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**REPRESENTATIVE TRYON LEWIS ISSUES STATEMENT ON
GREG ABBOTT'S PROPOSED ETHICS REFORM**

ODESSA, Texas- Today, Representative Tryon Lewis issued the following statement in support of Greg Abbott's "We The People" policy initiative regarding legislators serving as bond counsel for public entities.

Representative Lewis stated "As a former state district judge and a serving state legislator, I feel that all Texas Senators and Representatives should avoid any potential conflict of interest between their representation in the legislature and their personal representation of other governmental entities in financial matters. For that reason, I feel it would be beneficial to amend the Texas Government Code to prohibit legislators from personally serving as bond counsel for public entities for a fee."

Representative Lewis has proudly served House District 81 since 2008 and currently serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence and a member of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation. Prior to his service in the legislature, Representative Lewis served as a State District Judge for 21 years. He also currently serves as a member on the board of directors for the Texas Conservative Coalition, a member of the steering committee for the House Research Organization, a member of the Texas Judicial Council, and a member of the Texas House Energy Caucus.

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