



Legislative report September 2026

Potential Issues for 2027 Session

- Contractors not responsible for owner-caused delays on public projects
- Shortening the statute of repose on private projects from 10 yrs to 8 yrs
- Lowering statutory retainage requirements from 10% to 5% (with ABC and TCA)
- Omnibus datacenter reform
- Jobs Council workforce recs
- Medical billing fraud (TLR)
- 3rd-party litigation funding (TLR)
- Third-party permitting + “shot clock” (Homebuilders)
- Horizontal immunity (ABC)
- Licensing of roofing contractors (Rep Barry)
- Local elections: supermajority voting thresholds (defense)
- E-verify (defense)
- Construction defects (defense)



TREPAC IS FIRED UP ABOUT THESE HOT RACES IN THE TEXAS GENERAL ELECTION

Chili peppers on the Hot List are a measure of race's anticipated competitiveness. It does not denote hierarchy of candidate support. The races in each category are sorted by legislative chamber, then district number. To see the TREPAC-supported candidates on your ballot, enter your home address in [our search tool \(/\)](#). For a list of all TREPAC-supported candidates, please see [All Candidates tab \(/all\)](#).

(i) denotes an incumbent candidate
(c) denotes a candidate is challenging current office holder
(*) denotes an open seat
Bold denotes TREPAC-supported

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Heat Level	Election	Candidates
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas Senate District 9	Leigh Wambsganss (c) , Sen. Taylor Rehmet (i)
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 34	Rep. Denise Villalobos (i) , Stephanie Guerrero Saenz
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 37	Rep. Janie Lopez (i) , Oziel Ochoa
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 52	Rep. Caroline Harris Davila (i) , Chris Jimenez
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 63	Rep. Ben Bumgarner (i) , Denise Wooten
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 74	Rep. Eddie Morales (i) , Robert Garza
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 96*	Ellen Fleischmann , Ebony Turner
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 97	Rep. John McQueeney (i) , Beth McLaughlin
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 108	Rep. Morgan Meyer (i) , Allison Mitchell
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 112	Rep. Angie Chen Button (i) , Zach Herbert
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 118*	Jorge Borrego , Kristin Carranza
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 121	Rep. Marc LaHood (i), Zack Dunn
🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️	Texas House District 122	Rep. Mark Dorazio (i), Shelly Nickels

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👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 41*	Gary Groves, Julio Salinas
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 67	Rep. Jeff Leach (i) , Jordan Wheatley
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 70	Rep. Mihaela Plesa (i) , George Flint
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 80	Rep. Don McLaughlin (i) , Ceclia Castellano
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 94*	Cheryl Bean, Katie O'Brien Duzan
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 127	Rep. Charles Cunningham (i) , Michelle Williams
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 133	Rep. Mano De Ayala (i) , Josh Wallenstein
👣👣👣👣	Texas House District 138	Rep. Lacey Hull (i) , Tyler Smith

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👣👣👣	Governor	Gov. Greg Abbott (i) , Pat Dixon, Rep. Gina Hinojosa
👣👣👣	Lieutenant Governor	Gov. Dan Patrick (i) , Anthony Cristo, Rep. Vikki Goodwin, Kevin McCormick
👣👣👣	Attorney General*	Sen. Mayes Middleton , Sen. Nathan Johnson, Tom Oxford
👣👣👣	Comptroller*	Comp. Don Huffines , V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza, Sen. Sarah Eckhardt, Shehla Faizi
👣👣👣	Land Commissioner	Comm. Dawn Buckingham (i) , Benjamin Flores, Neill Snider
👣👣👣	Agriculture Commissioner*	Austin R. Kelly, Alfred Molison Jr., Nathan Sheets, Clayton Tucker
👣👣👣	Railroad Commissioner	Arthur DiBianca, Bo French, Rep. Jon Rosenthal
👣👣👣	Supreme Court Chief Justice	Justice Jimmy Blacklock (i) , Maggie Ellis
👣👣👣	Supreme Court Justice, Place 2	Justice James Sullivan (i) , Chari Kelly
👣👣👣	Supreme Court Justice, Place 7	Justice Kyle Hawkins (i) , Kristin Hawkins
👣👣👣	Supreme Court Justice, Place 8	Justice Brett Busby (i) , Gisela Triana
👣👣👣	Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 1	Justice Scott Brister (i) , Jerry Zimmerer
👣👣👣	Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 2	Justice Scott Field (i) , Thomas Baker
👣👣👣	Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 3	Justice April Farris (i) , Marc Meyer
👣👣👣	Texas Senate District 19	Sen. Roland Gutierrez (i) , Marcus Cardenas
👣👣👣	Texas House District 14	Rep. Paul Dyson (i) , Janet Dudding
👣👣👣	Texas House District 20	Rep. Terry Wilson (i) , Matthias-Jonah Early

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👣👣👣	Texas House District 26	Rep. Matt Morgan (i) , Elizabeth Markowitz
👣👣👣	Texas House District 35	Rep. Oscar Longoria (i) , Oscar Rosa
👣👣👣	Texas House District 54	Rep. Brad Buckley (i) , Dawn Richardson
👣👣👣	Texas House District 55	Rep. Hillary Hickland (i) , Amelia Rabroker
👣👣👣	Texas House District 61	Rep. Keresa Richardson (i) , Brittany Black
👣👣👣	Texas House District 66	Rep. Matt Shaheen (i) , Sandeep Srivastava
👣👣👣	Texas House District 132	Rep. Mike Schofield (i) , Sara McGee
👣👣👣	Texas House District 144	Rep. Mary Ann Perez (i) , David Flores

This list was created by analyzing campaign finance reports, evaluating district lines, and surveying Texas political professionals, campaign consultants, and reporters. If you have questions, believe we missed a race, or think a race is misclassified, send your comments to info@texasrealtorssupport.com (<mailto:info@texasrealtorssupport.com>).

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