TAB Member,

On Tuesday, voters in Texas headed to the polls to make their selections for those who will represent them in Washington and Austin. This election cycle, HOMEPAC was as aggressive as ever in selecting and supporting pro-housing candidates. We were involved in 162 races and are happy to report that 97% (157) of those candidates were victorious. Continue reading below to find out more about the results of Tuesday night's election. If you are interested in learning more about a race not discussed below, visit www.votetexas.gov.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Although HOMEPAC doesn't engage in federal races, the U.S. Senate race during this election cycle has been hard to ignore. This race has already been historic in that it is one of the most expensive Senate races in U.S. history.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY	
Sen. John Cornyn – proceeds to runoff	41.9%
AG Ken Paxton – proceeds to runoff	40.7%
Wesley Hunt	13.5%

On the Democrat side, there was drama late into the night over a Dallas County district court ruling to keep the polls open past 7pm. Ultimately, the issue did not change the outcome.

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY	
James Talarico	52.8%
Jasmine Crockett	45.9%

TEXAS CAPITOL STATEWIDE RACES

- Indicates the incumbent

Highlighted – Indicates which candidate was supported by HOMEPAC

Governor

#Greg Abbott (R) easily emerged from his primary and will face former state representative Gina Hinojosa (D) in the general election in November.

Lieutenant Governor

#Dan Patrick (R) seeking his fourth term soared to an easy victory, collecting over 84% of the vote.

Patrick will face the winner of the Democrat runoff between Vikki Goodwin and Marcos Velez.

Comptroller of Public Accounts

The Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Texas. Glen Hager (R) has been Comptroller since he was elected to the office in 2014. In July, he took office as Chancellor of Texas A&M University. Governor Abbott then named Senator Kelly Hancock (R) as acting Comptroller and he has been in office since July.

There were four Republican candidates: acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock, former state Senator Don Huffines, Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick and Mike Berlanga. Huffines emerged victorious without a runoff, receiving over 57% of the vote. Hancock came in at 23.6%, Craddick at 15.1% and Berlanga with 3.9%. Craddick had a free run and will remain on the Railroad Commission, Hancock resigned his Senate seat this summer to become acting Comptroller. That seat was won by a Democrat in a special election in January.

Huffines will face Senator Sarah Eckhardt (D) in the general election in November.

Texas Railroad Commission

#Jim Wright and Bo French were the two leading vote getters in the Republican primary and will advance to the runoff. Both candidates received about one-third of the vote. The winner of the Republican primary will face state representative Jon Rosenthal (D) who ran unopposed.

Texas Agricultural Commissioner

#Sid Miller a twelve-year incumbent, lost in the Republican primary to challenger Nate Sheets. Sheets will face Democrat Clayton Tucker in the general election.

Texas Land Commissioner

#Dawn Buckingham (R) ran unopposed and will face Benjamin Flores (D) in the general election in November.

Attorney General

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Mayes Middleton – proceeds to runoff	39.2%
Chip Roy – proceeds to runoff	31.6%
Joan Huffman	15.1%
Aaron Reitz	14.2%

The winner between Roy and Middleton will face the winner of the Democrat runoff between Senator Nathan Johnson and Joe Jaworski.

TEXAS SENATE

During the 89th legislative session, Republicans held a 19 to 11 advantage over the Democrats. However, that margin has already shrunk by one member as Senator Taylor Rehmet (D) won a special election to replace Senator Kelly Hancock (R) who resigned to become acting Comptroller.

2026 Primary

- 16 seats up for election in 2026.
- 11 incumbents are running for reelection (12 if you include newly sworn-in Senator Rehmet).
- 5 Republican incumbents have announced they will not return due to retirement, appointment, or pursuit of higher office.

Outgoing Senator	Reason for Vacancy	Race to Replace
Robert Nichols (R) - SD 3	Retired	Trent Ashby (R) will be the favorite to defeat Bobby Tillman (D) in November.
Brandon Creighton (R) - SD 4	Chancellor at Texas Tech	Brett Ligon (R) will be the favorite to defeat Ron Angeltti (D) in November.
Kelly Hancock (R) - SD 9	Appointed Acting Comptroller and ran for the full-time position. Did not make the runoff.	Leigh Wambsganss (R) will face Senator Taylor Rehmet in a rematch of the January special election.
Mayes Middleton (R) - SD 11	Running for Texas Attorney General. Now faces Chip Roy in a runoff.	Dennis Paul (R) will be the favorite to defeat Shannon Dicely (D) in November.
Brian Birdwell (R) - SD 22	Nominated Assistant Secretary of Defense by President Trump	David Cook (R) will be the favorite to defeat Amy Martinez-Salas (D) in November.

Texas Senate by the numbers:

16 of the 31 Senators are up for reelection this year.

- 19 Republican seats during the 89th session has dropped to 18 after Taylor Rehmet (D) pulled off an upset to replace Kelly Hancock (R) in a January special election.
- 5 open seats due to retirement.
- 9 incumbents did not have a primary challenger.
- 1 non-incumbent did not have a primary challenger (Dennis Paul (R) running to replace Senator Middleton (R)).
- 3 Senators are running for higher office in a "free election," meaning their senate seat is not on the ballot this year so they do not have to resign their seat unless they win their race for statewide office.
    - Senator Huffman (R) is running in the Republican primary for Texas Attorney General. (Did not make the runoff).
    - Senator Johnson (D) is running in the Democrat primary for Texas Attorney General. (Will proceed to a runoff v. Joe Jaworski).
    - Senator Eckhardt (D) is running in the democrat primary for Texas Comptroller.
- Incumbent Senators Won Their Primary Contests – All incumbents easily won their party nominations including Senators Bob Hall (R-Edgewood) in District 2 (79%) Charles Schwertner

(R-Georgetown) in District 5 (75%), and Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) in District 21 (73%). 2 incumbents – Senator Menedez (D) and Senator Miles (D) – did not have a primary opponent and will not have a general election opponent. They have effectively been reelected.

Texas House of Representatives

The Texas House of Representatives is made up of 150 members, with the Republicans holding an advantage of 88-62 over the Democrats in the 89th legislative session. The Republicans have held that majority since 2003.

2026 Primary

Three incumbents lost their seats (two Republicans and one Democrat), and two Democrats were forced into a runoff. By comparison, the 2024 cycle saw nine Republican incumbents defeated in the primary and eight more pushed into runoffs, with only three of those incumbents ultimately surviving.

By the numbers:

- All 150 Seats up for reelection
- 21 incumbents did not file for reelection (14 Republican, 7 Democrat)
    - 21 Incumbent House Members Are Not Seeking Re-election:
    - · Alma Allen (D-Houston) District 131 – Not seeking re-election
    - · Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin) District 9 – running for Senate in District 3
    - · Briscoe Cain (R-Deer Park) District 128 – running for newly-created C-9
    - · Giovanni Capriglione (R-Southlake) District 98 – not seeking re-election
    - · David Cook (R-Mansfield) District 96 – running for Senate in District 22
    - · Vikki Goodwin (D-Austin) District 47 – running for Lt. Governor
    - · Bobby Guerra (D-McAllen) District 41 – not seeking re-election
    - · Sam Harless (R-Spring) District 126 – not seeking re-election
    - · Gina Hinojosa (D-Austin) District 49 – running statewide for governor
    - · Stan Lambert (R-Abilene) District 71 – not seeking re-election
    - · Ray Lopez (D-San Antonio) District 125 – not seeking re-election
    - · John Lujan (R-San Antonio) District 118 – running for Congress in District 35
    - · Dennis Paul (R-Webster) District 129 – running for Senate in District 11
    - · Dade Phelan (R-Nederland) District 21 – not seeking re-election
    - · Jon Rosenthal (D-Houston) District 135 – running for Railroad Commission
    - · Nate Schatzline (R-Fort Worth) District 93 – not seeking re-election
    - · John Smithee (R-Amarillo) District 86 – not seeking re-election
    - · James Talarico (D-Austin) District 50 – running for U.S. Senate
    - · Tony Tinderholt (R-Arlington) District 94 – running for Tarrant County Commission
    - · Steve Toth (R-The Woodlands) District 15 – running for Congress in District 2
    - · Gary VanDeaver (R-New Boston) District 1 – not seeking re-election
- 35 incumbents won primary election contests:

- H-5 Cole Hefner (R-Mt. Pleasant)
- H-7 Jay Dean (R-Longview)
- H-8 Cody Harris (R-Palestine)
- H-10 Brian Harrison (R-Midlothian)
- H-13 Angelia Orr (R-Itasca)
- H-16 Will Metcalf (R-Conroe)
- H-17 Stan Gerdes (R-Smithville)
- H-19 Ellen Troxclair (R-Austin)
- H-23 Terri Leo Wilson (R-Galveston)
- H-27 Ron Reynolds (D-Missouri City)
- H-37 Janie Lopez (R-San Benito)
- H-44 Alan Schoolcraft (R-Universal City)
- H-52 Caroline Harris Davila (R-Round Rock)
- H-56 Pat Curry (R-Waco)
- H-58 Helen Kerwin (R-Glen Rose)
- H-60 Mike Olcott (R-Aledo)
- H-61 Keresa Richardson (R-McKinney)
- H-64 Andy Hopper (R-Decatur)
- H-67 Jeff Leach (R-Allen)
- H-76 Suleman Lalani (D-Sugar Land)
- H-88 Ken King (R-Canadian)
- H-89 Candy Noble (R-Lucas)
- H-91 David Lowe (R-North Richland Hills)
- H-106 Jared Patterson (R-Frisco)
- H-108 Morgan Meyer (R-Dallas)
- H-112 Angie Chen Button (R-Garland)
- H-117 Philip Cortez (D-San Antonio)
- H-119 Liz Campos (D-San Antonio)
- H-120 Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (D-San Antonio)
- H-121 Marc LaHood (R-San Antonio)
- H-122 Mark Dorazio (R-San Antonio)
- H-138 Lacey Hull (R-Houston)
- H-139 Charlene Ward-Johnson (D-Houston)
- H-142 Harold Dutton (D-Houston)
- H-144 Mary Ann Perez (D-Houston)

- 46 Republican incumbents running unopposed in their primary
- 28 Republican incumbents have a primary challenger
- 4 open seats vacated by Republicans have an unopposed Republican primary election
- 44 Democrat incumbents are running unopposed in their primary
- 11 Democrat incumbents have a primary opponent

Three incumbents lost in their primary (2 Republicans, 1 Democrat)

Incumbent	Primary Winner	Notes

Cecil Bell (R) 44.9%	Kristen Plaisance (R) 55.1%	Bell was chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. First elected in 2012.
Stan Kitzman (R) 42.8%	Dennis "Goose" Geesaman (R) 57.2%	Kitzman was chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on Article III. First elected in 2022.
Chris Turner (D) 47.3%	Junior Ezeonu (D) 52.7%	Turner is a former House Democratic Caucus chair. This is considered an upset over a veteran legislator.

2 incumbent Democrats in a runoff (if no candidate receives 50% of the vote, the top two candidates go to a runoff):

Incumbent	Primary Challenger	Notes
Hubert Vo (D) 37.5%	Darlene Breaux (D) 37.6%	Vo is the first and only Vietnamese-American elected to the Texas House. First elected in 2004.
Venton Jones (D) 49%	Amanda Richardson (D) 35%	Jones came within 209 votes of winning outright and avoiding a runoff

3 Republican runoff elections for open seats:

First Place	Second Place	Incumbent
Celeste Cabrera-Huff (38.2%)	Nehemias Gomez (37.3%)	Winner will face incumbent Rep. Terry Canales (D).
Sergio Sanchez (45.8%)	Gary Groves (38.4%)	Rep. Bobby Guerra (D) is not seeking reelection. The Democrat primary in this district also has a runoff.
Stan Stanart (49.3%)	Kelly Peterson (29.4%)	Rep. Sam Harless (R) is not seeking reelection.

6 Democrat runoff elections for open seats:

First Place	Second Place	Incumbent
Ozzie Ochoa Jr. (46.2%)	Esmeralda Cantu-Castle (32.1%)	Winner will face incumbent Rep. Janie Lopez (R).
Julio Salinas (38.6%)	Seby Haddad (37.3%)	Rep. Bobby Guerra (D) is not seeking reelection. The Republican primary in this district also has a runoff.
Montserrat Garibay (32.9%)	Kathie Tovo (28.2%)	Rep. Gina Hinojosa (D) won the Democrat primary for Governor and will face Gov. Abbott (R) in November.

Diane Symons (41.5%)	Beth McLaughlin (30.3%)	Winner will face incumbent Rep. John McQueeney (R).
Adrian Reyna (39.1%)	Michelle Barrientes Vela (34.4%)	Rep. Ray Lopez (D) is not seeking reelection. Notably, Lopez's hand-picked successor (Donovan Rodriguez) did not make the runoff.
Staci Childs (45.5%)	Lawrence Allen Jr. (27.5%)	Rep. Alma Allen (D) is not seeking reelection.