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Excerpt from the Texas Declaration of Independence, Original Manuscript,
March 2, 1836, Page 9—Courtesy of the Texas State Library & Archives Commission**

The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

We, therefore, the delegates with plenary powers of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations.

Richard Ellis,

President of the Convention and Delegate from Red River

Charles B. Stewart

Thos. Barnett

James Collinsworth

Edwin Wallert

Asa Brigham

PREFACE

Texas Senators is designed to be a guide for Texas' citizens to their state senators and lieutenant governor. This book contains photos, biographies and other general information about the Senate. For a more in-depth look into the Texas Senate including its members, committees, and the latest news, please visit our website at <http://www.senate.state.tx.us>.

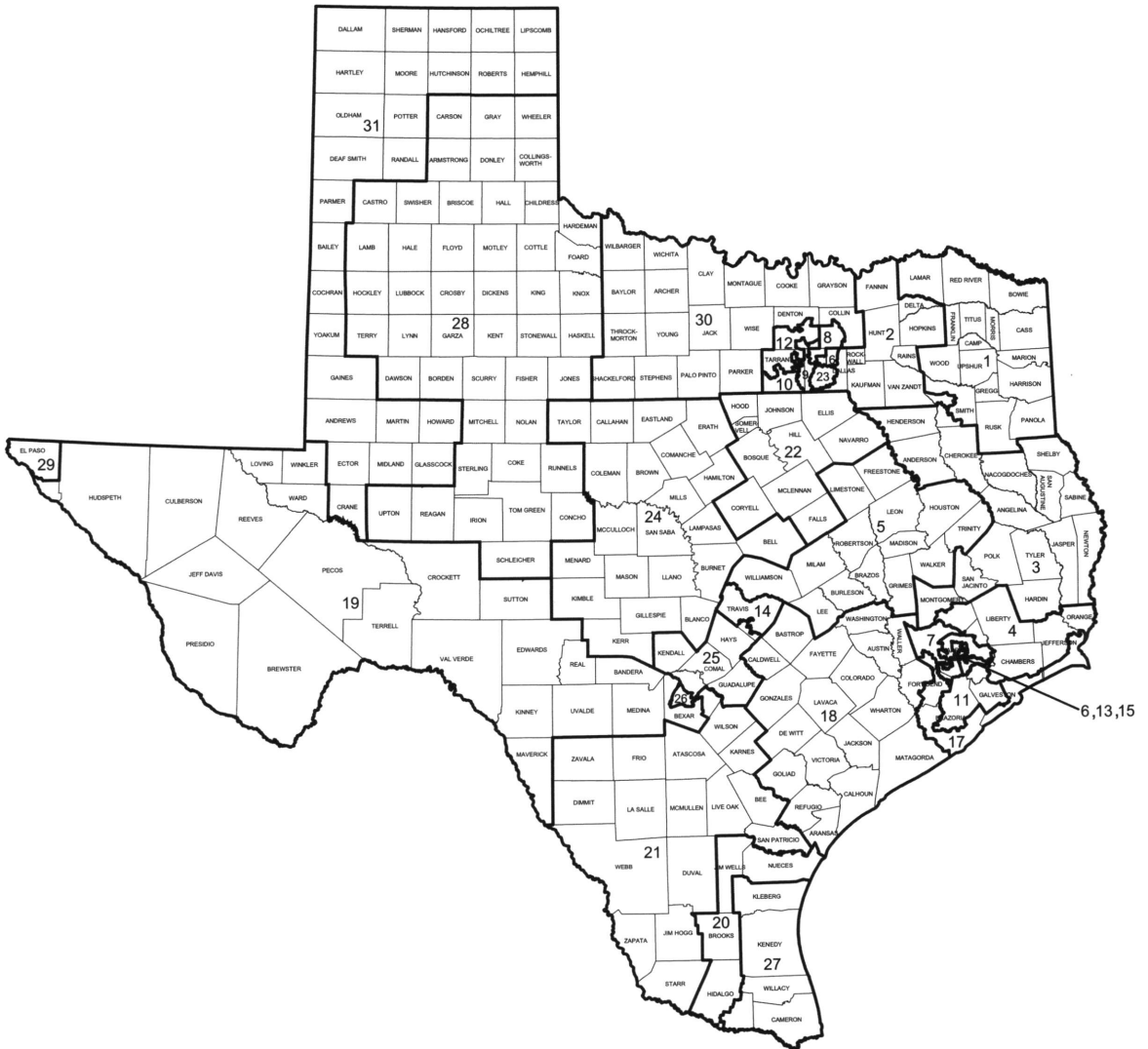


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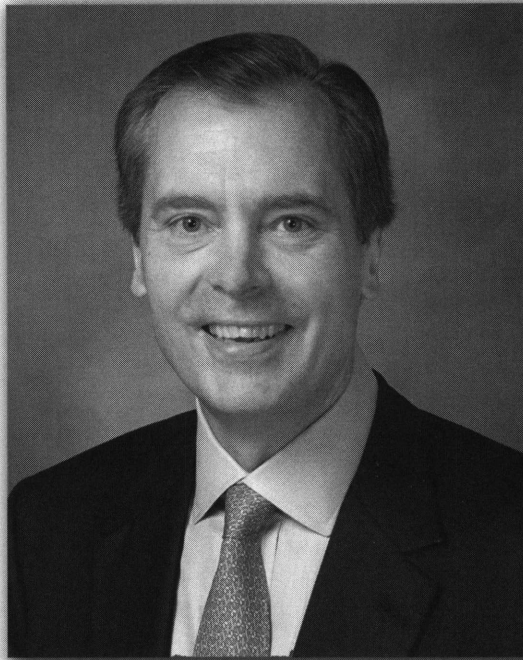
District Number	Name	Hometown
1	Kevin P. Eltife	Tyler
2	Bob Deuell	Greenville
3	Robert Nichols	Jacksonville
4	Tommy Williams	The Woodlands
5	Steve Ogden	Bryan
6	Mario Gallegos, Jr.	Houston
7	Dan Patrick	Houston
8	Florence Shapiro	Plano
9	Chris Harris	Arlington
10	Wendy Davis	Fort Worth
11	Mike Jackson	La Porte
12	Jane Nelson	Flower Mound
13	Rodney Ellis	Houston
14	Kirk Watson	Austin
15	John Whitmire	Houston
16	John J. Carona	Dallas
17	Joan Huffman	Southside Place
18	Glenn Hegar	Katy
19	Carlos Uresti	San Antonio
20	Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa	McAllen
21	Judith Zaffirini	Laredo
22	Kip Averitt	McGregor
23	Royce West	Dallas
24	Troy Fraser	Horseshoe Bay
25	Jeff Wentworth	San Antonio
26	Leticia Van de Putte	San Antonio
27	Eddie Lucio, Jr.	Brownsville
28	Robert Duncan	Lubbock
29	Eliot Shapleigh	El Paso
30	Craig Estes	Wichita Falls
31	Kel Seliger	Amarillo

Texas Senatorial Districts





Lieutenant Governor David H. Dewhurst



A native Texan, veteran, businessman and rancher, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst was elected in 2002 and won re-election in 2006.

Prior to his election as Lieutenant Governor, Dewhurst served as Texas Land Commissioner where he streamlined the agency and reduced its budget.

During his first session as Lieutenant Governor, Dewhurst successfully worked to balance a \$10 billion-plus revenue shortfall while protecting essential government services without raising taxes. He also led the effort to reduce homeowners' insurance premiums and pass comprehensive tort reform.

In 2006 Dewhurst was instrumental in passing landmark school finance reform. Dewhurst led the way in cutting property tax rates while giving all Texas public school teachers a pay raise. He also championed the first



Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst—*Continued*

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Occupation:

Partner, Falcon Seaboard
Diversified Energy and
Investments Company

Date Of Birth:

August 18, 1945

Education:

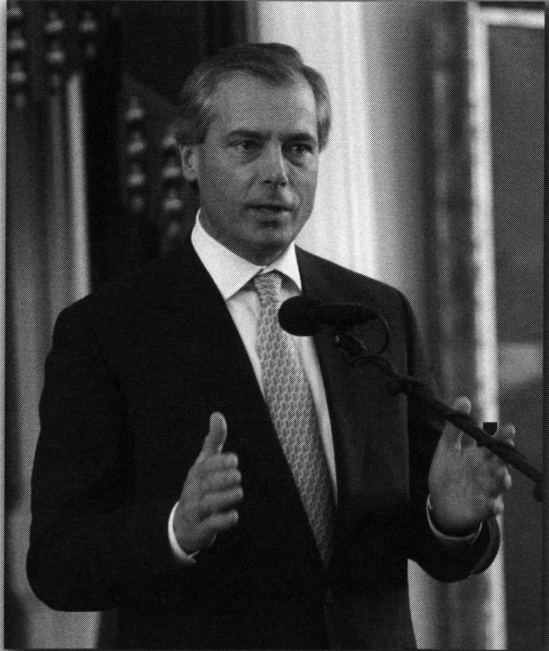
University of Arizona, B.A.

Religion:

Presbyterian

Legislative Experience:

Land Commissioner, 1999–2002
Chairman, Governor’s Task Force
on Homeland Security, 2001–2003

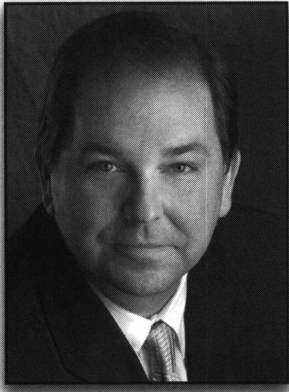


elements of his Texas Children First initiative to improve the health, education and safety of all Texas children.

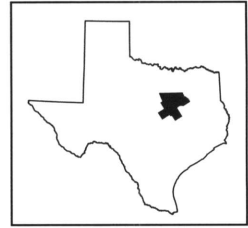
Dewhurst has earned numerous awards for his leadership both as Land Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor, including Mr. South Texas 2007, CLEAT’s Visionary Leadership Award and TCTA’s Friend of Education Award.

Dewhurst’s public service began as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. State Department. In 1981, he founded Falcon Seaboard, a Texas-based diversified energy and investments company.

Dewhurst earned his B.A. degree from the University of Arizona, where he played college basketball. Today he breeds and raises registered Black Angus cattle and rides cutting horses in American Quarter Horse Association and National Cutting Horse Association competitions.



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District 22 is composed of Bosque, Coryell, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, McLennan, Navarro, and Somervell Counties.

Kip Averitt

Senator Kip Averitt was born in Crane, Texas, and was raised in numerous cities across the state. He earned a BBA and MBA in economics and finance from Baylor University in Waco. Averitt, a CPA, is a state and local tax consultant for Ryan & Company.

Averitt is Chairman of the powerful Senate Committee on Natural Resources. During the past three legislative sessions, Averitt was chosen to fulfill leadership roles on major legislative efforts, including school finance reform and design of the state's \$140 billion biennial budget.

During the 80th Session, Averitt crafted and passed Senate Bill 3, a powerful tool in his ongoing efforts to ensure a clean, adequate and affordable supply of water for future generations of Texans. In conjunction with three quarters of a billion dollars in water infrastructure funding that he helped secure through his position on the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Bill 3 advances the development of Texas water policy by protecting instream flows, encouraging conservation of existing water resources, and allowing new water projects identified by the State Water Plan to meet our future water needs. Other Averitt legislation that successfully passed the 80th Legislature includes clean air incentives, restoration of cuts made to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and a constitutional amendment that provides permanent property tax relief for senior and disabled Texans.

Family:

Children—Richard, Michael,
Daniel, and Kristina

Occupation:

CPA

Date of Birth:

October 31, 1954

Religion:

Baptist

Education:

Baylor University, B.B.A., M.B.A.

Civic Activities:

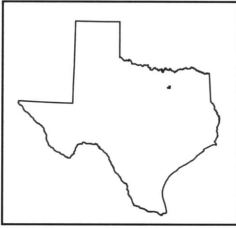
National Rifle Association
Numerous Chambers of Commerce
TSCPA Member
Bear Foundation

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1993–2002
Senate Member, 2002–present

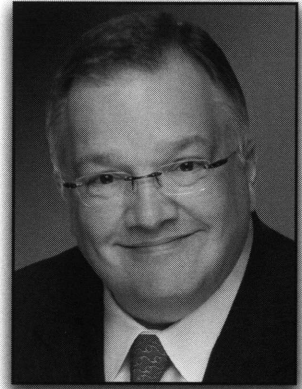
Committee Appointments:

Natural Resources, Chair
Business & Commerce
Education
Higher Education
Finance
Republican



District 16 is composed of part of Dallas County.

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John J. Carona

First elected to the Texas Legislature in 1990, Senator John Carona is now in his fifth term in the Texas Senate, representing District 16 in Dallas County. Previously, Senator Carona was elected to three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Carona has distinguished himself in the Texas Legislature as an effective leader in addressing issues such as education, health care, criminal justice, transportation, homeland security, banking and finance, and economic development. During the 80th Legislature, Senator Carona served as Chair of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and Legislative Study Committee on Private Participation in Toll Projects. Senator Carona also served as a member of the Senate Criminal Justice, Jurisprudence and State Affairs committees.

Senator Carona has been a resident of Dallas since early childhood. He was educated in the Dallas Independent School District, graduating from Bryan Adams High School. He received bachelors of business administration degrees in insurance and real estate from The University of Texas at Austin in 1978 and currently serves as president of a successful Dallas-based, national realty management firm.

Family:

Wife—Helen
Children—Joey, Jeff,
Will, Kirsten, and
Kellen
Grandchildren—
Charlie and Felice

Occupation:

President and CEO,
Associa

Date of Birth:

December 14, 1955

Religion:

Baptist

Education:

University of Texas, B.B.A.
in Insurance,
B.B.A. in Real Estate

Legislative Experience:

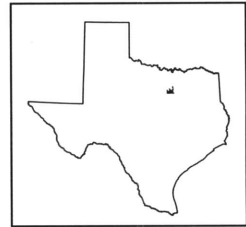
House Member, 1990–1996
Senate Member, 1996–present

Committee Appointments:

Transportation & Homeland
Security, Chair
Criminal Justice
Jurisprudence
State Affairs
Republican



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District 10 is composed of part of Tarrant County.

Wendy Davis

Senator Wendy Davis is an attorney and former Fort Worth City Council member who has been deeply involved in the civic and business activities of Tarrant County for almost two decades. She is currently the CEO of Republic Title’s Fort Worth division. Senator Davis graduated first in her class from Texas Christian University, becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college. With a desire to continue her education, Senator Davis enrolled at Harvard Law School, from which she graduated with honors.

Throughout her nearly nine years on the Fort Worth City Council, Senator Davis was recognized as a highly intelligent, resourceful, and caring representative who was successful in supporting both business growth and improvements to neighborhoods, both of which are vital to the quality of life that the residents of Tarrant County deserve. During that time, Senator Davis worked closely with the Texas legislature to bring positive change to her constituents.

Most recently, *Fort Worth Magazine* recognized Wendy as one of “Fort Worth’s 50 Most Powerful People.” She is the proud mother of two daughters, Amber and Dru.

Family:
 Children—Amber and Dru

Occupation:
 Attorney

Date of Birth:
 May 16, 1963

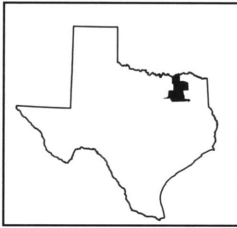
Religion:
 Episcopalian

Education:
 Texas Christian University
 Harvard Law School

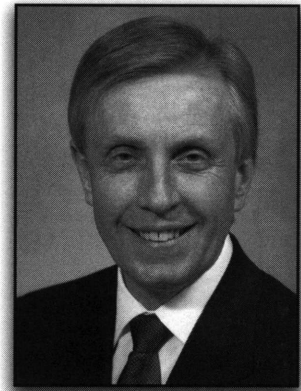
Civic Activities:
 Advisory Board of Cenikor
 Women’s Policy Board
 League of Women Voters
 Chambers of Commerce

Legislative Experience:
 Senate Member, 2008–present

Committee Appointments:
 Transportation & Homeland Security
 Education
 Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
 International Relations & Trade
 Democrat



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Bob Deuell

District 2 is composed of Delta, Fannin, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, Van Zandt, and parts of Dallas and Smith Counties.

On January 14, 2003, Senator Robert F. “Bob” Deuell was sworn-in to the Texas State Senate to represent the citizens of Senate District Two, which includes Delta, Hopkins, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Fannin, Rains, and Van Zandt counties, and parts of Dallas and Smith counties.

During his time in the Legislature, Senator Deuell has passed dozens of pieces of legislation covering a wide spectrum of issues. During the 80th Legislative Session, Senator Deuell passed “Jessica’s Law,” to ensure the protection of Texas children from sexual predators and offenders. Senator Deuell also passed legislation to ensure that senior citizens and the disabled receive reductions in their property tax rates.

For his work during the 80th Legislative Session, *Texas Monthly* magazine named Senator Deuell as one of Texas’ Ten Best Legislators in 2007.

During his career, Senator Deuell has received numerous awards for his service. They include the “Crime Fighter of the Year” award by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the “Fighter for Free Enterprise Award,” by the Texas Association of Business, and received an A++ rating from the Texas Right to Life Committee. In addition, Senator Deuell was named one of “Texas Medicine’s Best” by the Texas Medical Association.

Family:

Wife—Marilyn
 Children—Paul, Brian,
 and Jennifer

Occupation:

Family Physician

Date of Birth:

March 11, 1950

Religion:

Christian

Education:

George Mason University
 Medical College of Virginia

Civic Activities:

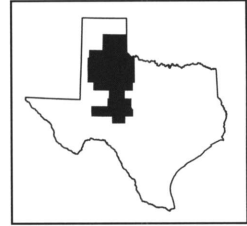
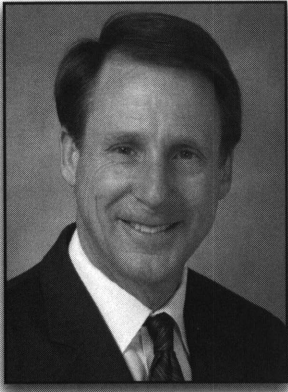
Hunt County MHMR Center
 Greenville Daybreak Rotary Club
 Volunteer Medical Services for
 Women in Need
 Sparrow’s Nest Home for Unwed
 Mothers, Advisory Board
 Rape Crisis Center, Volunteer
 Medical Services

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2003–present

Committee Appointments:

Health & Human Services,
 Vice Chair
 State Affairs, Vice Chair
 Finance
 Economic Development
 Natural Resources
 Republican



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Robert Duncan

District 28 is composed of Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Coke, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Irion, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, and Wheeler Counties.

Senator Robert Duncan has been a leader in the Texas Senate since 1996, when he won a special election to represent District 28. He has written bills to protect fairness in the legal system, ensure quality education, and enhance the economic viability of West Texas.

Senator Duncan has earned a coveted spot on the Senate Finance Committee each legislative session dating back to 2001. Compounding that victory for West Texas, Senator Duncan has also had a seat on the Finance Conference Committee, which hashes out the final appropriations bill to establish the state budget.

Senator Duncan has served in several key chairmanships during his Senate tenure. During the past three legislative seasons, he led the Senate State Affairs Committee as chairman. This committee addresses crucial statewide issues impacting all Texans.

Senator Duncan's time in the Senate has been highlighted by honors based on his tireless work ethic and stellar reputation. *Texas Monthly* has three times named him among the state's 10 best legislators. The esteemed publication has also listed Senator Duncan as a "Texas Super Lawyer" for his professional reputation in the private sector.

Family:

Children—Lindsey and Matthew

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

August 5, 1953

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

Texas Tech University, B.S.
 Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D.

Civic Activities:

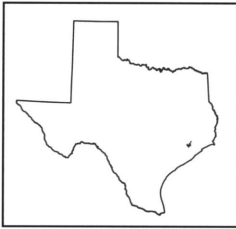
American Bar Association
 State Bar of Texas
 Member, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
 Advisory Board of Southwest Institute of Addictive Diseases
 Lubbock Urban Transportation Study Policy Advisory Committee

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1993–1996
 Senate Member, 1997–present

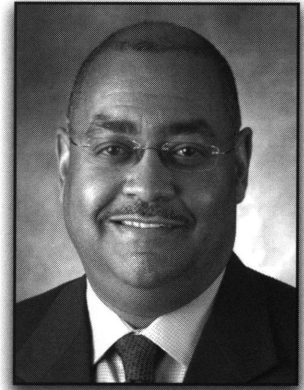
Committee Appointments:

State Affairs, Chair
 Finance
 Higher Education
 Jurisprudence
 Natural Resources
 Republican



District 13 is composed of parts of Fort Bend and Harris Counties.

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Rodney Ellis

Rodney Ellis has served 18 years as a Texas State Senator from Houston. Senator Ellis has earned praise as a legislative leader on economic development, education, civil rights, tax cuts, criminal justice, and workforce development issues.

Ellis is an attorney and successful businessman. He is a partner at Apex-Pryor Securities, a division of Rice Financial Products Company.

Senator Ellis has passed more than 400 pieces of legislation and has twice been named to *Texas Monthly's* "Ten Best" list. Legislative accomplishments include passage of the TEXAS Grants Program to provide free college tuition and fees to qualifying students. By the end of 2007, \$1 billion will have been awarded.

Senator Ellis authored the \$1 billion tax relief bill creating the three-day sales tax holiday and providing businesses franchise tax relief for job creation, capital investment, and research and development. Ellis is the author of the anti-hate crimes bill known as the James Byrd, Jr. Act and has been a tireless advocate for reforms in the criminal justice system.

Senator Ellis also serves as a chairman of the Innocence Project and a member of the University of Texas Law School Foundation Board, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Family:

Wife—Licia Green
Children—Nicole, Maria,
Leland, and Alena

Occupation:

Attorney
Director, Apex Securities, Inc.
Director, Apex Advisors, Inc.

Date of Birth:

April 7, 1954

Religion:

Baptist

Education:

Texas Southern University, B.A.
LBJ School of Public Affairs, M.P.A.
University of Texas Law School, J.D.
Attended London School of
Economics
Xavier University of Louisiana

Civic Activities:

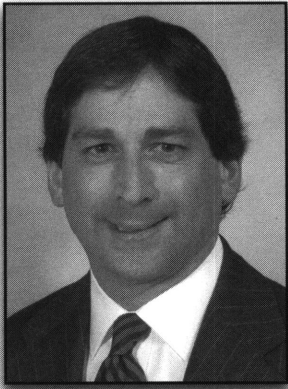
State Bar of Texas
University of Texas Law School
Foundation Board of Trustees
Innocence Project, Chairman

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 1990–present

Committee Appointments:

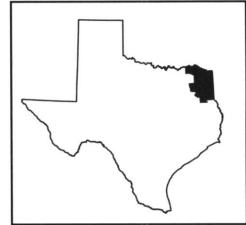
Government Organization,
Chair
Criminal Justice
State Affairs
Transportation & Homeland
Security
Democrat



Kevin P. Eltife

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District 1 is composed of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Red River, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, and Wood Counties.

Kevin P. Eltife was sworn in on March 5, 2004, to represent the citizens of Senate District 1. Senator Eltife served on the Tyler City Council for three terms before serving as Mayor of Tyler for an additional three terms. During his tenure as Mayor, he implemented a business plan to put the city on a “pay-as-you-go” plan to reduce general obligation bond debt while cutting the city property tax rate by 50 percent.

Among the recognitions he has received for public service, the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce selected him as one of Five Outstanding Young Texans in 1998. Active in his community, he has volunteered his time and energy to organizations such as the East Texas Food Bank, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and Hospice of East Texas.

Senator Eltife has received the “Freedom to Teach” award by the Association of Texas Professional Educators and was also named a “Champion for Free Enterprise” in 2005 by the Texas Association of Business.

A Tyler native, Senator Eltife is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He is the owner of Eltife Properties and resides in Tyler with his wife, Kelly, and sons, Walker and Jack.

Family:

Wife—Kelly
Children—Walker
and Jack

Occupation:

Real Estate
Developer—Eltife
Properties

Date of Birth:

March 1, 1959

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

University of Texas, B.B.A.

Civic Activities:

East Texas Food Bank Board
Tyler Area Chamber of
Commerce
Tyler Junior College
Foundation Board
Tyler Vision 2000 Steering
Committee
University of Texas at Tyler
Development Board

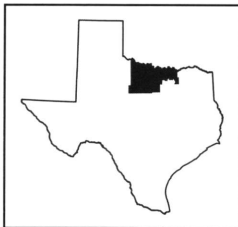
University of Texas Health
Center at Tyler Development
Board

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2004—present

Committee Appointments:

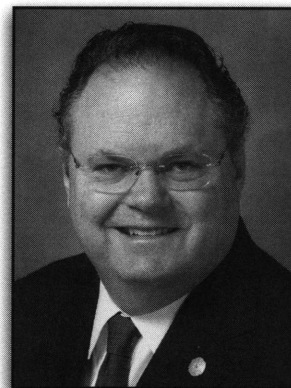
Economic Development, Vice
Chair
Nominations, Vice Chair
Business & Commerce
Finance
Natural Resources
Republican



District 30 is composed of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cooke, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, Young, and parts of Collin and Denton Counties.

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Craig Estes

Craig Estes represents the fifth generation of his family from the north Texas area. Senator Estes was born on August 20, 1953. He graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1971 and Colorado Mountain College in 1973. He went on to complete his studies at Oral Roberts University, receiving a B.S. in Business Administration in 1977. He is also a 1993 graduate of the Harvard Business School Owner President Manager Program.

Senator Estes serves as Chairman of the Board of Estes, Inc., a wholesale distributor of chemicals and fertilizers with outlets in 18 states of the central United States. Active and well-respected in the industry, he served as President of the Texas Agricultural Chemicals Association in 1989.

Estes and his wife of 30 years, the former Jennifer Huff of Wichita Falls, have three children, Abby Cunningham, Andrew, Mark and a new grandchild, John Holt Cunningham. The family is active in the First Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an Elder.

Senator Estes is active in his community. He has served on the boards of directors of the Rotary Club of Wichita Falls, the Wichita Falls Boys Club, the Wichita Falls Faith Mission and Young Life. Estes has been heavily involved in the Young Presidents Organization, where he was elected West Texas Chapter Chairman in 1994 and to the Board of International Directors in 1996 and 2000.

Family:

Wife—Jennifer
Children—Abby, Andrew, and Mark

Occupation:

Chairman of the Board, Estes, Inc.

Date of Birth:

August 20, 1953

Religion:

Presbyterian

Education:

Oral Roberts University, B.S., Business Administration, 1977
Graduate, Harvard Business School Owner President Manager Program, 1993

Civic Activities:

Young Life Committee of Wichita Falls
Rotary Club of Wichita Falls
Wichita Falls Boys Club
Wichita Falls Faith Mission
Young Presidents Organization
World Presidents Organization

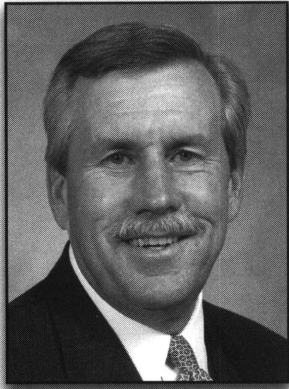
Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2001–present

Committee Appointments:

Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Chair
Natural Resources, Vice Chair
Business & Commerce
International Relations & Trade
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
Subcommittee on Base Realignment & Closure

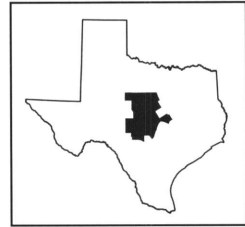
Republican



Troy Fraser

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District 24 is composed of Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, San Saba, and Taylor Counties.

Troy Fraser was elected in 1996 to serve Senate District 24. The 21-county district is located in the geographic center of the state, and includes the Highland Lakes region and the Texas Hill Country. It stretches from the Temple-Killeen area to Abilene and from Stephenville to Kerrville. The District also encompasses two U.S. military installations—Fort Hood near Killeen, and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

Since January 2002, Fraser has served as chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, and as co-chairman of the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Fraser served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1988–1992. He has received numerous awards including being named “National Republican Legislator of the Year” in 1991 for his work on the 1989 workers compensation reform bill. Most recently he was honored by the American Legislative Exchange Council as “Legislator of the Year” for his work on the telecommunications bill passed in 2005.

Fraser is the founder and former chief development officer of Pal-Ex, Inc.

Born August 10, 1949 in Abilene, Fraser was raised in the small west Texas town of Coahoma. He attended Angelo State University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He and his wife of 39 years, Linda, reside in Horseshoe Bay. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Family:

Wife—Linda
Children—Chase, Sunny, and
Andrew
Grandchildren—Chloe,
Quinn and Davis

Occupation:

Businessman

Date of Birth:

August 10, 1949

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

Angelo State University
University of Texas
at Arlington

Civic Activities:

Chamber of Commerce, past
President

Texas Farm Bureau

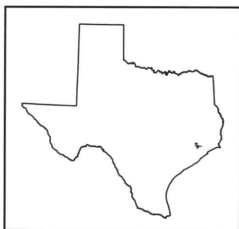
Horseshoe Bay Rotary

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1987–1992
Senate Member, 1997–present

Committee Appointments:

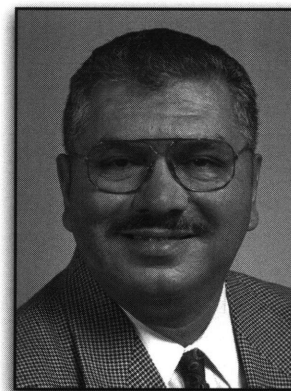
Business & Commerce, Chair
International Relations & Trade
Natural Resources
State Affairs
Republican



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Mario V. Gallegos, Jr.

A lifelong Houstonian, Mario V. Gallegos, Jr., has dedicated his career to helping others. After serving 22 years in the Houston Fire Department, Gallegos continued his public service as a Texas State Representative serving two terms. In 1994, he was elected to the Texas Senate where he has served as the first Hispanic Senator from Harris County.

Senator Gallegos has made public education a priority. As an influential voice for his constituents, he fights to increase teacher pay, curb public university tuition rate increases, and maintain an open and accessible higher education system in Texas. A graduate of the University of Houston, he is one of his alma mater's strongest allies in Austin. Senator Gallegos continues to work for university funding increases to meet the growing demands of Senate District 6.

Senator Gallegos is a tireless champion for working families; from focusing on air quality issues, to blocking legislation that would hurt children and the elderly, he is his constituents' strongest advocate.

As a member of the Texas Senate for over a decade, Senator Gallegos has held key leadership positions, including President Pro-tempore of the Senate in 2007, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations.

Family:

Wife—Theresa
Children—Ali Lynn,
Melissa Rochelle, and Mario Elias

Education:

University of Houston, B.A.—
in Social Sciences

Occupation:

Fire fighter, retired—Senior Captain

Date of Birth:

September 8, 1950

Religion:

Catholic

Civic Activities:

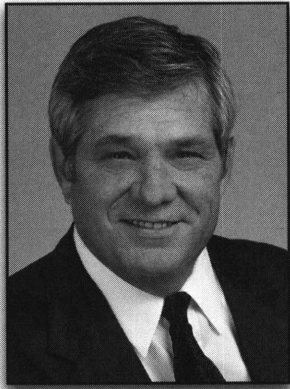
East End Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hobby Area Chamber
of Commerce
North Channel Area Chamber
of Commerce
Southbelt Ellington Chamber
of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

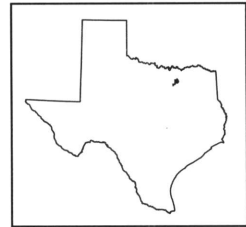
House Member, 1991–1994
Senate Member, 1994–present

Committee Appointments:

Subcommittee on Flooding &
Evacuations, Chair
Jurisprudence, Vice Chair
Education
Intergovernmental Relations
International Relations &
Trade
Democrat



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District 9 is composed of parts of Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties.

Chris Harris

Senator Chris Harris has served in the Texas Senate since January 1991. His interests include promoting economic growth, improving the quality of care for aged or disabled Texans, supporting institutions of higher education, improving our environment, and increasing child support enforcement.

He currently serves on five committees in the Senate: State Affairs, Finance, Jurisprudence, Government Organization, and Veteran Affairs & Military Installations. In both the 2003 and 2005 Texas Legislatures, Senator Harris was appointed as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee. During this time, Senator Harris played an active role as a member of the Texas Legislative Council and the State Preservation Board.

As State Senator for District 9, Senator Harris represents portions of Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties. This includes parts of Arlington, Bartonville, Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Coppell, Copper Canyon, Dallas, Double Oak, Euless, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Highland Village, Irving, Lewisville, Mansfield, Plano, and The Colony.

Chris was born on February 22, 1948 in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Arlington High School, attended Texas Christian University, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Baylor Law School in 1971. Chris and his wife, Tammy, live in Arlington where he practices family and business law at his firm, HarrisCook.

Family:

Wife—Tammy
 Children—Heather, Don,
 Chris, and Justin

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

February 22, 1948

Religion:

Episcopalian

Education:

Texas Christian University
 Baylor Law School, J.D.

Civic Activities:

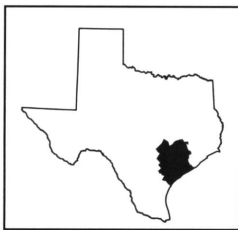
Chambers of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1985–1990
 Senate Member, 1991–present

Committee Appointments:

Economic Development,
 Chair
 Business & Commerce, Vice
 Chair
 Finance
 Jurisprudence
 State Affairs
 Republican



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Glenn Hegar

District 18 is composed of Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, De Witt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, Waller, Washington, Wharton, and part of Fort Bend County.

Senator Glenn Hegar, the youngest member of the Texas Senate, is a sixth generation Texan who farms on land that has been in his family since the mid 1800s. Glenn, his wife, Dara and their children, Claire, Julia and Jonah live in Katy, where they attend Memorial Lutheran Church.

Senator Hegar is a true conservative, who fights for our interests and strongly defends the values of faith, family, and freedom. In a few short years, he has reduced government inefficiencies, saved taxpayer dollars, and provided common sense solutions to problems facing everyday Texans.

Glenn serves as Vice Chairman of the influential Sunset Advisory Commission, Chairman of the Legislative Sportsman’s Caucus, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Government Organization, as well as a member of the Committees on Natural Resources, Nominations, and Criminal Justice.

In recognition for his service to Texas, Glenn was recognized as one of the Best Legislators and the Rookie of the year for the 80th Session, by *Capitol Inside*. He has also received the Badge of Honor Award from the Texas Municipal Police Association, Star for Rural Texas from the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Perfectly Pro-Life Award from Texas Right to Life.

Family:

Wife—Dara
 Children—Claire, Julia,
 and Jonah

Occupation:

Farmer

Date of Birth:

November 25, 1970

Religion:

Lutheran

Education:

Texas A&M University, B.A., 1993
 St. Mary’s University, M.A., 1997
 St. Mary’s University, J.D., 1997
 University of Arkansas, L.L.M., 1998

Civic Activities:

Christ Clinic
 Katy Performing Arts Society
 Prairie View A&M University, College of
 Business Dean’s Advisory Board
 Katy EDC, Transportation & Mobility
 Committee
 Envision Central Texas

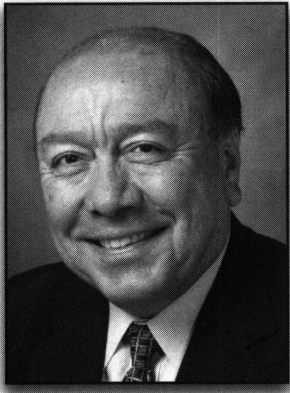
Texas Farm Bureau
 Chambers of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 2003–2007
 Senate Member, 2007–present

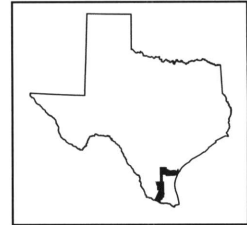
Committee Appointments:

Government Organization,
 Vice Chair
 Criminal Justice
 Natural Resources
 Agriculture & Rural Affairs
 Nominations
 Republican



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District 20 is composed of Brooks, Jim Wells, Nueces, and part of Hidalgo County.

Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa

State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa proudly represents the people of District 20 in the Texas Senate. During the 79th Session, the Senator successfully passed legislation to protect Texans from identity theft and to create the Texas Forensic Science Commission. Hinojosa also authored SB 425, which limits the development of colonias in Nueces County. And to honor our veterans, he passed legislation to create a monument to Vietnam veterans on the State Capitol grounds.

Senator Hinojosa served in the Texas House from 1981 to 1990 and from 1997 to 2002, where he passed landmark legislation establishing the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) which promotes physician training on the Texas/Mexico Border. As the Chairman of Criminal Jurisprudence, the Senator sponsored the Texas Fair Defense Act, reforming procedures for providing court-appointed defense counsel to indigent defendants.

Hinojosa served his country with distinction in the U.S. Marines as a squad leader in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. In 1974, he received his law degree from Georgetown University. After returning to South Texas, he served as staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Nueces County and as an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General. Hinojosa started his own private practice in McAllen in 1980.

Senator Hinojosa was twice named one of Texas’ “Top 10 Legislators” by *Texas Monthly* magazine. In 2005, he was recognized as a Legislator of the Year by the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas and in 2006, Senator Hinojosa was awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award by the Texas Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

Family:

Children—Ileana, Kriselda, and Johnathan

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

March 7, 1946

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

Pan American University, B.S.
Georgetown University, J.D.

Civic Activities:

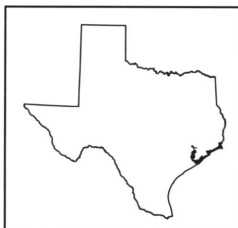
Lions’ Club
Boy Scouts of America

Legislative Experience:

House of Representatives 1981–1991,
1997–2003
Senate Member, 2003–present

Committee Appointments:

Finance, Vice Chair
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Criminal Justice
Finance
Jurisprudence
Natural Resources
Democrat



District 17 is composed of parts of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties.

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Joan Huffman

Joan Huffman took office in December 2008 after winning a special election to fill the vacated office of Senate District 17. Prior to serving in the Senate, Huffman was twice elected Judge to the 183rd Criminal District Court. She earned a reputation as a fair and tough enforcer of the law. The Houston Police Officer's Union recognized her as the "Criminal District Judge of the Year" in 2000.

Senator Huffman earned her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University. After graduation, she moved to Houston embarking upon a distinguished career with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. As a secretary, Huffman was inspired by the work of the prosecutors and decided to attend law school. She took night classes at South Texas School of Law while serving as a legal intern and secretary.

Upon earning her law degree, Huffman was hired as a prosecutor and advanced from misdemeanor court to Chief Felony Prosecutor, Special Crimes Gang Prosecutor, and Legal Counsel to the Organized Crime Narcotics Task Force. She served as lead prosecutor in over 100 jury trials, including murders, sexual assaults, aggravated robberies, and sexual assaults of children.

Senator Huffman lives with her husband, Keith, and son, Luke, in Southside Place.

Family:

Husband—Keith
Son—Luke

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

August 17, 1956

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

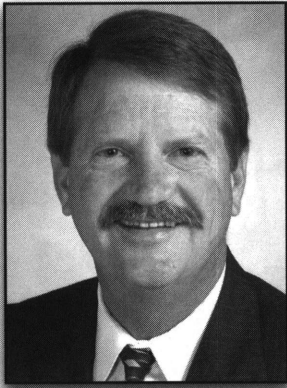
Louisiana State University,
B.A.
South Texas School of Law,
J.D.

Legislative Experience:

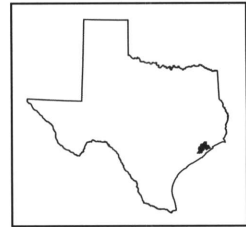
Senate Member,
December 2008—present

Committee Appointments:

Government Organization
Health & Human Services
Transportation & Homeland
Security
Veteran Affairs & Military
Installations
Subcommittee on Base
Realignment & Closure
Republican



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District 11 is composed of parts of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

Mike Jackson

Elected to the Texas Senate in 1998, Mike Jackson represents Texans in portions of Harris, Brazoria and Galveston Counties. He is chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee and serves as a member of the Senate Natural Resources, Government Organization and Nominations Committees as well as the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Coastal Resources.

A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mike attended Louisiana Tech and Louisiana State Universities. He is president of Force Corporation, his family's La Porte based industrial construction and maintenance company, and is a 30-year veteran of the construction industry.

Senator Jackson is an active member of many chambers of commerce in Senate District 11, including Alvin-Manvel, Angleton, Brazosport, Clear Lake Area, Deer Park, Friendswood, Galveston, La Porte-Bayshore, League City, North Galveston County, Pasadena, Pearland, South Belt-Ellington, and Texas City-La Marque. He is also a member of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council.

Prior to his election to the Texas Senate, Mike served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives representing District 129.

Senator Jackson and his wife, Vickie, reside in Shoreacres and have two grown children, Vic and Michelle. They are members of La Porte United Methodist Church.

Family:

Wife—Vickie
Children—Vic and Michelle

Occupation:

President, Force Corporation

Date of Birth:

August 20, 1953

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

Louisiana Tech University
Louisiana State University

Civic Activities:

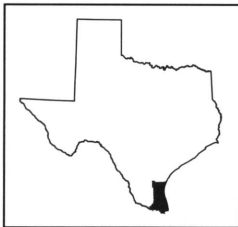
Chambers of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1989–1999
Senate Member, 1999–present

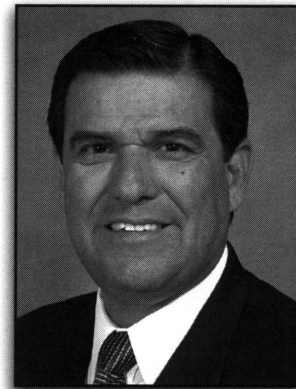
Committee Appointments:

Nominations, Chair
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Business & Commerce
Natural Resources
State Affairs
Republican



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Eddie Lucio, Jr.

District 27 is composed of Cameron, Kenedy, Kleberg, Willacy, and part of Hidalgo Counties.

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., a native of Brownsville, was elected to the Texas Senate in November 1990. Now in his sixth term in the Senate, Senator Lucio first served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives. He began his public service in 1971 when he became Cameron County Treasurer, the youngest ever elected to that post in Texas. Later, he served as a Cameron County Commissioner.

In the Texas Senate, Senator Lucio serves as Chairman of the International Relations and Trade Committee and as a member of the Committees on Business and Commerce, Finance, State Affairs, and Subcommittee on Emerging Technologies and Economic Development. During the Interim, he also served on the Senate Select Committee on Economic Development, and the Subcommittee on Property Appraisal and Revenue Caps.

Among many of his triumphs during the 80th Legislative Session, Senator Lucio passed a \$250 million package of water and wastewater bonds that were approved by Texas voters to provide critical services to economically distressed areas of the state. His accomplishments also included passing an Address Confidentiality Program to protect the identity of victims of family violence, sexual assault and stalking through a confidential mailing address. He also passed a seat belt law for school buses and required insurers to cover autism-related treatments for three- to five-year-olds.

Family:

Wife—Minnie
Children—Lynda and Eddie III,
Carlos Cisneros (son-in-law), Jaime
Lucio (daughter-in-law)
Grandchildren—Carlitos H.
Cisneros, Jr., Alejandro A. Cisneros,
and Anna Lynda Cisneros

Occupation:

Advertising Executive

Date of Birth:

January 20, 1946

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

University of Texas Pan-
American, B.S.

Civic Activities:

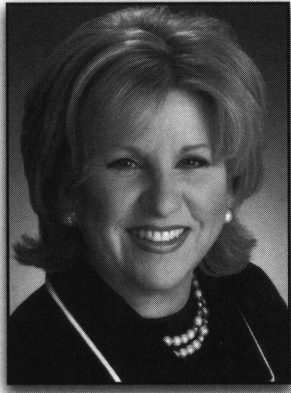
Lion's Club
Civil Air Patrol (past)
Texas State Guard, Major
Brownsville War on Drugs (past)
National Federation of
Independent Businesses

Legislative Experience:

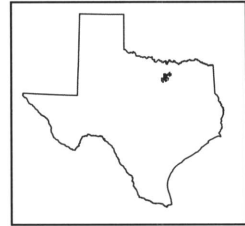
House Member, 1986–1990
Senate Member, 1991–present

Committee Appointments:

International Relations & Trade,
Chair
Business & Commerce
Finance
Government Organization
State Affairs
Democrat



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District 12 is composed of parts of Denton and Tarrant Counties.

Jane Nelson

Senator Jane Nelson represents District 12, encompassing parts of Tarrant and Denton counties.

She taught sixth grade in Arlington ISD, volunteered with PTA, Community Education, and numerous charities in Denton County, and served two terms on the State Board of Education before joining the Senate.

As Chairman of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee, she led efforts to emphasize physical fitness and nutrition in public schools; reformed Child Protective services and the foster care system; authored the state's plan for Medicaid and the uninsured; and sponsored legislation creating the Cancer Research & Prevention Institute of Texas.

She also serves on the Finance, Nominations, and Government Organization committees. Last session she never missed a record vote and logged a perfect 100% voting record in support of small business, according to the NFIB.

The American Cancer Society selected her for its national Distinguished Advocacy Award, presented annually to one lawmaker from all 50 states. She was also honored by Komen for the Cure, Texas Council on Family Violence, Texas Medical Association, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Coalition of Homes for Children, and Texas Association of Business.

She and her husband, J. Michael Nelson, own and operate a precision aircraft component manufacturing company and have 5 children and two grandsons.

Family:

Husband—J. Michael Nelson
 Children—Brian, Elizabeth,
 Christina, Michelle, and Jennifer
 Grandsons—Andrew and Brendan

Occupation:

Businesswoman; former teacher

Date of Birth:

October 5, 1951

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

University of North Texas, B.S.
 Graduate Studies, SMU

Civic Activities:

Alliance For Children, Board
 Denton County Children's
 Advocacy Center, Board
 Metroport Meals on Wheels, Board
 Lewisville Area Republican
 Women's Club
 American Heart Association
 PTA lifetime member

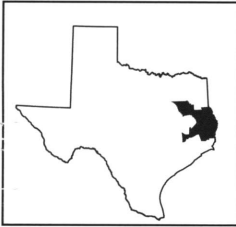
Founder, Adult Literacy Prgms.
 Supporter, Domestic Violence
 Shelters
 HEB Chamber of Commerce,
 Board

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 1993–present

Committee Appointments:

Health & Human Services, Chair
 Finance
 Government Organization
 Nominations
 Republican

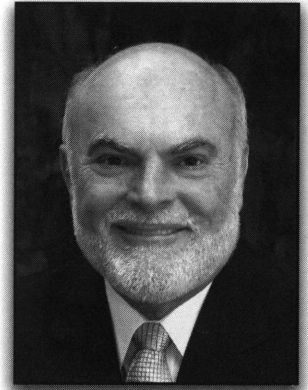


District 3 is composed of Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Tyler and parts of Montgomery, and Smith Counties.

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Robert Nichols

Robert Nichols, a businessman who built four successful manufacturing facilities, earned 32 U.S. patents, and created over 900 jobs for East Texas families, was elected state senator from District 3 in East Texas in 2006.

In 1997 Governor George W. Bush recruited Nichols to serve on the Texas Transportation Commission. While fulfilling his six-year term on the Transportation Commission, Nichols earned a reputation as a committed problem solver, helping to triple the number of roadway construction projects built each year without raising taxes. Recognizing his effectiveness, Governor Rick Perry reapointed Nichols to a second term in 2003.

As Mayor of Jacksonville, Nichols streamlined government by improving services and eliminating waste. Nichols also acted as Chairman of the Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation for seven years and served two terms on the Jacksonville City Council. Senator Nichols currently serves his community as a board member for Lon Morris College. He is also a board member of both the East Texas Medical Center and the Nan Travis Hospital Foundation.

Nichols earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Lamar University in 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and the two are parents to three children: Brittney, Joshua, and Collynn'rae.

Family:

Wife—Donna
 Children—Brittney, Joshua,
 and Collynn'rae

Occupation:

Engineer—Plastics
 manufacturing

Date of Birth:

November 25, 1944

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

Lamar University, B.S., Industrial
 Engineering, 1968

Civic Activities:

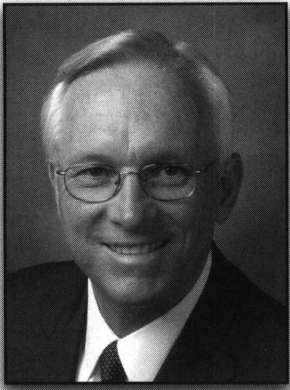
East Texas Medical Center—
 non-profit—Board of Directors
 Nan Travis Hospital Foundation,
 Jacksonville
 Austin Bank—Board of Directors
 Lon Morris College, Jacksonville—
 Board of Directors
 Rotarian

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2007

Committee Appointments:

Intergovernmental Relations,
 Vice Chair
 Subcommittee on Flooding
 & Evacuations
 Health & Human Services
 Nominations
 Transportation & Homeland
 Security
 Republican

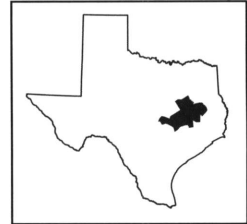


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District 5 is composed of Brazos, Burleson, Freestone, Grimes, Houston, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Trinity, Walker, and Williamson Counties.

Elected to the Texas Senate in January 1997, Steve Ogden is a leader on budget issues, school finance, higher education funding, child protection, transportation safety and criminal justice. He is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Ogden has been in the oil and gas exploration business for over 20 years and is currently president of Ogden Resources, an independent oil and gas company based in Bryan. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served nine years as an officer in the U.S. Navy submarine fleet. He received his MBA from Texas A&M University.

Recognized as a leader in the Texas Senate, Ogden has received the Bob Bullock Award for Outstanding Public Stewardship. Following the 79th Legislative Session, he was named among the “Ten Best Legislators” by *Texas Monthly* magazine, a “Top Texas Legislator” by *Capitol Inside*, and Pro-Life Chairman of the Year by Texas Right to Life. He was again named among the “Ten Best Legislators” following the 80th Legislative Session, and “Legislator of the Year” by the Texas Public Employees Association in May, 2008. The Senator has been honored by the Texas County and District Attorneys Association, The Texas A&M University System, and Sam Houston State University. Before his election to the Texas Senate, Ogden served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

Ogden and his wife, Beverly, were married in December of 1973 and live in Bryan. They are the proud parents of four children. Michael, a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, and his wife Lisa are the parents of Gabriel and Canon Ogden. Stephanie is married to William Lewis, and their sons are Christopher and Will. Kristen is a graduate of the University of Texas and resides in Austin. Youngest son, Charles Benedict “Chaz” Ogden, is in the seventh grade.

Family:

Wife—Beverly
Children—Michael, Stephanie,
Kristen and Chaz

Occupation:

Oil and Gas Producer

Date of Birth:

September 21, 1950

Religion:

Roman Catholic

Education:

U.S. Naval Academy, B.S., 1973
Naval Nuclear Power School, 1974
Texas A&M University, M.B.A., 1987

Civic Membership:

American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
National Rifle Association

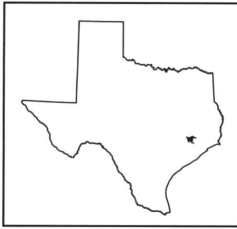
Knights of Columbus
Chambers of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1991–1997
Senate Member, 1997–present

Committee Appointments:

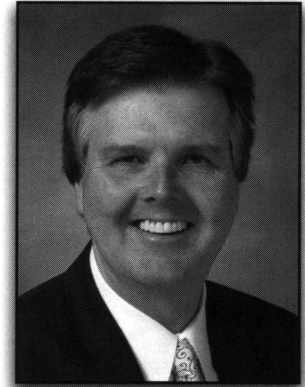
Finance, Chair
Administration
Education
Government Organization
Republican



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Dan Patrick

Since 1988, Dan Patrick has used the airwaves to advance his Christian values while advocating for a more principled government, lower property taxes, and improved border security. In 2006, Dan took his fight on these issues to the Texas State Senate by winning an election with an overwhelming 69 percent majority.

During the 80th Legislative Session, Senator Patrick succeeded in permanently placing the creed, "In God We Trust" over the Senate chamber, pushing open government legislation, forcing votes on lowered appraisal caps and pushing bills that empower local law enforcement to stem the tide of illegal immigration. As a result Dan received Texas District and County Attorneys Association's Freshman of the Year Award and was recognized by Texas Eagle Forum for his conservative philosophy.

Working across the aisle, even on controversial bills, is one of Dan's strengths. He demonstrated this by garnering broad support for a bill requiring doctors to provide an ultrasound to a patient seeking an abortion.

Dan is married to former elementary schoolteacher, Janetlea, and they are extremely proud of their son, Ryan, a Harris County prosecutor, and their daughter, Shane, who graduated summa cum laude from Baylor in 2006 and is pursuing a career in nursing.

Family:

Wife—Janetlea
Children—Ryan and Shane

Occupation:

Broadcasting

Date of Birth:

April 4, 1950

Religion:

Baptist

Education

University of Maryland
Baltimore County, B.A. English

Civic Activities:

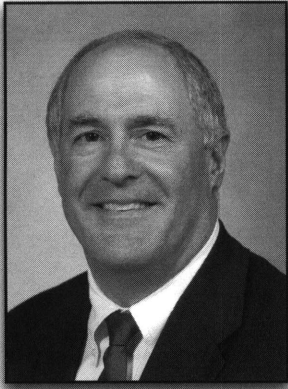
Board Member 18 years, "Be An Angel"
FCA
Many local Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy
Centers
Houston Area Pastor Council

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2007

Committee Appointments:

Education, Vice Chair
Higher Education, Vice Chair
Criminal Justice
Health & Human Services
Intergovernmental Relations
Subcommittee on Flooding &
Evacuations
Republican

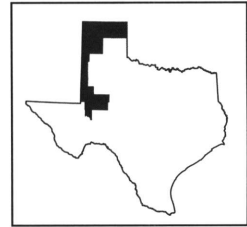


Kel Seliger

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District 31 is composed of Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Howard, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Martin, Midland, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Yoakum Counties.

Kel Seliger was first sworn in to the Texas Senate on Texas Independence Day, March 2, 2004 after a special election, and was most recently re-elected to serve the citizens of District 31 for a second, four-year term on November 4, 2008. The district spans 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin and includes Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

Born in Amarillo and raised in Borger, Senator Seliger is a graduate of Borger public schools and Dartmouth College. He is co-owner and executive vice-president of Lake Steel, Incorporated, a steel service center. He is also a licensed commercial pilot and flight instructor.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Seliger served four terms as Mayor of Amarillo and as a member of the Amarillo City Commission and the Amarillo Civil Service Commission. In 2002, he was appointed to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by Governor Rick Perry. Senator Seliger is currently a member of the National Rifle Association, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Harley-Davidson Owners Group.

Senator Seliger and his wife Nancy live in Amarillo and have two sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

Family:

Wife—Nancy
Children—Jonathan and
Matthew

Occupation:

Steel Service Centers,
Lake Steel, Inc.

Date of Birth:

June 16, 1953

Education:

Dartmouth College

Civic Activities:

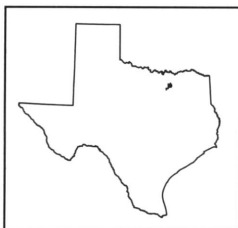
National Rifle Association
Texas Farm Bureau

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member,
2004–present

Committee Appointments:

Criminal Justice, Vice Chair
International Relations &
Trade, Vice Chair
Finance
Natural Resources
Republican



District 8 is composed of parts of Collin and Dallas Counties.

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Plano, Texas 78024
972-403-3404



Florence Shapiro

Florence Shapiro was sworn in as State Senator in 1993. But her journey to Texas politics began years ago and miles away. As a former public school teacher, Shapiro first entered elected office as a six-term Plano City Council member, then Mayor. She also served as President of the Texas Municipal League and the North Texas Council of Governments.

Shapiro's legislative agenda has varied—from Ashley's Laws, landmark legislation that protects children against sexual predators—to public school reform, with historic measures in education and school finance. As a champion for children, she continues to dedicate herself to improving the lives of children.

While chairing the Senate State Affairs Committee, she passed the Texas Mobility Fund to bond for state roads; and today, as chair of the Senate Education Committee, she oversees public and higher education.

Her leadership has earned her many honors, including the Jack Lowe Award for Community Leadership in Education, and Legislator of the Year Award from the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas. She serves on the Southern Regional Education Board, the Education Commission on the States, and Co-Chairs the Education Policy Taskforce for the Council of State Governments.

Shapiro and husband Howard live in Plano. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Family:

Husband—Howard
Children—Lisa & Brian
Strauss, Todd & Jori Shapiro,
and Staci & Paul Rubin
Grandchildren—Joshua, Noa
& Ari Strauss, Ella & Zachary
Shapiro, Sam & Natalie Rubin

Occupation:

Former small business owner

Date of Birth:

May 2, 1948

Religion:

Jewish

Education:

University of Texas at Austin, B.S.
Secondary Education/English &
Speech

Civic Activities:

Founder—Plano Junior League
Founding member of the Women's
Leadership Council of the United Way
Board Member—Children's Medical
Center
Advisory Board Member—Texas
Academy of Mathematics and
Science—University of North Texas
Advisory Board—Children's Education
Fund

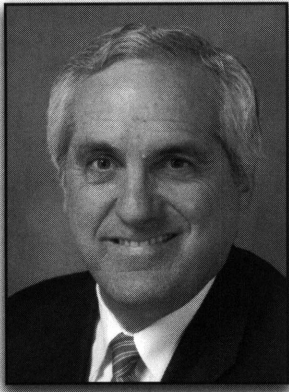
Presidential appointee—US
Holocaust Memorial Museum

Legislative Experience:

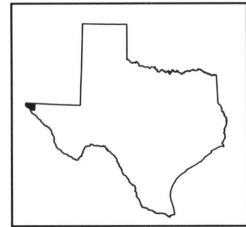
Senate Member, 1993–present
President Pro-Tempore, 2005

Committee Appointments:

Education, Chair
Administration
Finance
Transportation & Homeland
Security
Republican



Address:
 800 Wyoming
 Suite A
 El Paso, Texas 79902
 915-544-1990
 915-544-1998 FAX



District 29 is composed of part of El Paso County.

Eliot Shapleigh

State Senator Eliot Shapleigh represents the 29th Senatorial District which comprises the majority of El Paso County, Texas. He is a fifth generation El Pasoan, a lawyer, businessman and civic activist. He has two children, Zoe and Ben. He is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Texas School of Law, and from 1974 to 1977 he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Senator Shapleigh completed his sixth session as a legislator in 2007. Currently, Senator Shapleigh is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Base Realignment and Closure, Vice-Chair of the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee, and serves on the Health and Human Services Committee, Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, and Nominations Committee.

Throughout his six sessions, he has authored or sponsored more than 400 bills, with a focus on education, economic development, infrastructure, access to capital and healthcare. In El Paso, Senator Shapleigh is a founder of the Community Scholars program, the El Paso Pride project, the Invest in the American Dream conference and the Paseño Art in Austin program.

Family:
 Children—Zoe and Ben

Occupation:
 Attorney

Date of Birth:
 November 11, 1952

Religion:
 Episcopalian

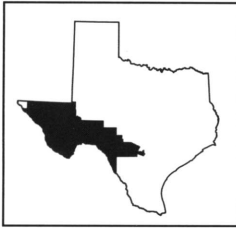
Education:
 Rice University, B.A., 1974

University of Texas School
 of Law, J.D., 1981

Civic Activities:
 Salvation Army Board, chair
 Co-Founder Unite El Paso
 Empowerment Zone Task Force
 El Paso Economic Development
 Summit
 El Paso Education Summit
 Judge Marquez’s Court of
 Inquiry

Legislative Experience:
 Senate Member, 1997–present

Committee Appointments:
 Subcommittee on Base
 Realignment & Closure, Chair
 Veteran Affairs & Military
 Installations, Vice Chair
 Health & Human Services
 Nominations
 Transportation & Homeland
 Security
 Democrat

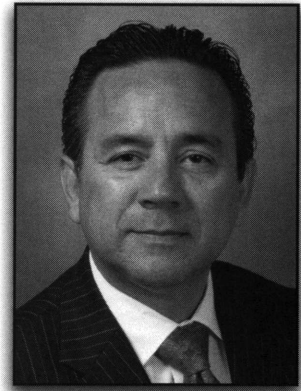


District 19 is composed of Bandera, Brewster, Crockett, Culberson, Edwards, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Loving, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Winkler, and parts of Bexar and El Paso Counties.

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 (512) 463-1017 FAX

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 San Antonio, Texas 78224
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 1-800-459-0119 (toll free)
 (210) 932-2572 FAX



Carlos I. Uresti

Senator Carlos I. Uresti, a Texas native, was born and raised in San Antonio. He was elected to the Senate in 2006. He raised two sons, Michael and Carlos, Jr., in the same neighborhood in which he spent his formative years. He recently welcomed his first grandchild, Benjamin Michael, born to Michael and his wife Jennifer. Carlos Jr. is a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and attends college in San Antonio.

Senator Uresti graduated from McCollum High School in San Antonio, and enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps at age 18. He earned a Bachelor's degree, teaching certificate, and law degree from St. Mary's University. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and then became Captain, ultimately earning the Navy Achievement Medal. He maintains a legal practice in San Antonio, and is employed with Independence Title.

A 1997 Texas House special election brought Senator Uresti into state politics. He is a recognized leader and advocate for children, veterans, and the elderly. He has received five "Legislator of the Year" awards for his child abuse prevention efforts. He also advanced key economic developments, including the Toyota manufacturing plant, Brooks City-Base, and Texas A&M campus in South San Antonio.

Family:

Children—Michael and Carlos, Jr.

Occupation:

Attorney

Religion:

Roman Catholic

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Teaching Certificate
 St. Mary's University, San Antonio Juris Doctorate

Civic Activities:

Blue Ribbon Task Force for Child Abuse Prevention, Founder
 Communities In Schools—San Antonio, Board Member
 Bexar County Veterans Coalition, Founder
 United States Marine Corps League, Member
 Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association, Member
 VFW Post 9186, Member
 Family Alliance Council, Honorary Chair
 Catholic Association of Latino Leaders, Member
 Fort Sam Houston Optimist Club, Member

Texas Association for the Protection of Children, Board Member
 WINGS for Life, Board Member
 South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Member

Legislative Experience:

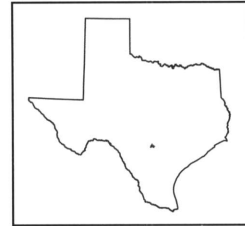
House Member, 1997–2006
 Senate Member, 2007

Committee Appointments:

Administration, Vice Chair
 Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Vice Chair
 Health & Human Services
 Natural Resources
 Democrat



Address:
 700 N. St. Mary's St.
 Suite 1725
 San Antonio, Texas 78205



District 26 is composed of part of Bexar County.

Leticia Van de Putte

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist for more than 29 years, represents a large portion of San Antonio. A former five-term state representative, she is now serving her fifth term as Texas state Senator for District 26. In 2003, she became Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus. In 2006, she served as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Nationally, Senator Van de Putte served as Co-Chair of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, joining the ranks of Texas women, including Barbara Jordan and Ann Richards.

Senator Van de Putte has been honored with numerous awards recognizing her accomplishments as a strong advocate for veterans, children, healthcare, education and economic development. She has consistently authored bills to assist families in securing opportunities. Civic organizations and community groups have recognized Senator Van de Putte as one of the hardest working and most influential legislators in Texas.

Senator Van de Putte and her husband, Pete, have been married for 31 years and are the proud parents of six children and two grandsons.

Family:

Husband—Henry “Pete”
 Van de Putte
 Children—Nichole, Vanessa,
 Henry, Gregory, Isabella
 and Paul
 Grandchildren—Julian, Jove

Occupation:

Pharmacist

Date of Birth:

December 6, 1954

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

The University of Texas, B.S., 1979
 Kellogg Fellow Harvard University
 John F. Kennedy School of
 Government, 1993

Civic Activities:

Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital
 Foundation
 United Way

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1990–1999
 Senate Member, 1999–present

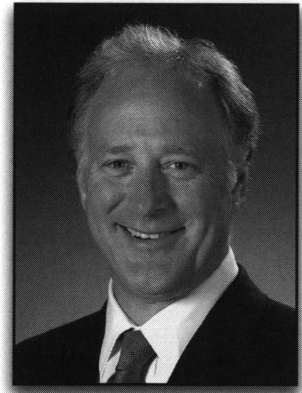
Committee Appointments:

Veteran Affairs & Military
 Installations, Chair
 Business & Commerce
 Education
 State Affairs
 Democrat



District 14 is composed of most of Travis County.

Address:
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Austin, Texas 78711
512-463-0114



Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson is a former mayor of Austin and has been described by *Texas Monthly Biz* magazine as “a man with a vision of what the community wants and the moxie to carry it out.” Watson was elected in 2006 to represent most of Travis County in the Texas Senate.

From 1991 to 1993, Watson served as Chair of the Texas Air Control Board, the state agency that was charged with addressing air quality in Texas. He served as Chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, on the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Texas, and as Chair of the Texas Advisory Board of Environmental Defense.

Senator Watson’s priorities center on education, higher education, health care, economic development, and environmental protection.

As a cancer survivor, Senator Watson is also passionate about making sure that all Texans—particularly children—have access to health care. He has been active in numerous health organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and he served on the original board of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Senator Watson graduated from Baylor University and was first in his law school class at Baylor Law School. He has been named an outstanding young alumnus of Baylor, Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year, and the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas.

Senator Watson has been married to his wife, Liz, for more than 29 years. They have two sons, Preston and Cooper. Preston attends the University of Texas and Cooper is at Kealing Middle School, one of AISD’s magnet schools.

Family:
Wife—Liz
Children—Preston
and Cooper

Occupation:
Attorney

Date of Birth:
March 18, 1958

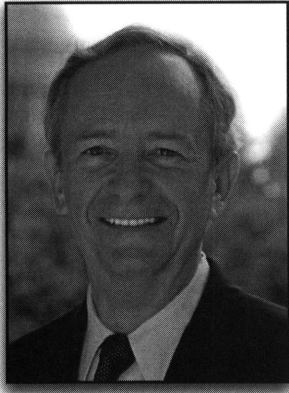
Religion:
Christian

Education:
Baylor University., B.A.
Baylor Law School, J.D.

Civic Activities:
Chamber of Commerce
El Buen Samaritano Health Clinic
Ballet Austin
Environmental Defense

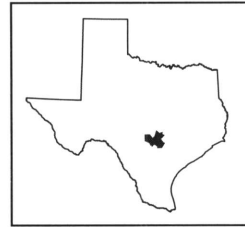
Brackenridge Hospital Development
Council

Committee Appointments:
Transportation & Homeland Security,
Vice Chair
Business & Commerce
Economic Development
Jurisprudence
Nominations
Democrat



Address:

1250 N.E. Loop 410
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San Antonio, Texas 78209
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District 25 is composed of Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, north Bexar and south Travis Counties.

Jeff Wentworth

Senator Jeff Wentworth, a fourth-generation Texan, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1992 after serving nearly five years in the Texas House of Representatives. He represents more than 700,000 Texans in six counties located in the heart of the state, including parts of both San Antonio and Austin.

His prior public service includes one year as a university system regent, six years as a Bexar County Commissioner, two years as a city attorney, three years as a Congressional assistant, and three years active duty as a United States Army counterintelligence officer.

In the Texas Senate, Wentworth's votes are based upon his philosophy of local control, less government interference and regulation, and personal responsibility.

His Senate colleagues elected him President Pro Tem of the Senate for 2004–2005.

As a public servant, Wentworth has long been a strong proponent of open government. He believes that citizens have the right to observe the decision-making process at meetings of those elected to represent them and to have access to the records of their government.

Wentworth has been repeatedly elected to the Senate with more votes cast for him than any other member of the Senate, and he currently serves as chairman of the 16-state Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

Senator Wentworth and his wife, Karla, a licensed professional interior designer, have two sons, Jason, 26, and Matthew, 20.

Family:

Wife—Karla
Children—Jason and
Matthew

Occupation:

Attorney, Realtor

Date of Birth:

November 20, 1940

Religion:

Christian Scientist

Education:

Texas A&M University, B.A.
Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D.

Civic Activities:

San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc.
World Affairs Council of San Antonio,
Trustee
Rotary Club of San Antonio
Greater San Antonio Chamber of
Commerce
San Antonio Museum Association
San Antonio Zoological Association

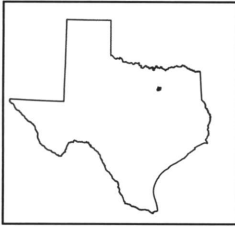
Fiesta San Antonio Commission
Board of Trustees, United Way of San
Antonio and Bexar County

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1988–1992
Senate Member, 1993–present

Committee Appointments:

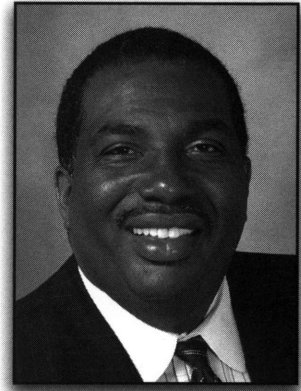
Jurisprudence, Chair
Administration
Intergovernmental Relations
Transportation & Homeland Security
Republican



District 23 is composed of part of Dallas County.

Address:

5787 South Hampton Road
Suite 385
Dallas, Texas 75232
214-467-0123



Royce West

Senator Royce West was elected to the Texas Senate to serve the constituents of District 23 in November, 1992.

He graduated from Wilmer-Hutchins High School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington, where he also served as student body president. He later received his law degree at the University of Houston and then served as a Chief Felony Prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office.

He has maintained a distinguished career as a successful attorney and is a managing partner with the law firm of West & Associates L.L.P.

He has earned the reputation in political and civic circles as a “builder of coalitions” and in 1999 was named one of the “Ten Best Legislators in Texas” by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

He is a strong advocate for higher education in Texas and has worked tirelessly to establish the first public university in the city of Dallas. During his first term, Senator West established the Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program which has provided over 1,400 paid internships for college students from the 23rd Senatorial District.

Senator West is active in numerous civic organizations and serves as a deacon in the Good Street Baptist Church.

Family: Wife—Carol
Children—Steve, Tara,
Royce II, Remarcus, Rolando,
Roddrick, and Brandon

Occupation:
Managing Partner, Law Firm of
West & Associates L.L.P.

Date of Birth:
September 26, 1952

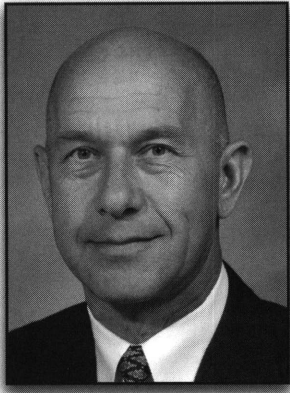
Religion:
Baptist

Education:
University of Texas at Arlington,
B.A., M.A.
University of Houston, J.D.

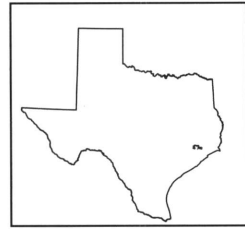
Civic Activities:
Area Chambers of Commerce
Circle Ten Executive
Boy Scouts of America
National, State and Dallas Bar
Association
J. L. Turner Legal Society
NAACP

Legislative Experience:
Senate Member, 1993–present

Committee Appointments:
Intergovernmental Relations,
Chair
Education
Higher Education
Finance
Health & Human Services
Democrat



Address:
 803 Yale Street
 Houston, Texas 77007
 713-864-8701



District 15 is composed of part of Harris County.

John Whitmire

Senator John Whitmire represents the 15th Senatorial District comprised of north Houston and north Harris County. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1982 after serving 10 years in the Texas House of Representatives. With over 26 years of service in the Texas Senate, Senator Whitmire ranks first in seniority and is the “Dean of the Texas Senate.”

Currently, he serves as Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and works to bring about needed changes to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. Senator Whitmire also serves as Co-Chair of both the Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee and the Joint Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission.

Senator Whitmire is a member of the Senate Government Organization Committee and the Senate Administration Committee. Since 1996, Senator Whitmire has served on the Pension Review Board. In addition, he serves as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Legislative Budget Board where he is committed to finding appropriate solutions for funding the state’s many agencies and programs.

Originally from Hillsboro, Texas, Senator Whitmire moved to Houston where he graduated from Waltrip High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston and attended the Bates College of Law. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1981 and is attorney of counsel to the law firm Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP.

Family:
 Children—Whitney and Sarah

Occupation:
 Attorney

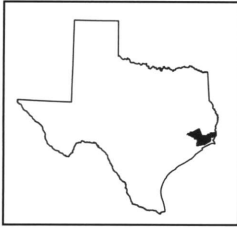
Date of Birth:
 August 13, 1949

Religion:
 Protestant

Education:
 University of Houston, B.A.
 Bates College of Law,
 University of Houston

Legislative Experience:
 House Member, 1973–1982
 Senate Member, 1983–present

Committee Appointments:
 Criminal Justice, Chair
 Administration
 Finance
 Government Organization
 Democrat



District 4 is composed of Chambers, Liberty, Orange, and parts of Harris, Jefferson, and Montgomery Counties.

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The Woodlands, Texas 77387
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281-364-9473 FAX

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Austin, Texas 78711
512-463-0104



Tommy Williams

A fourth generation Texan born and raised in East Texas, Senator Williams served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2002.

Williams graduated from Texas A&M with a B.A. in Accounting and began his career in industry and public accounting before entering the insurance and financial services field in 1983. He now serves as President of Woodforest Financial Services, an affiliate of Woodforest National Bank.

Williams is an outspoken advocate for Texas taxpayers, and has led the fight for meaningful truth in taxation. His legislative leadership and accomplishments have been recognized by many. Recently he received awards from the Texas District and County Attorneys, Texas Association of Business, Texas Association of Realtors, Texas Municipal Police Officers Association, Texas Police Chiefs Association, Texas Motor Transportation Association and the Amerigroup Foundation.

Williams serves on the Legislative Audit Committee in addition to his appointments to the Senate Finance, Education, and Transportation and Homeland Security Committees. He is vice-chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus and a member of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute Board of Directors.

Family:

Wife—Marsha
Children—Paul and Mark

Occupation:

President, Woodforest
Financial Services

Date of Birth:

December 17, 1956

Religion:

Methodist

Education:

Texas A&M University, B.B.A.,
1978

Civic Activities:

The Woodlands Rotary Club
Boy Scouts of America
Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 1997–2003
Senate Member, 2003–present

Committee Appointments:

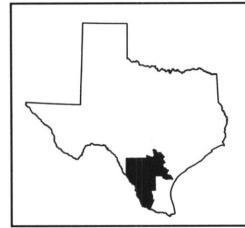
Administration, Chair
Education
Finance
International Relations &
Trade
Republican



Judith Zaffirini

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Laredo, Texas 78042
956-722-2293



District 21 is composed of Atascosa, Bee, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, Karnes, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Wilson, Zapata, Zavala, and part of Bexar County.

Senator Judith Zaffirini is the first Hispanic woman senator in Texas and is the senior senator from the border and Bexar County. In 2008 she was re-elected with 79 percent of the vote in the primary and 68 percent in the general election. She has carried all 17 counties in a seventh landslide victory in the large and diverse Senate District 21, something no one else has accomplished. The only senator with a career-long 100 percent attendance and voting record through the 80th Regular Legislative Session, she has cast more than 38,530 consecutive votes since January, 1987.

Senator Zaffirini has received more than 600 awards and honors for her legislative, public service, and professional work. The namesake of Senator Judith Zaffirini Elementary School in Laredo, she was named one of the “10 Best Legislators” for 1997, 2001 and 2005 by *Texas Monthly*, “One of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics” by *Hispanic Business* magazine; one of the 100 Texas Women of the Century by the Women’s Chamber of Commerce; a Distinguished Alumna by UT-Austin; and an honorary nun, “Sister Judith,” by the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Ministries.

Dr. Zaffirini is an award-winning communications specialist and owner of Zaffirini Communications. She provides professional communication services including consulting, workshops and seminars, coaching and keynote addresses.

Family:

Husband—Carlos M.
Children—Carlos M., Jr.

Occupation:

Communication Specialist,
13 years of teaching
experience

Date of Birth:

February 13, 1946

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

University of Texas at Austin, B.S.,
M.A., Ph.D.
University of Houston
Laredo Junior College

Civic Activities:

Texas Professional Communicators
Association for Education in
Journalism
International Communication
Association
Texas Public Relations Association

Association of Borderland
Scholars

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 1987–present

Committee Appointments:

Higher Education, Chair
Administration
Economic Development
Health & Human Services
Finance
Democrat



The Texas Senate

The Texas Senate is composed of 31 members who represent 31 separate geographical districts in the state. Districts vary in geographical size, with District 26 being the smallest and District 19 the largest. In 2001 the Legislative Redistricting Board used the 2000 Census to draw new district boundaries which resulted in an average of 672,639 constituents in each district.

The backgrounds of those who serve in the Texas Senate are as varied as the districts themselves.

Facts about the Senate of the 81st Legislature:

The average age is 56.

The oldest senator is 68.

The youngest senator is 38.

Occupations or Industries include:

Accounting

Communications

Firefighting

Pharmacy

Advertising

Education

Law

Ranching

Broadcasting

Engineering

Medicine

Real Estate

Business

Farming

Oil & Gas

Steel

Experience:

The average number of years of legislative experience is 13.7, with legislative experience up to 35 years.

The senators have a combined total of 424 years of legislative experience.

The Senate is composed of:

25 men and 6 women;

19 Republicans and 12 Democrats; and

29 incumbents and 2 new members.



TEXAS SENATE COMMITTEES

81st Legislature

ADMINISTRATION

Williams, Chair
Uresti, Vice-Chair
Ogden
Shapiro
Wentworth
Whitmire
Zaffirini

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Estes, Chair
Uresti, Vice-Chair
Hegar
Hinojosa
Jackson

BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Fraser, Chair
Harris, Vice-Chair
Averitt
Eltife
Estes
Jackson
Lucio
Van de Putte
Watson

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Whitmire, Chair
Seliger, Vice-Chair
Carona
Ellis
Hegar
Hinojosa
Patrick

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Harris, Chair
Eltife, Vice-Chair
Deuell
Watson
Zaffirini

EDUCATION

Shapiro, Chair
Patrick, Vice-Chair

Averitt
Davis
Gallegos
Ogden
Van de Putte
West
Williams

FINANCE

Ogden, Chair
Hinojosa, Vice-Chair
Averitt
Deuell
Duncan
Eltife
Harris
Lucio
Nelson
Seliger
Shapiro
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Whitmire
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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Ellis, Chair
Hegar, Vice-Chair
Huffman
Lucio
Nelson
Ogden
Whitmire

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Nelson, Chair
Deuell, Vice-Chair
Huffman
Nichols
Patrick
Shapleigh
Uresti
West
Zaffirini



HIGHER EDUCATION

Zaffirini, Chair
Patrick, Vice-Chair
Averitt
Duncan
West

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

West, Chair
Nichols, Vice-Chair
Gallegos
Patrick
Wentworth

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FLOODING & EVACUATIONS

Gallegos, Chair
Nichols
Patrick

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TRADE

Lucio, Chair
Seliger, Vice-Chair
Davis
Estes
Fraser
Gallegos
Williams

JURISPRUDENCE

Wentworth, Chair
Gallegos, Vice-Chair
Carona
Duncan
Harris
Hinojosa
Watson

NATURAL RESOURCES

Averitt, Chair
Estes, Vice-Chair
Deuell
Duncan
Elife
Fraser
Hegar
Hinojosa
Jackson
Seliger
Uresti

NOMINATIONS

Jackson, Chair
Elife, Vice-Chair
Hegar
Nelson
Nichols
Shapleigh
Watson

STATE AFFAIRS

Duncan, Chair
Deuell, Vice-Chair
Carona
Ellis
Fraser
Harris
Jackson
Lucio
Van de Putte

TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY

Carona, Chair
Watson, Vice-Chair
Davis
Ellis
Huffman
Nichols
Shapiro
Shapleigh
Wentworth

VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Van de Putte, Chair
Shapleigh, Vice-Chair
Davis
Estes
Huffman

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE

Shapleigh, Chair
Estes
Huffman



Texas Counties and the Senators Who Represent Them

-A-

Anderson Nichols
Andrews Seliger
Angelina Nichols
Aransas Hegar
Archer Estes
Armstrong Duncan
Atascosa Zaffirini
Austin Hegar

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Bailey Seliger
Bandera Uresti
Bastrop Hegar
Baylor Estes
Bee Zaffirini
Bell Fraser
Bexar Uresti
 Van De Putte
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 Zaffirini
Blanco Fraser
Borden Duncan
Bosque Averitt
Bowie Eltife
Brazoria Huffman
 Jackson
Brazos Ogden
Brewster Uresti
Briscoe Duncan
Brooks Hinojosa
Brown Fraser
Burleson Ogden
Burnet Fraser

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Caldwell Hegar
Calhoun Hegar
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