

83rd Legislature





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 and committees and the latest news, please visit our website at http://www.senate.state.tx.us.



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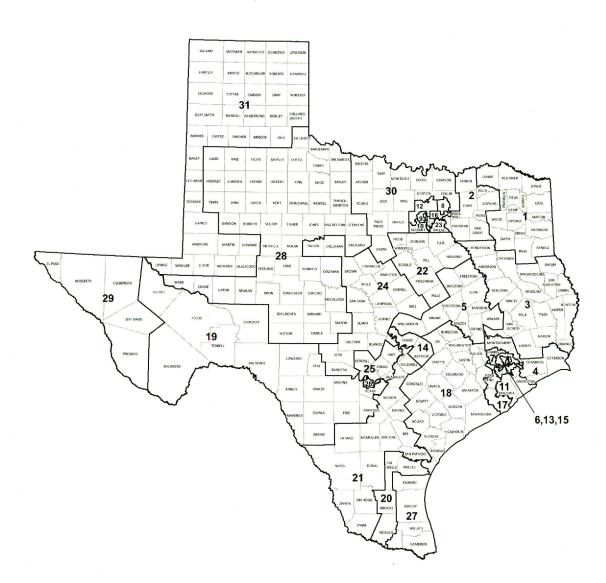


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District Number	Name	Hometown
1	Kevin P. Eltife	Tyler
2	Bob Deuell	Greenville
3	Robert Nichols	Jacksonville
4	Tommy Williams	The Woodlands
5	Charles Schwertner	Georgetown
6	Sylvia R. Garcia	Houston
7	Dan Patrick	Houston
8	Ken Paxton	McKinney
9	Kelly Hancock	North Richland Hills
10	Wendy Davis	Fort Worth
11	Larry Taylor	Friendswood
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	Brian Birdwell	Granbury
23	Royce West	Dallas
24	Troy Fraser	Horseshoe Bay
25	Donna Campbell	New Braunfels
26	Leticia Van de Putte	San Antonio
27	Eddie Lucio, Jr.	Brownsville
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29	José R. Rodríguez	El Paso
30	Craig Estes	Wichita Falls
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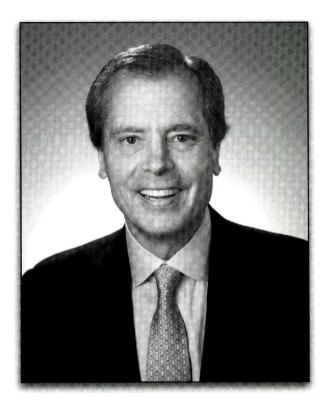


TEXAS SENATORIAL DISTRICTS





LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAVID H. DEWHURST



A native Texan, veteran, businessman and rancher, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst was first elected in 2002 and won re-election in 2006 and 2010.

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



Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst—Continued

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Occupation:

Partner, Falcon Seaboard Diversified Energy and Investments Company

Date Of Birth:

August 18, 1945

Education:

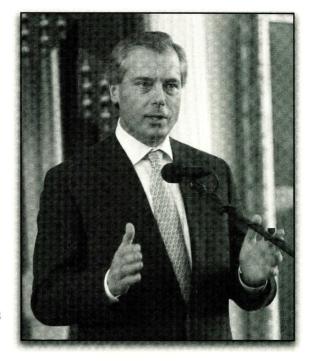
University of Arizona, B.A.

Religion:

Presbyterian

Legislative Experience:

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



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. A family man, Dewhurst lives in Houston with his wife, Patricia "Tricia" Hamilton Dewhurst and their young daughter, Carolyn.





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

BRIAN BIRDWELL

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brian Birdwell is a native Texan, decorated military veteran and lifelong conservative Republican currently representing Texas Senate District 22.

As the Distinguished Military Graduate of the Lamar University Army ROTC program in 1984, Brian was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and served in numerous training deployments and two operational deployments around the world, including South Korea, Germany, Central America and from coast to coast in the United States.

At the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks, Brian was serving as a military aide in the Pentagon. After American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon, Brian was critically wounded and severely burned. He was awarded the Purple Heart for the injuries he sustained. After 39 separate surgeries and upon his retirement from the Army, Brian was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Brian and his wife of 26 years, Mel, reside in Granbury, where they operate Face the Fire Ministries, a non-profit organization assisting and encouraging critical burn survivors and wounded servicemen and women. Their son, Matt, is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University.

Family:

Wife-Mel Son-Matt

Occupation:

Lt. Colonel U.S. Army (retired) President and founder of Face The Fire Ministry

Date of Birth:

November 3, 1961

Religion:

Christian

Education:

Lamar University, B.S. University of Missouri, Kansas City, MPO Command General Staff College, Graduate

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2010-Present

Committee Assignments:

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations, Vice-Chair **Economic Development** Government Organization **Higher Education** Republican





District 25 is composed of Comal, Kendall, and parts of Bexar, Guadalupe, Hays, and parts of south Travis Counties.

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DONNA CAMPBELL

A conservative woman of faith and a working mom, Donna Campbell was elected to the Texas Senate in 2012 to represent Senate District 25, a six-county district stretching across Central Texas. Dr. Campbell and her husband, Stan, reside in New Braunfels with the youngest of their four daughters.

Dr. Campbell's father served in the United States Navy and later as a trooper in the Oklahoma highway patrol. Her mother was a factory worker who became a registered nurse. Dr. Campbell also began her medical career as a nurse. She earned a Bachelor in Science at Central State University and a Master's Degree from Texas Woman's University specializing as a Cardiovascular Clinical Nurse Specialist and an additional role in Nurse Administration. She received her medical degree from Texas Tech Health Science Center and completed her residency at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She received the Morton Award as an outstanding resident in ophthalmology at the Herman Eye Center in Houston and was inducted into the Medical School Honor Society Alpha Omega Alpha.

Dr. Campbell is a double board-certified physician in Ophthalmology and Emergency Medicine. At the time of her election to the Texas Senate she was the Medical Director at Columbus Community Hospital Emergency Department and worked full-time at a free-standing emergency room in Houston. Through her volunteer medical work with Christian Eye Ministries, Dr. Campbell has performed hundreds of eye surgeries in the West African nation of Ghana.

Family:

Husband—Stan Campbell Daughters—Amanda, Anna Beth, Audrey Campbell Zatopek, and Ashley

Occupation:

Emergency Room Physician

Date of Birth:

September 17, 1954

Religion:

Christian

Education:

M.N. Texas Woman's University
M.D. Texas Tech Health Science
Center
General Surgical Internship
Methodist Hospital of Dallas
Residency in Ophthalmology
University of Texas Health
Science Center Houston

B.S. Central State University

Civic Activities:

American Academy of Physician Specialists

National Rifle Association Medical School Honor Society Alpha Omega Alpha

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2013–present

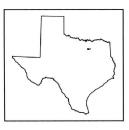
Committee Assignments:

Nominations, Vice-Chair Education Jurisprudence Transportation Veteran Affairs & Military Installations Republican





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District 16 is composed of part of Dallas County.

JOHN J. CARONA

First elected to the Texas Legislature in 1990, Senator John Carona is now in his sixth 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, banking and finance, economic development, transportation, and homeland security. During the 82nd Legislature, Senator Carona served as Chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, Joint Chairman of the Legislative Oversight Board on Windstorm Insurance, and Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee to Study Seacoast Territory Insurance. He also served as a member of the Senate Criminal Justice, Education, and Jurisprudence committees. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

Senator Carona has been a resident of Dallas since early childhood. Raised in East Dallas, he graduated from Bryan Adams High School and then, in 1978, went on to earn Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in insurance and real estate from The University of Texas at Austin. He currently serves as president and CEO of a successful Dallas-based international realty management firm employing over 8,000 people.

Family:

Wife—Helen Children—Joey, Jeff, Will, Kirsten, and Kellen Grandchildren—Charlie, Felice, Danny, Max, and Mabel Eleanor

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 Assignments:

Business & Commerce, Chair Administration Criminal Justice Jurisprudence Nominations Republican





District 10 is composed of part of Tarrant County.

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WENDY DAVIS

Senator Wendy Davis, now in her second term representing Senate District 10, is an attorney, business owner and former Fort Worth City Councilwoman. She has been honored for her legislative work and advocacy on veterans' issues, job creation efforts, public safety, public education and consumer issues. Senator Davis is considered a rising star in Texas.

Listening and working closely with citizens at home, Senator Davis' agenda has focused on job creation, preparing the future workforce through appropriately funded public schools and state support for Texas colleges and universities as well as grant programs for middle-class families. She has distinguished herself as a leader who brings parties together to find common ground toward commonsense solutions.

The first in her family to earn a college degree, she attended Tarrant County College, graduated at the top of her class at Texas Christian University and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. Senator Davis is a partner in Newby Davis PLLC, a certified MWBE law firm, and serves as Counsel to Cantey Hanger as well. She is an avid runner, and 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:

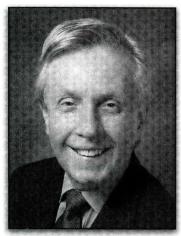
Senate Member, 2008-present

Committee Assignments:

Open Government, Vice-Chair Economic Development Transportation Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

Democrat





BOB DEUELL

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

On January 14, 2003, Senator Bob Deuell was sworn in the Texas State Senate to represent the citizens of Senate District Two. Senator Deuell was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2010 to his third full term.

During the $82^{\rm nd}$ Legislative Session, he passed bills to help with the education of students with dyslexia, increase the safety of student athletes by improving concussion detection and treatment guidelines, and ensure senior citizens have access to quality, affordable health care services. Other key pieces of legislation include a measure to attract movie and television production to the state, a bill authorizing additional tools to prosecute repeat drunk drivers, and Jessica's Law, which enacted some of the harshest punishments in the nation for child molesters.

Senator Deuell has been recognized by a variety of organizations for his work, including the Texas Medical Association, the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the Texas Association of Business, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, and the Texas Young Republican Federation, which named him Freshman Senator of the Year. He was also named in *Texas Monthly*'s Ten Best Legislators list in 2007 and recognized again for his work during the 81st Legislative Session.

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 Assignments:

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





District 28 is composed of Baylor, Borden, Childress, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Eastland, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Hale, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Irion, Jones, Kent, Kimble, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Wilbarger, and part of Taylor Counties.

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ROBERT DUNCAN

Senator Robert Duncan is known in the Texas Senate and his community for his tireless work ethic, keen understanding of complicated policy and stellar reputation.

He was elected to District 84 in the Texas House in 1992. In 1996, he won a special election to the Texas Senate. During his more than two decades in the Texas Legislature, Senator Duncan has crafted major legislation impacting: water rights, health care transparency and affordability, the integrity of public investment funds, public and higher education, eminent domain, and the efficiency and effectiveness of our civil justice system.

Since 1999, Senator Duncan has served on the Senate Finance Committee. He has routinely compounded that victory for West Texas by earning a coveted seat on the budget conference committee, which hashes out the final appropriations bill.

He has served as chairman of the State Affairs Committee since 2003. This committee addresses crucial statewide issues impacting all Texans.

Senator Duncan's efforts in the Senate have been highlighted by honors based on his legislative accomplishments and leadership. *Texas Monthly* has five times named him among the state's 10 best legislators. It has also listed him as a "Texas Super Lawyer" for his professional reputation in the private sector.

Family:

Wife—Terri 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 Assignments:

State Affairs, Chair Education Finance Higher Education Natural Resources Republican





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

RODNEY ELLIS

Senator Rodney Ellis was elected to the Texas Senate in 1990. He has earned praise as a leader on economic development, education, civil rights, environmental policy, middle class tax cuts, and criminal justice issues, having passed over 500 bills.

One of his most notable accomplishments includes passage of the TEXAS Grant program, which has disbursed over \$2 billion in tuition and fees to over 310,000 students.

Senator Ellis authored a middle class tax relief bill that created a three-day sales tax holiday and provided businesses with franchise tax relief for job creation, capital investment, and research and development. Recently, Senator Ellis passed legislation to help eliminate errors which lead to wrongful convictions, reform DNA testing, and ensure those who have been wrongfully convicted are compensated.

Senator Ellis currently serves on the board of the University of Texas School of Law Foundation, Council on Foreign Relations, Rainbow PUSH Coalition Board of Directors, the board of the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation, and the board of the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation. He also chairs the Board of Directors for the Innocence Project, Inc. of New York, and co-chairs the Commission to Engage African Americans on Energy, Climate, and the Environment.

Rodney Ellis is married to Licia Green-Ellis and has four children.

Family:

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

Occupation:

Partner—Rice Financial Products Company Shareholder—The Tagos Group Of Counsel—Reaud, Morgan & Quinn

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:

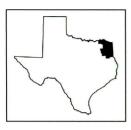
University of Texas School of Law Foundation, Council on Foreign Relations, Rainbow PUSH Coalition Board of Directors, Board of the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation, Board of the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation Innocence Project, Inc. of New York, chair Commission to Engage African Americans on Energy, Climate, and the Environment, co-chair

Legislative Experience: Senate Member, 1990–present

Committee Assignments:

Open Government, Chair Natural Resources State Affairs Transportation Democrat





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

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KEVIN P. ELTIFE

Kevin P. Eltife was elected in 2004 to represent the citizens of Senate District 1. Previously he served on the Tyler City Council and as Mayor of Tyler. 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.

Senator Eltife is active in his community and has volunteered his time and energy to a variety of organizations including the East Texas Food Bank Board, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and Hospice of East Texas.

He 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. In 2007, the Texas Municipal League named him "Legislator of the Year." In 2011, the Texas Association of Realtors gave him a Hall of Fame award and he received an "Honorable Mention" from *Texas Monthly* magazine.

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.

Development Board

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

University of Texas Health Center at Tyler Development Board

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2004–present

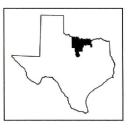
Committee Assignments:

Administration, Chair Business & Commerce Economic Development Finance Natural Resources Republican





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

CRAIG ESTES

Senator Estes was first elected to the Texas Senate in a 2001 Special Election, and then re-elected in 2002, 2004 and 2008. Senator Estes is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security and Vice Chairman for the Senate Natural Resources Committee. He also serves as a member of the Senate Finance, Business and Commerce, and Veterans Affairs and Military Installations Committees.

Senator Estes serves his community on the Young Life Committee of Wichita Falls, the boards of directors of the Rotary Club of Wichita Falls, the Wichita Falls Boys and Girls Club, and the Wichita Falls Faith Mission. Senator Estes is a conservative man both personally and politically, and he is committeed to promoting conservative principles in his role as a legislator.

Senator Estes represents the fifth generation of his family from the North Texas area. Senator Estes was born and raised in Wichita Falls. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three adult children, Abby, Andrew, and Mark, and three grandchildren, John Holt Cunningham, Charles Estes Cunningham, and Caroline Noel Estes.

Family:

Wife—Jennifer Children—Abby, Andrew, and Mark

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 Assignments:

Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security, Chair Natural Resources, Vice-Chair Business & Commerce Finance Republican





District 24 is composed of Bandera, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kerr, Lampasas, Llano, Mills, San Saba, and parts of Taylor and Travis Counties.

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TROY FRASER

Troy Fraser was elected in 1996 to serve Senate District 24. The multi-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 Brownwood to Bandera. The district also encompasses two U.S. military installations—Fort Hood near Killeen and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

Since his election in 1996, Senator Fraser has been consistently ranked by leading organizations as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate for his voting record on fiscal and social issues.

Most recently, the Texas Farm Bureau honored Fraser with the inaugural True Agricultural Champion award for his legislative work on groundwater rights. Fraser also received the Jack Griesenbeck Leadership in Regionalism award by the Capital Area Council of Governments for his leadership in addressing the critical challenges of water and drought in Central Texas.

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, Linda, have three children and four grandchildren.

Family:

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

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 Assignments:

Natural Resources, Chair Economic Development Nominations State Affairs Republican





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District 6 is composed of part of Harris County.

Sylvia R. Garcia

Texas Senator Sylvia R. Garcia is a native of the South Texas farming community Palito Blanco. The eighth of ten children, Sylvia learned at an early age the value of education and hard work.

As a result, Sylvia attended Texas Woman's University on a scholarship to earn a degree in social work, followed by a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University.

Shortly after graduating, Sylvia entered her public service career as a social worker to protect our community's most vulnerable populations, children and the elderly, for whom she has never stopped fighting. She then served as Director and Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal System, was elected as City Controller, and in 2002 was elected to the Harris County Commissioners Court. She was the first Hispanic and first woman to be elected in her own right to the office of County Commissioner. Throughout her years of service, she earned a reputation as the taxpayers' watchdog that fought to protect the pocketbooks of working families.

Active in the Houston community, Senator Garcia has received numerous awards for her service on more than 25 community boards and commissions, including the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Houston Hispanic Forum, American Leadership Forum, Battleship Texas Foundation and Museum of Fine Arts - Houston.

She is now proud to serve as Texas senator for District 6 in Harris County, and will continue to grow her legacy of fighting for working families and education and spearheading economic development.

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

September 6, 1950

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

Texas Woman's University, Social Work Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, J.D.

Civic Activities:

San Jacinto Girl Scouts Houston Hispanic Forum American Leadership Forum Battleship Texas Foundation Museum of Fine Arts - Houston

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2013-present

Committee Assignments:

Government Organization Intergovernmental Relations Jurisprudence Nominations Democrat





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

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KELLY HANCOCK

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2012, Kelly Hancock represents Senate District 9, which includes portions of Tarrant and Dallas Counties. He served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, where he advocated for core conservative values of limited government, lower taxes and strong family values.

Throughout his legislative career, Kelly has worked to pass voter identification legislation, pro-life legislation, eminent domain legislation, immigration reform legislation and state sovereignty legislation.

Numerous organizations such as the Texas Conservative Coalition and the Texas Heritage Alliance have recognized Senator Hancock for his efforts in promoting fiscal responsibility and conservative values. He was presented the "Legislator of the Year" Award by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association and the "Katie Sherrod Advocacy Award" for advocating for victims of domestic violence.

A graduate of Baylor University with a degree in business, Senator Hancock possesses an extensive business background through his work at Advanced Chemical Logistics, his family-founded company. His commitment to public service began shortly after the birth of his first child, Chloe, and he spent the next 13 years serving on the Birdville ISD School Board.

Kelly and his wife, Robin, have been married 25 years and have three children: Chloe, Skylar and Harrison.

Family:

Wife—Robin Children—Chloe, Skylar and Harrison

Occupation:

Business Owner

Date of Birth:

December 2, 1963

Religion:

Christian

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Baylor University

Civic Activities:

Northeast Tarrant Chamber Board Member Lions Club Member

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 2006–2012 Senate Member, 2013–present

Committee Assignments:

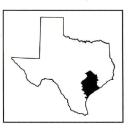
Economic Development, Vice-Chair Administration Business & Commerce Jurisprudence Transportation Republican





GLENN HEGAR

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District 18 is composed of Aransas, Austin, Burleson, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, Waller, Washington, Wharton, and parts of Fort Bend, Harris and Nueces Counties.

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.

Senator Hegar is a fiscal conservative who values faith, family, and freedom. He has worked to reduce government inefficiencies, save taxpayer dollars, and provide common sense solutions to problems facing everyday Texans.

As Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Senator Hegar will lead the Senate as it fulfills the constitutional duty to provide advice and consent on all appointments made by the governor.

Glenn was recognized for his strong stand on Second Amendment rights when he was awarded the Doc Brown Legislator of the Year Award for 2009 by the Texas State Rifle Association and for his work ensuring Texas retains a world- class justice system with the Civil Justice Leadership Award from Texans for Lawsuit Reform. In recognition of his pro-business voting record, the Texas Association of Business named him a "Champion for Free Enterprise."

The most important title that Glenn has ever received is "Daddy." Each and every day, he continues the fight to protect families, including his own, as the State Senator of the 18th District of Texas.

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:

St. Peter's United Methodist
Church
Council of State Governments 21st
Century Foundation
Prairie View A&M University,
College of Business Dean's
Advisory Board
Katy EDC, Transportation &
Mobility Committee
Texas Farm Bureau

Chambers of Commerce

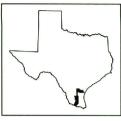
Legislative Experience:

House Member, 2003–2007 Senate Member, 2007–Present

Committee Assignments:

Nominations, Chair
Finance Subcommittee To Review
State & Local Revenue Matters,
Chair
Agriculture, Rural Affairs &
Homeland Security
Natural Resources
Republican





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

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Juan "Chuy" Hino.josa

State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa proudly represents the people of District 20. During the 82nd Session, the Senator authored S.B. 975, the Statewide Dropout Recovery Bill, offering a better future to our younger generations. 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 1981–1990 and from 1997–2002, where he passed landmark legislation establishing the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC), which promotes physician training on the Texas/Mexico Border.

Hinojosa served his country with distinction in the U.S. Marines in the Vietnam War from 1966–1968. In 1974, he received his law degree from Georgetown University. After returning to South Texas, he served as a 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 as one of Texas' "Top Legislators" by *Texas Monthly* magazine. In 2012, Senator Hinojosa received the "Border Texan of the Year" Award for his great contributions to the residents along the border and his tireless dedication to bringing economic and educational benefits to South Texas.

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 Assignments:

Intergovernmental Relations, Chair Finance, Vice-Chair Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security Criminal Justice Natural Resources

Democrat





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

JOAN HUFFMAN

Senator Joan Huffman, a former prosecutor and judge, has been recognized for her conservative and common-sense leadership on criminal justice, fiscal responsibility, economic development, and crucial issues impacting children's health and education. Elected in 2008, she represents District 17, which comprises Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Harris Counties.

As vice chairwoman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Huffman has championed numerous bills to strengthen the criminal justice system and protect children against sexual predators. Huffman is also on the State Affairs, Jurisprudence, Health & Human Services, and Higher Education Committees. While serving on the Sunset Advisory Commission, the senator has made tough decisions to reduce state government inefficiencies and save taxpayer dollars.

For her work during the 82nd Legislature, Huffman was named "Taxpayer Champion" with an A+ rating from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. She was the only Texas senator to receive the "Law and Order" Award from the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, which recognized her accomplishments on criminal justice issues.

Huffman spent 15 years as a Harris County prosecutor and six years as the 183rd Criminal District Court judge. She 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:

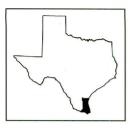
Senate Member, December 2008-present

Committee Assignments:

Criminal Justice, Vice-Chair Finance Health & Human Services State Affairs

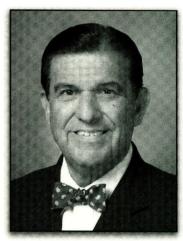
Republican





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

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Eddie Lucio, Jr

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., a native of Brownsville, began his public service in 1971, becoming Cameron County Treasurer and later Cameron County Commissioner.

In addition to his Senate committee assignments, Senator Lucio serves on the Texas Legislative Council. He created and sits on the Interagency Task Force on Children with Special Needs, and he serves as chair of the Texas Tourism Caucus. He also represents Texas on a number of national committees. In 2003, Senator Lucio was honored by his colleagues when they elected him President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 78th Legislature.

During his career, Senator Lucio's priorities have focused on public and higher education, economic development, access to quality health care, and the needs of children, the elderly, and those with special needs.

Senator Lucio has passed hundreds of bills, including those creating The University of Texas Health Science Center-South Texas, a life without parole option in capital murder cases, water and waste-water funding for *colonias*, and self-help programs enabling aspiring homeowners to invest sweat equity in the construction of their own homes. His commitment to families and children has resulted in expanding health coverage for children with autism, installing three-point seat belts on new school buses, improving nutrition in schools, and protecting and enhancing health care benefits for families of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

Family:

Wife—Herminia "Minnie" Lucio Children—Rep. Eddie Lucio III (spouse Jaime); Lynda Cisneros (spouse Carlos) Grandchildren—Carlos "Carlitos" H. Cisneros, Jr., Alejandro A. Cisneros, Anna Lynda Cisneros, and Olivia Rose Lucio

Occupation:

Advertising Executive

Date of Birth: January 20, 1946

Religion: Catholic

Education:

University of Texas Pan-American, B.S.

Civic Activities:

Lions Club Texas State Guard Major National Federation of Independent Businesses

Legislative Experience:

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

Committee Assignments:

Education, Vice-Chair Business & Commerce Finance State Affairs Democrat





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

JANE NELSON

Senator Jane Nelson is a businesswoman and a former teacher who served two terms on the State Board of Education before joining the Texas Senate.

Her many legislative accomplishments include measures to dedicate lottery proceeds to education, strengthen the focus on fitness and nutrition in our schools, assist victims of domestic violence, better protect abused and displaced children, reform our medical liability laws, ensure patient privacy, and establish the Denton County Transportation Authority. In the last session, she authored S.B. 7, containing costs and improving efficiency in the state's health and human services programs.

The fourth Republican woman elected to the Texas Senate—and the first to chair a major committee—Senator Nelson currently serves as chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. She also serves on the Finance Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the Government Organization Committee. She begins the current legislative session as the highest-ranking Republican in the Senate.

A lifetime member of the PTA, Senator Nelson is also a former teacher of adult literacy and volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

Senator Nelson and her husband, Mike Nelson, have five children and five grandchildren.

Family:

Husband—J. Michael Nelson Children—Brian, Elizabeth, Christina, Michelle, and Jennifer Grandchildren—Andrew, Brendan, Addison, Matthew, and Katherine

Occupation:

Businesswoman; former teacher

Date of Birth:

October 5, 1951

Religion: Methodist

Education:

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

Civic Activities:

Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, Board Christian Community Action, Board Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County, Council Metroport Meals on Wheels, Board Chamber of Commerce, Board member

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 1993–present

Committee Assignments:

Health & Human Services, Chair Finance Nominations Open Government Republican



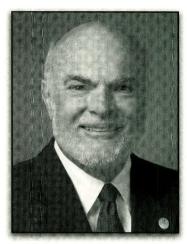


District 3 is composed Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, and part of Montgomery County.

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ROBERT NICHOLS

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2006, Robert Nichols represents 19 counties, including the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County.

Nichols serves as chair of the Transportation Committee and sits on the Health & Human Services Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Nominations Committee. He also serves as vice-chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission.

During his three sessions as a state senator, Nichols authored and passed legislation to protect landowners' rights, increase educational opportunities in East Texas and reform transportation policies. He has worked to reduce Medicaid fraud and promote free-market principles. He was designated as a Top Legislator by *Texas Insider* and a Champion of Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business.

Before running for the Senate, Nichols served as transportation commissioner for eight years, where he established a reputation for increasing efficiency without compromising quality.

Nichols is a businessman from Jacksonville, Texas. In his hometown he served on the city council, was elected mayor, built four successful manufacturing facilities, earned 32 U.S. patents, and created more than 900 jobs for East Texas families.

Working his way through college by selling fireworks and ironing clothes for other students, Nichols earned a bachelor's degree from Lamar University in 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and they are the proud parents of three children: Brittney, Joshua, and Collynn'rae. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

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

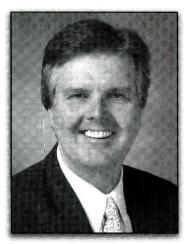
Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2007-present

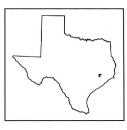
Committee Assignments:

Transportation, Chair Intergovernmental Relations, Vice-Chair Health & Human Services Natural Resources State Affairs Republican





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District 7 is composed of part of Harris County.

DAN PATRICK

Dan Patrick is a strong fiscal and social conservative who has led the charge on important legislation like small business tax cuts and the Sonogram Bill. In his three sessions, Dan has not missed one day on the Senate floor and has only missed six of more than 13,000 votes.

Some of the legislation he passed, and of which he is most proud, is placing "In God We Trust" permanently in the Senate chamber and passing a \$170 million tax cut for small businesses. In 2011, Senator Patrick finally passed the Sonogram Bill to protect women and the unborn.

Dan is the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and serves on other influential committees like Finance and Criminal Justice.

As senator, he has been recognized as Legislator of the Year by law enforcement groups, was honored to receive the Texas Association of Business' top award twice, and was named the third-most influential Republican in Texas by the *Austin American Statesman*.

Dan has been married to Jan, a former school teacher, for 38 years. Their son, Ryan, is a Harris County Criminal Court District Judge. Their daughter, Shane, is a registered nurse.

Family:

Wife—Janetlea Children—Ryan and Shane Grandchild—Zachary Colton

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– present

Committee Assignments:

Education, Chair Criminal Justice Finance Higher Education Transportation Republican





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

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KEN PAXTON

Ken Paxton, a practicing attorney from McKinney, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 2012 after serving five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. His district includes the majority of Collin County, including Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Plano and Richardson, and part of Dallas County.

Paxton supports legislation that promotes individual liberties and free enterprise, limits the size and scope of the state government and supports transparency at all levels of government. He carefully considers each of these principles when casting his votes.

Ken Paxton received more general election votes than any other state representative in 2004 and 2008. He has been named "Texas Taxpayer Hero" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and has been named to the Texas Association of REALTORS Legislative Hall of Fame for his "uncompromising commitment to championing the rights of homeowners." In 2005, he was named one of the 21 Leaders of the 21st Century by *Inside Collin County Business*. In 2010, he was listed as a FIVE STAR Wealth Manager by *Texas Monthly*.

Ken Paxton lives in McKinney, Texas, with his wife, Angela, and their four children: Tucker (20), Abby (18), Madison (16), and Katie (14).

Family:

Wife—Angela Children—Tucker, Abby, Madison, and Katie

Occupation:

Attorney and Small Business Owner (Title Company)

Date of Birth: December 23, 1962

Religion: Protestant

Education:

Baylor University, B.A. (Psychology) Baylor University, M.B.A. Virginia School of Law, J.D.

Civic Activities:

Centennial Medical Center
Board of Directors
Prestonwood Pregnancy and
Family Care Center Board of
Directors
Collin County Student
Aviation Initiative Founding
Board Member
Allen Chamber of Commerce
Member
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Member
McKinney Chamber of
Commerce Member

Plano Chamber of Commerce Member Richardson Chamber of Commerce Member

Legislative Experience:

House Member: 2003–2013 Senate Member: 2013–Present

Committee Assignments:

Transportation, Vice-Chair Education Government Organization Intergovernmental Relations Jurisprudence Republican



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District 29 is composed of the counties of Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties.

José R. Rodríguez

José Rodríguez, an attorney who has devoted his life to public service, was elected to the Texas Senate in 2010. He and his family have made their home in El Paso since 1983, where they have been deeply involved in civic, economic development, and human rights activities.

Rodríguez began his 38-year legal career as a staff attorney with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was a partner with Rodriguez, Lewis & Collins and also worked for 10 years as a staff attorney and director of the farmworker program of Texas Rural Legal Aid. Before his election to the Texas Senate, Rodríguez served as the El Paso County Attorney for 17 years.

During the 82nd Legislative Session, Rodríguez passed 41 bills related to education, health care, economic development, renewable energy, public safety and the courts, ethics and government transparency, and the military. His hard work and tenacity on the Senate floor gained him numerous accolades, including being named "Freshman MVP" by *Capitol Inside*, "Legislative Hero" by Texas Access to Justice Foundation, "Best of Senate" by the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, and "Advocate of the Year, Elected Official" by the Texas Association for Education of Young Children.

Family:

Wife—Carmen Rodríguez Daughter—Laura Gallegos Son—Nicolas Rodríguez

Occupation:

Attorney

Date of Birth:

March 1, 1948

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

Pan American University National Law Center at George Washington University

Civic Activities:

MALDEF
Texas Border Coalition
Border Network for Human
Rights
Border Senses

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2011-Present

Committee Assignments:

Jurisprudence, Vice-Chair Criminal Justice Government Organization Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

Democia





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

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CHARLES SCHWERTNER

Senator Charles Schwertner is a physician, family man, business owner, and a lifelong conservative. In 2010, Schwertner was first elected to serve the people of House District 20 in the Texas House of Representatives. There, he quickly earned a reputation as a measured and effective legislator, working with his colleagues to pass one of the most conservative legislative agendas in Texas history. Dr. Schwertner was also tapped to serve on the House Public Health Committee and the highly influential House Appropriations Committee, where he served as a key voice on Medicaid and health care cost containment.

In 2012, Schwertner won the Republican primary for Texas Senate District 5 with nearly 75 percent of the vote. Senate District 5 is a ten-county region of Central and East Texas which includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker, and Williamson Counties.

Charles comes from six generations of farming and ranching in Texas. In addition to his role in the Texas Legislature, Dr. Schwertner serves as the managing partner of Georgetown Orthopedics; a medical clinic that provides care to over 20,000 patients each year. He and his wife, Belinda (an obstetrician/gynecologist), live in Georgetown with their three sons: Carson, Zachary, and Matthew.

Family:

Wife—Belinda Children—Carson, Zachary, and Matthew

Occupation:

Orthopedic Surgeon

Date of Birth:

May 29, 1970

Religion:

Catholic

Education:

B.S. in Pharmacy from The University of Texas at Austin M.D. from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Civic Activities:

Former President, Williamson County Medical Society Member, Texas State Rifle Association Member, National Rifle Association

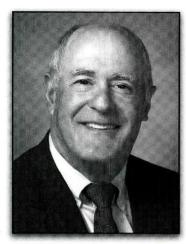
Legislative Experience:

Texas House Member, 2011–2013 Texas Senate Member, 2013–present

Committee Assignments:

Government Organization, Vice-Chair Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security Criminal Justice Health & Human Services Republican

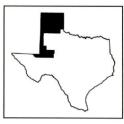




KEL SELIGER

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District 31 is composed of Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Howard, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Loving, Martin, Midland, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler, Winkler, and Yoakum Counties.

Kel Seliger was first elected to the Texas Senate in 2004. Senate District 31 currently spans 37 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 has spent 35 years in the steel industry.

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst appointed Senator Seliger to serve as Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee for the 83rd Legislature. Senator Seliger continues to serve on the Senate Education Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Senator Seliger served four terms as Mayor of Amarillo and as a member of the Amarillo City Commission and the Amarillo Civil Service Commission. Senator Seliger is currently a member of the National Rifle Association, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Harley-Davidson Owners Group.

He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Amarillo and have two sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

Family:

Wife—Nancy Children—Jonathan and Matthew

Date of Birth: June 16, 1953

Education:

Dartmouth College

Civic Activities:

National Rifle Association Texas Farm Bureau

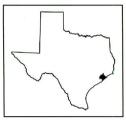
Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2004-present

Committee Assignments:

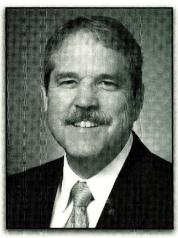
Higher Education, Chair Education Finance Natural Resources Open Government Republican





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

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LARRY TAYLOR

Senator Larry Taylor represents District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston and Harris Counties. A native Texan, Taylor attended Baylor University, where he received his BBA in 1982. He and his wife, Kerri, are the proud parents of three children. He owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father over 50 years ago.

Taylor was elected to the Texas Senate in 2012 after having served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During his tenure, Taylor served as the Chairman of the House Elections Committee, as a Co-Chairman of the Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board, and as a member of the House Insurance Committee, the House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud, and the Energy Council, and he served two terms as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Taylor is proud to have been named a "Taxpayer Advocate" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business, and a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition. Locally, he was recognized as *Galveston Daily News*' "2011 Citizen of the Year" and named "Texas Legislative Champion" by the Sealy and Smith Foundation for his efforts to repair the medical branch after Hurricane Ike.

Family:

Wife—Kerri Children—Trudy, Carly and Jake

Occupation:

Truman Taylor Insurance Agency Inc., Owner

Date of Birth:

June 25, 1960

Religion:

Christian

Education:

Baylor University, B.B.A

Civic Activities:

Hope Foundation, Board Member

Legislative Experience:

House Member, 2003–2012 Senate Member, 2013–present

Committee Assignments:

Business & Commerce, Vice-Chair Education Government Organization Health & Human Services Intergovernmental Relations Republicar.





Carlos I. Uresti

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District 19 is composed of Brewster, Crockett. Dimmit, Edwards, Frio. Kinney, Mayerick, Medina. Pecos, Real, Reeves. Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala, and parts of Atascosa, and Bexar Counties.

Senator Carlos I. Uresti was born in West San Antonio and raised on the city's South Side in a family with eight siblings. He was elected to the Senate in 2006 after serving in the Texas House since 1997. He raised two sons, Michael and Carlos, Jr., in the same neighborhood in which he spent his formative years. He has two grandchildren, Benjamin and Evan, born to Michael and his wife, Jennifer. Senator Uresti's wife, Lleanna, a school counselor, has two children. Sebastian and Katalina.

Senator Uresti graduated from McCollum High School in San Antonio and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at age 18. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and then became Captain, ultimately earning the Navy Achievement Medal. He earned a bachelor's degree, teaching certificate, and law degree from St. Mary's University, and has been in private legal practice in San Antonio since 1992.

Senator Uresti is a recognized leader and advocate for children, veterans, and the elderly, receiving five "Legislator of the Year" awards for his child abuse prevention efforts. He also helped advance key economic developments, including the Toyota manufacturing plant, Brooks City-Base, and the Texas A&M University campus in South San Antonio.

Family:

Wife-Lleanna Sebastian and Katalina Grandchildren—Benjamin and Evan

Occupation: Attorney

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education:

Teaching Certificate St. Mary's University, San Antonio, JD

Civic Activities:

Blue Ribbon Task Force for Child Abuse Prevention, Founder

Communities In Schools—San Antonio, Board Member Children—Michael and Carlos, Jr., 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 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Catholic Association of Latino Leaders, 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, 2006-present

Committee Assignments:

Administration, Vice-Chair Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security, Vice-Chair Health & Human Services Natural Resources **Transportation** Democrat





District 26 is composed of part of Bexar County.

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LETICIA VAN DE PUTTE

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist for more than 33 years, represents a large portion of San Antonio and Bexar County. A former five-term state representative, she is now in her 13th year as state senator for District 26. She served as chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus from 2003 to 2011. 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 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, health care, 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 35 years and are the proud parents of six children and six nearly perfect grandchildren.

Family:

Husband—Henry "Pete"
Van de Putte
Children—Nichole, Vanessa,
Henry, Gregory, Isabella,
and Paul
Grandchildren—Julian, Jove,
Marlo, Eliot, Rex, and Asher

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:

Council of State Governments Milbank Memorial Fund American Legacy Foundation National Hispanic Council of State Legislatures National Assessment Governing Board Families USA

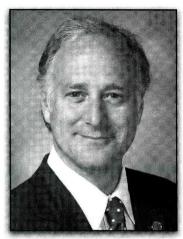
Legislative Experience:

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

Committee Assignments:

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





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District 14 is composed of Bastrop County and most of Travis County.

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 33 years. They have two sons, Preston and Cooper.

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

Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 2007-present

Committee Assignments:

Higher Education, Vice-Chair Business & Commerce Economic Development Nominations Transportation





District 23 is composed of part of Dallas County.

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ROYCE WEST

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

He attended Dallas public schools, 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 received his law degree from the University of Houston and later served as 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 of the law firm of West & Associates L.L.P.

He has earned a 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.

Senator West is a strong advocate for public education and 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 created the Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program, which has provided more than 2,000 paid internships for college students from the 23rd Senatorial District.

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

Family: Wife—Carol Children—Steve, Tara, Royce II, Remarcus (deceased), 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

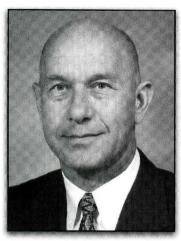
Legislative Experience:

Senate Member, 1993–present

Committee Assignments:

Jurisprudence, Chair Education Finance Health & Human Services Higher Education Democrat





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District 15 is composed of part of Harris County.

JOHN WHITMIRE

Senator John Whitmire represents the 15th Senatorial District comprised of north Houston and part of Harris County. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1982 after serving 10 years in the Texas House of Representatives. With over 28 years of service in the Texas Senate, Senator Whitmire ranks first in seniority and is the "Dean of the Texas Senate."

Senator Whitmire serves as Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and works to bring about needed changes to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. He is also a member of the Senate Government Organization Committee and the Senate Administration Committee. In addition, he serves as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, where he is committed to finding appropriate solutions for funding the state's many agencies and programs.

Since 1996, Senator Whitmire has served on the Pension Review Board, which oversees all Texas public retirement systems. Senator Whitmire is also a member of the Texas Sunset Commission, which is responsible for reviewing state agencies to identify and eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency in state government.

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. Senator Whitmire has two daughters, Whitney and Sarah Whitmire.

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 Assignments:

Criminal Justice, Chair Administration Business & Commerce Finance





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

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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.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 a recognized leader on budgetary, transportation and ballot box integrity issues. His legislative leadership and accomplishments have been recognized and honored by many state and community groups and organizations throughout his tenure in the Texas House and Texas Senate.

Williams serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Finance Committee and as a member on the State Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, and the Senate's Select Committee on Redistricting. As Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Williams serves as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee and the Legislative Budget Board. By special appointment of Lt. Governor Dewhurst, he also serves as a member of the Texas Legislative Council and the Energy Council.

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 Assignments:

Finance, Chair Administration Open Government State Affairs Republican





JUDITH ZAFFIRINI

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District 21 is composed of Bee, Caldwell, Duval, Jim Hogg, Karnes, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Wilson, Zapata, and parts of Atascosa, Bexar Guadalupe, Hays, and Travis Counties.

Senator Judith Zaffirini is the first Hispanic woman senator in Texas and the senior senator for Travis County and the border region. In 2012 she was re-elected in an eighth landslide victory, with 100 percent in the primary and 68 percent in the general election. The only legislator with a career-long 100 percent voting record through the $82^{\rm nd}$ Regular Legislative Session, she has cast more than 47,580 consecutive votes since January, 1987.

Senator Zaffirini has received more than 670 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, 2005 and 2011 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, ccaching and keynote speeches.

Family:

Husband—Carlos M. Zaffirini Children—Carlos M. Zaffirini, 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., PhD. 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 Assignments:

Government Organization, Chair Administration Finance Health & Human Services Higher Education 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 83rd Legislature:

The average age is 57.9.

The oldest senator is 68.

The youngest senator is 42.

Occupations or Industries include:

Advertising

Education

Law

Real Estate

Broadcasting

Engineering

Medicine

Steel

Business

Farming

Non-Profit

Communications

Finance

Non-Pront

Pharmacy

Experience:

The average number of years of legislative experience is 13.2, with legislative experience up to 40 years.

The senators have a combined total of 410 years of legislative experience.

The Senate is composed of:

24 men and 7 women;

19 Republicans and 12 Democrats; and

25 incumbents and 6 new members.



TEXAS SENATE COMMITTEES

83RD LEGISLATURE

ADMINISTRATION

Eltife, Chair Uresti, Vice-Chair Carona

Carona Hancock Whitmire Williams Zaffirini

AGRICULTURE, RURAL AFFAIRS & HOMELAND SECURITY

Estes, Chair Uresti, Vice-Chair Hegar Hinojosa Schwertner

BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Carona, Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Eltife Estes

Hancock Lucio Van de Putte Watson

Whitmire

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Whitmire, Chair Huffman, Vice-Chair Carona

Hinojosa Patrick Rodriguez Schwertner

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Deuell, Chair Hancock, Vice-Chair Birdwell Davis Eltife

Fraser Watson

EDUCATION

Patrick, Chair Lucio, Vice-Chair Campbell Duncan

Paxton Seliger Taylor

Van de Putte

West

FINANCE

Williams, Chair Hinojosa, Vice-Chair

Deuell Duncan Eltife Estes

Hegar, Subcommittee Chair

Huffman Lucio Nelson Patrick Seliger West Whitmire Zaffirini

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Zaffirini, Chair Schwertner, Vice-Chair Birdwell Garcia Paxton Rodriguez

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Nelson, Chair Deuell, Vice-Chair Huffman Nichols

Schwertner Taylor Uresti

Taylor

West Zaffirini



HIGHER EDUCATION

Seliger, Chair Watson, Vice-Chair Birdwell

Duncan Patrick

Paurici

West

Zaffirini

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Hinojosa, Chair

Nichols, Vice-Chair

Garcia

Paxton

Taylor

JURISPRUDENCE

West, Chair

Rodriguez, Vice-Chair

Campbell

Carona

Garcia

Hancock

Paxton

NATURAL RESOURCES

Fraser, Chair

Estes, Vice-Chair

Deuell

Duncan

Ellis

Eltife

Hegar

Hinojosa

Nichols

Seliger Uresti

NOMINATIONS

Hegar, Chair

Campbell, Vice-Chair

Carona

Fraser

Garcia

Nelson

Watson

OPEN GOVERNMENT

Ellis, Chair

Davis, Vice-Chair

Nelson

Seliger

Williams

STATE AFFAIRS

Duncan, Chair

Deuell, Vice-Chair

Ellis

Fraser

Huffman

Lucio

Nichols

Van de Putte

Williams

TRANSPORTATION

Nichols, Chair

Paxton, Vice-Chair

Campbell

Davis

Ellis

Hancock

Patrick

Uresti

Watson

VETERANS AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Van de Putte, Chair Birdwell, Vice-Chair

Campbell

Davis

Rodriguez



Texas Counties and the Senators Who Represent Them

-A-	-C-		
Anderson Nichols Andrews Seliger Angelina Nichols Aransas Hegar Archer Estes Armstrong Seliger Atascosa Uresti Zaffirini Austin	Caldwell Zaffirini Calhoun Hegar Callahan Fraser Cameron Lucio Camp Eltife Carson Seliger Cass Eltife Castro Seliger Chambers Williams Cherokee Nichols		
Bailey Seliger Bandera Fraser Bastrop Watson Baylor Duncan Bee Zaffirini Bell Fraser Bexar Campbell Uresti Van de Putte Zaffirini Blanco Fraser Borden Duncan Bosque Birdwell Bowie Eltife Brazoria Huffman Taylor Brazos Schwertner Brewster Uresti Briscoe Seliger Brooks Hinojosa Brown Fraser Burleson Hegar Burnet Fraser	Childress Duncan Clay Estes Cochran Seliger Coke Duncan Coleman Duncan Collin Estes Paxton Collingsworth Seliger Colorado Hegar Comal Campbell Comanche Fraser Concho Duncan Cooke Estes Coryell Fraser Cottle Duncan Crane Duncan Crane Duncan Crockett Uresti Crosby Duncan Culberson Rodríguez -D- Dallam Seliger Dallas Carona Deuell Hancock		
	Paxton West		



Dawson Duncan De Witt Hegar	Gregg Eltife Grimes Schwertner
Deaf Smith Seliger	Guadalupe Campbell
Delta Deuell	Zaffirini
Denton Estes	
Nelson	–H–
Dickens Duncan	HaleDuncan
Dimmit Uresti	Hall Seliger
Donley Seliger	Hamilton Fraser
Duval Zaffirini	Hansford Seliger
T	Hardeman Duncan
-E-	Hardin Nichols
Eastland Duncan	HarrisEllis
Ector Seliger	Garcia
Edwards Uresti	Hegar
El Paso Rodríguez	Huffman
Ellis Birdwell	Patrick
Erath Estes	Taylor
	Whitmire
F	Williams
Falls Birdwell	Harrison Eltife
Fannin Deuell	Hartley Seliger
Fayette Hegar	Haskell Duncan
FisherDuncan	Hays Campbell
Floyd Duncan	Zaffirini
Foard Duncan	Hemphill Seliger
Fort Bend Ellis	Henderson Nichols
Hegar	Hidalgo Hinojosa Lucio
Huffman	Hill Birdwell
Franklin Eltife	Hockley Duncan
Freestone Schwertner	Hood Birdwell
Frio Uresti	Hopkins Deuell
- G-	Houston Nichols
-0-	Howard Seliger
Gaines Seliger	Hudspeth Rodríguez
Galveston Taylor	Hunt Deuell
Williams	Hutchinson Seliger
Garza Duncan	
Gillespie Fraser	_I _
Glasscock Seliger	Irion Duncan
Goliad Hegar	mon Duncan
Gonzales Hegar	
Gray Seliger	
Grayson Estes	



-J-	-M-		
Jack Estes Jackson	Madison		
Karnes	Midland		
La Salle Zaffirini Lamar Eltife Lamb Duncan Lampasas Fraser Lavaca	Nacogdoches Nichols Navarro Birdwell Newton Nichols Nolan Duncan Nueces		
Llano Fraser Loving Seliger Lubbock Duncan Lynn Duncan	Palo Pinto Estes Panola Eltife Parker Estes Parmer Seliger Pecos Uresti Polk Nichols Potter Seliger Presidio Rodríguez		



Rains Deuell Randall	Tom Green
-S-	-V-
Sabine Nichols San Augustine Nichols San Jacinto Nichols San Patricio Zaffirini San Saba Fraser	Val Verde Uresti Van Zandt Deuell Victoria Hegar —W—
Schleicher Duncan Scurry Duncan Shackelford Duncan Shelby Nichols Sherman Seliger Smith Eltife Somervell Birdwell Starr Zaffirini Stephens Duncan Sterling Duncan Stonewall Duncan Swisher Seliger -T- Tarrant Birdwell Davis	Walker Schwertner Waller Hegar Ward Duncan Washington Hegar Webb Zaffirini Wharton Hegar Wheeler Seliger Wichita Estes Wilbarger Duncan Willacy Lucio Williamson Schwertner Wilson Zaffirini Winkler Seliger Wise Estes Wood Eltife
Hancock Nelson	Yoakum Seliger
Taylor	Young Estes -Z- Zapata Zaffirini Zavala Uresti

The Senate Floor

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David Dewhurst



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Journal Clerk Polly Emerson



Secretary of the Senate Patsy Spaw



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Hegar Dist. 18 R Waller

Eltife Dist. Smith

Garcia Dist. 6 D Harris







Van de Putte Dist. 26 D

Guadalupe Birdwell Dist. 22 R Hood

Huffman Dist. 17 R Harris

Seliger Dist. 31

Taylor Dist. 11 R Galveston Paxton Dist. R Collin

Williams Dist. R



Bexar Deuell Dist. R Hunt

Nichols Dist. Cherokee

Uresti Dist. 19 D Bexar

Randall Schwertner Dist. Williamson

Hancock Dist. 9 R

Duncan Dist. 28 R

Montgomery Davis Dist. D Tarrant

Lucio Dist. 27 D Cameron

Whitmire Dist. 15 D

Nelson Dist.

Denton

Hinojosa Dist. 20 D Hidalgo

Zaffirini Webb

Tarrant Fraser Dist. 24 Llano

Lubbock Estes Dist. 30 Wichita

Ellis Dist.

Harris

Harris

Sergeant-at-Arms Rick DeLeon

Senate Floor Seating Chart 83rd Legislative Session (January, 2013)

