacturer of precision aircraft components for aerospace industry janenelson.org 78thR President Pro Tem of Senate Endorsed by Lt. Gov.		NELSON %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
13	44.3 % B 34.4 % H 16.1 % HCVAP 9.5 % O 83.1 % D 16.4 % R 0.3 % L Term expires * 12-31-2016	RODNEY ELLIS Facebook Twitter Flickr You Tube	D	TX Senate - 1990 - present	62, Houston Atty and Owner of Apex Securities and Apex Advisors (investment banking) Served as a temp. Lt. Gov when Bush was elected to President. Married.				ELLIS %	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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14	9.4 % B 26.0 % H 17.9 %HCVAP 7.7 %O 63.8 % D 34.5 % R 1.3 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	WATSON	D	TX Senate - 2007 - present	58, Austin Atty w/ Hughes & Luce Former Austin Mayor Moderate, well liked by business.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
15	23.6 % B 38.3 % H 22.2 %HCVAP 6.0 %O 59.8 % D 39.4 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2014	WHITMIRE -	D	TX Senate - 1983 - present TX House - 1973 - 1983	67, Houston Attorney	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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16	11.1% B 25.8 % H 13.8 %HCVAP 10.4 %O 43.9 % D 55.0 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	HUFFINES RUMORED 5-12-15 to be looking at run in CD 32	R	TX Senate – 2015 - present	58, Dallas Real Estate Developer. Platform: Term Limits, Illegal immigration, transportation, economic development. Grandson of local car dealers JL Huffines whose dealership is now operated by Don’s brother. Endorsed by Michael Quinn Sullivan.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
17	12.8 % B 20.2 % H 13.2 %HCVAP 14.9 %O 41.4 % D 57.8 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	HUFFMAN	R	TX Senate - 2009 - present	60, Southside Place Former District Judge and Prosecutor. Electjoanhuffman.com Was ranked Worst Legislator in 2013 by Texas Monthly because of opposition to the Michael Morton Bill and the Innocence Project bill.	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %


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18	12.0 % B 26.5 % H 20.9 %HCVAP 6.8 %O 34.7 % D 64.5 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	LOIS KOLKHORST Facebook Twitter You Tube	R	TX Senate - 2015 - present TX House -	52, Brenham Owner of convenience stores Married to Jim with two children. Endorsed by Lt. Governor					REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
19	7.3 % B 63.0 % H 59.1 %HCVAP 2.4 %O 55.5 % D 43.6 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	CARLOS URESTI Facebook Twitter You Tube ANNOUNCED	D	TX Senate - 2007- present TX House - 1999-2007	53, San Antonio Attorney					REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %



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20	2.3 % B 73.8 % H 68.2 %HCVAP 2.1 %O 55.8 % D 43.3 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	JUAN "CHUY" HINOJOSA Twitter	D	TX Senate - 2003 - present TX House - 1997 - 2003	70, McAllen Attorney 				HINOJOSA %	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
21	4.0 % B 67.9 % H 59.8 %HCVAP 1.6 %O 55.8 % D 43.3 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	JUDITH ZAFFIRINI Facebook You Tube	D	TX Senate - 1987 - present	70, Laredo Communications Specialist and Former Educator Married				ZAFFIRINI	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %



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22	11.3% B 18.0% H 11.9% HCVAP 3.3% O 33.9% D 65.3% R 0.7% L Term expires * 12-31-2016	BRIAN BIRDWELL Facebook Twitter ANNOUNCED	R	TX Senate 2011 –present	55, Granbury Motivational Speaker, retired military. Victim of the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon. Endorsed by Lt. Gov		BIRDWELL %		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %	
23	40.9 % B 38.7 % H 24.0 % HCVAP 2.2 % O 79.9 % D 19.5 % R 0.4 % L Term expires * 12-31-2018	WEST	D	TX Senate - 1993 - present	64, Dallas Attorney Married	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %	

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24	<p>10.9 % B 16.0 % H 12.8 % HCVAP 3.8 % O 32.3 % D 66.6 % R 0.8 % L</p> <p>Term expires * 12-31-2016</p>	FRASER	R	<p>TX Senate - 1997 - present</p> <p>TX House - 1988 - 1992</p>	<p>67, Horseshoe Bay Owns a local manufacturing firm (pallets) Married</p> 	<p>Dawn Buckingham – 47, Lakeway Ophthalmologist. Former TMA COL Chair Lakeway ISD Trustee. Married with two kids Consultant: Matt Langston Filed CTA. Announced</p> <p>Jon Cobb – 45, Bee Caves Owner of a Concrete Business. Consultant: Chris Homan Fundraiser: Susan Lilly Filed CTA. Announced</p> <p>CJ Grisham – 42, Temple Constitutional Carry Activist. Consultant: Lance Cargill, former OK Speaker of the House Filed CTA. Announced</p> <p>Susan King - 64, Abilene Co-Owner/ Dir. of Nursing Home TX House 2007 – 2016. Former surgical nurse and Abilene ISD President Announced</p> <p>Gary Brent Mayes – 67, Fredericksburg Radiologist specializing in Male Body Imaging Consultant: Luke Macias Filed CTA. Announced</p> <p>Reed Williams – 68, BUrnet Owner Hoover Valley Vineyards, former oilman San Antonio Water System Trustee. Former SA City Council man. Doesn't live in the district Filed CTA Announced</p>				<p>REPUBLICAN</p> <p>%</p> <p>DEMOCRAT</p> <p>%</p> <p>LIBERTARIAN</p> <p>%</p> <p>GREEN</p> <p>%</p>

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25	4.5 % B 26.5 % H 22.9 %HCVAP 4.1 %O 37.4 % D 61.4 % R 0.8 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	CAMPBELL	R	TX SENATE 2013 - present	62, Columbus Emergency Physician and Ophthalmologist. Medical Director for the Emergency Dept. for the Columbus Community Hospital, and physician with the Gulf Coast Medical Center. Ran against Doggett in 2010., but lost with 45% of the vote. Conservative. Consultant: Blakemore	NOT UP FOR REELECTION		NOT UP FOR REELECTION		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
26	7.6 % B 64.8 % H 60.9 %HCVAP 3.5 %O 60.6 % D 38.2 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	JOSE MENENDEZ Facebook Twitter You Tube Announced	D	TX Senate - 2015 - present TX House -	47, San Antonio Ex-City Councilman Works for a Title Co. Married with several small children.					REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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27	0.8 % B 86.2 % H 79.8 %HCVAP 1.0 %O 66.8 % D 32.2 % R 0.6 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	EDDIE LUCIO JR Twitter	D	TX Senate - 1991 - present TX House - 1987 - 1991	68, Brownsville Advertising Exec. Married eddielucio.com				LUCIO %	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
28	5.9 % B 30.5 % H 26.7 %HCVAP 2.2%O 28.1 % D 71.1 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2016	CHARLES PERRY Facebook ANNOUNCED	R	TX Senate - 2015 - present TX House – 2011-2015	54, Lubbock Accountant Endorsed by Lt. Gov		PERRY %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

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29	3.4 % B 79.6 % H 74.5 % HCVAP 1.9 % O 65.5 % D 33.5 % R 0.6 % L Term expires * 12-31-2016	JOSE RODRIGUEZ Facebook ANNOUNCED	D	TX Senate - 2011 - present	68, El Paso Former El Paso Co. Atty.				RODRIGUEZ %	REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %
30	5.3 % B 12.7 % H 7.6 % HCVAP 3.1 % O 27.8 % D 71.1 % R 0.8 % L Term expires * 12-31-2018	CRAIG ESTES Facebook Twitter Announced	R	TX Senate - 2001 - present	63, Wichita Falls Chair of Board and CEO of Estes, Inc. a distributor of fertilizer and chemicals with offices in 5 states.		ESTES %		REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %	

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31	4.9 % B 32.8 % H 25.1 %HCVAP 2.7 %O 27.8 % D 77.8 % R 0.7 %L Term expires * 12-31-2018	KEL SELIGER Facebook Twitter ANNOUNCED	R	TX Senate - 2004 - present (Special election to replace Bivins)	63, Amarillo Owner Lake Steel Inc. former Amarillo Mayor and TABC member		SELIGER %			REPUBLICAN % DEMOCRAT % LIBERTARIAN % GREEN %

