



TEXAS BUSINESS
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Texas 2024 Primary Runoff Election Review
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This year has produced a particularly contentious runoff season with many incumbents facing opposition from various state leaders. Reports from block walking teams indicate voters will be very happy when the runoff is over and no one else knocks on their door. A great deal of money has been raised and spent since March, but since a runoff election only requires an 8 day report to the Ethics Commission, candidates will have no time to adjust for anything that may show up in the fundraising reports. That report was due on May 20, the first day of early voting.

Border security and public education continue to be recurring themes overall, with some incumbent races including attacks based on House rules and procedures. Property tax messages always get attention from voters, but most campaigns make very little mention of the \$18 billion property tax cut passed in 2023.

VOTING

[Election turnout data](#)

The date for the runoff election is May 28, which is the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Early voting is Monday through Friday, May 20-24. With the election happening the day after a Monday holiday, it's anyone's guess what that turnout will look like. Hopes are not high for a strong showing and low turnout presumably favors more extreme candidates. It is possible that mail ballots will make up a larger percentage of the vote than they do in a uniform-date election. There are county races in some districts that may help drive turnout.

In 2022, the runoff was held the week before Memorial Day. That election generated 5.4% statewide turnout in the Republican runoff and 2.8% in the Democratic runoff.

STATEWIDE

There are no statewide runoffs on the May 2024 runoff ballot.

COURTS

[Texas Courts of Appeals Map](#)

There are two appellate court seats on the Democratic runoff ballot.

Austin, 3rd Court of Appeals, Place 2 [Edward Smith* \(D\) v Maggie Ellis \(D\)](#)
Houston, 14th Court of Appeals, Place 3 [Jerry Zimmerer* \(D\) v Velda Renita Faulkner \(D\)](#)

For information on statewide and courts of appeals judicial candidates, see the judicial voter education site [TexasJudges.org](https://www.texasjudges.org) for side-by-side comparisons of judicial candidates.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

[Texas State Board of Education Map](#)

There are two SBOE seats on the Republican runoff ballot.

SBOE 10 [Tom Maynard* \(R\) v Mary Bone \(R\)](#)
SBOE 12 [Pam Little* \(R\) v Jamie Kohlmann \(R\)](#)

DISTRICT MAPS

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The 2020 census resulted in a new Texas population estimate of 29,145,505, up from 25,145,561 in 2010. The Texas Legislature adopted the current maps in 2021. The maps are: S2168, with 31 districts of 940,178 each for the Texas Senate; H2136 with 150 districts of 194,303 each for the Texas House of Representatives; C2193 with 38 districts of 766,987 each for the Texas Congressional delegation; and E2106 with 15 districts of 1,943,034 each for the State Board of Education.

TEXAS SENATE

[Texas Senate Map](#)

The Texas Senate is currently comprised of 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats. There are three Senate runoff, two Democrat and one Republican, but the (D) nominee in SD 30 is not expected to be competitive in November.

SD 15 (D)

ORVS 36.7

Open (Whitmire)

Hot race

Molly Cook* v Jarvis Johnson

May Special Election result: Cook 57, Johnson 43

November race not competitive

This runoff will be a rematch of the recent May 4 special election to fill former Senator Whitmire's unexpired term between now and January. Senator Cook won that special election and was sworn in on Thursday, May 16, 2024. There are several county races on the Democratic runoff ballot, including Harris County Tax Assessor Collector.

Registered nurse [Molly Cook](#) surprised Johnson in the special election, winning the unexpired term with 57% of the vote. The special election did provide an early peek at the money in this race, with nearly 2/3 of Senator Cook's contributions from out of state. She reported more than 500 contributions and over \$300,000 raised between March and May 4. Cook is a relative newcomer but this is not her first campaign. She earned 42% of the 2022 primary vote against Whitmire. Cook has been endorsed by many organizations, community leaders, and precinct chairs. She also was very involved in the Beto for Senate campaign. She shows another 269,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Leaders We Deserve (110,000), and Charles Tate (20,000). Once again, her report shows hundreds of individual contributions.

[Representative Jarvis Johnson](#) made a good showing in the March primary, outperforming Cook 36-21% in a field of six candidates. He has been endorsed by the Houston Chronicle and dozens of elected officials and organizations. He also shows over \$300,000 raised between March and May 4, with nearly all of it from Texas donors. Johnson is taking the recent loss very seriously and has adjusted his runoff strategy accordingly. He shows 287,000 raised on the 8-day report, with a loan of 35,000 and recent contributions from Houston Region Business Coalition (60,000), TTLA (40,000), Realtors (40,000), Charter Schools Now (25,000), Adam Loewy (20,000), and Richard Raymond (10,000).

SD 30 (R)

ORVS 63.7

Open Seat (Springer)

Hot race

Brent Hagenbuch v Jace Yarbrough

March primary result: Hagenbuch 36, Yarbrough 34

November race not competitive

[Brent Hagenbuch](#) earned 36% of the March primary vote. He owns two trucking and transport companies and was an officer in the Navy. He served as Chair of the Denton County Republican Party, but that group called on him to drop out of the race before the primary. Earlier this year, he faced legal challenges to his residency and eligibility, but a judge ruled to let him stay on the ballot and continue campaigning while the case proceeds. He raised less than \$50,000 before the primary but had loaned his campaign over \$1 million. He has been endorsed by Abbott, Perry, Cornyn, Patrick, and Trump. He shows 1.7 million raised on the 8-day report, with an increased loan of 1.8 million and recent contributions from Dan Patrick (750,000); TLR (75,000); Kevin Sparks (30,000); and 50,000 each from bankers James Perkins and Robert Marling.

[Jace Yarbrough](#) earned 34% of the March primary vote. He is an attorney and veteran. His practice covers a multitude of conservative legal issues. Yarbrough recently represented Senator Angela Paxton during AG Paxton's impeachment proceedings. Before the primary, Yarbrough showed about \$150,000 raised and a loan of \$200,000. He shows 409,000 raised on the 8-day report, with a loan of 200,000 and recent contributions from James Stanton (150,000), Mark Adamson (50,000), and Jonathan Perlman (25,000). He has been endorsed by Allen West, several SREC members, many party activists, and several local elected officials.

There is a runoff for SD 30 in the Democratic primary as well, but this district is strong Republican and not expected to be competitive in November. The (D) runoff candidates are [Michael Braxton](#) v [Dale Frey](#).

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[Texas House Map](#)

The Texas House is currently comprised of 85 Republicans and 65 Democrats. There are 16 open seats this cycle, including nine Republican seats and seven Democrats. The only open seat widely expected to switch parties this fall is HD 80, currently held by Tracy King (D) but leaning R with a 51 ORVS.

There are 20 House runoffs (6 Democrat, 14 Republican), including one (D) incumbent and eight (R) incumbents. Not all of the runoff eventual nominees will be competitive in November.

HD 1 (R)

ORVS 77

Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Gary VanDeaver* v Chris Spencer

March primary result: VanDeaver 45, Spencer 43

Unopposed in November

[Gary VanDeaver](#) was first elected in 2014. He has an extensive background in education and earned 63% of the vote against two challengers in the 2022 primary. He shows 492,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Phelan campaign (200,000), ART (130,000), Farm Bureau (46,000), Defend Rural Texas PAC (30,000), and Realtors (25,000). VanDeaver has been endorsed by the NRA and the Texas State Rifle Association, along with many organizations and local leaders.

[Chris Spencer](#) is in the grocery business and was appointed Chairman of the Sulphur River Basin Authority by Abbott in 2018. He shows 529,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Abbott (300,000), Texans United for a Conservative Majority (31,000), Gilbert Hine of San Antonio (50,000), and Family Empowerment Coalition (25,000). Spencer has been endorsed by Abbott, Paxton, and Cruz.

HD 12 (R)

ORVS 74

Open (Kacal)

Hot race

Trey Wharton v Ben Bius

March primary result: Wharton 35, Bius 33

November race not competitive

[Trey Wharton](#) owns an insurance business, has served on the school board and the local hospital board. He raised over \$100,000 before the primary, and shows 776,000 raised on the 8-day

report with a loan of 40,000 and recent contributions from TLR (321,000) and Abbott (348,000). Trey has been endorsed by Abbott, former opponent John Harvey Slocum, and many community leaders and organizations.

[Ben Bius](#) has run for office several times before. He is a real estate investor and spent \$500,000 in 2022 against Kyle Kacal, forcing a runoff where Bius earned 42% of the vote. He loaned his campaign \$1 million before the primary, and has been endorsed by Paxton, Patrick, Sid Miller, and many conservative organizations. He shows only 29,000 raised on the 8-day report, and still shows a loan of 1.1 million.

HD 21 (R)

ORVS 79

Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Dade Phelan* v David Covey

March primary result: Phelan 43, Covey 46

Unopposed in November

Speaker [Dade Phelan's](#) campaign showed nearly \$4 million raised before the primary. Much of that was used to defend House incumbents in the primary. He shows 3.4 million raised on the 8-day report, with 2500 contributions reported. Some of the larger contributions are from Texas Defense PAC (620,000); Sands (100,000); Patrick Dumont (50,000); Miriam Adelson (50,000); ART (230,000); Rod Sanders (150,000); Realtors (125,000); AGC (104,000); 100,000 each from Kelcy Warren, Ray Hunt, and Alan Hassenflu; 50,000 each from Allen Nye, Robert Lanham, and Woody Hunt; and many other contributions in the 5,000-40,000 range. As listed in this report, much of this money has been used to support House incumbents with runoffs. Phelan has been endorsed by former Governor Rick Perry.

[David Covey](#) is an oil & gas lawyer and former chair of the local Republican party. He has been endorsed by Trump, Paxton, and Sid Miller. Patrick has not formally endorsed Covey but has spoken in support and contributed to his campaign. Covey showed nearly \$400,000 raised before the primary. He shows 1.7 million raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texans United for a Conservative Majority (431,000), Alex Fairly (500,000), and Dan Patrick (100,000).

HD 29 (R)

ORVS 60

Open (Thompson)

Hot race

Alex Kamkar v Jeff Barry

March primary result: Kamkar 44, Barry 48

November race not competitive

[Alex Kamkar](#) is a developer and served on the Pearland City Council. He has been endorsed by Abbott, Patrick, Cruz, Ramaswamy, and many local leaders. He shows 633,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Abbott (260,000), TLR (250,000), Mayes Middleton (15,000), and Family Empowerment Coalition (25,000).

[Jeff Barry](#) is an insurance broker. He also serves on the Pearland City Council and spent six years on the school board. He has been endorsed by Ed Thompson and many local leaders. He shows 62,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from IIAT (5,000), Mike O'Day (5,000), HOSPAC (4,500), and TTLA (5,000).

HD 30 (R)
ORVS 63.7
Open (Morrison)

Hot race

Jeff Bauknight v AJ Louderback
March primary result: Bauknight 42, Louderback 40
November race not competitive

[Jeff Bauknight](#) (R) is a former mayor and city council member and owns an HVAC business. He shows 939,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Abbott (374,000), TLR (498,000), Phelan campaign (80,000), and ART (45,000). He has been endorsed by Abbott, Geanie Morrison, and many organizations.

[AJ Louderback](#) (R) is a retired sheriff of Jackson County, former legislative chair for the Texas Sheriff's Association, and a military veteran. He shows 600,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texans United for a Conservative Majority (456,000), Alex Fairly (50,000), and Dan Patrick (25,000). He has been endorsed by Paxton, Patrick, Sid Miller, Dawn Buckingham, and several conservative organizations.

The incumbent Lavaca County Sheriff, Micah Harmon* (R), has a runoff that will generate voter interest. Lavaca is the third largest of five counties in the district. Louderback did well in Lavaca.

HD 33 (R)
ORVS 62.6
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Justin Holland* v Katrina Pierson
March primary result: Holland 38.7, Pierson 39.5
Unopposed in November

[Justin Holland](#) was first elected to the House in 2016. He is a Realtor and former city council member. He shows nearly 1.4 million raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texas Defense PAC (561,000), Charles Butt Education PAC (179,000), Phelan campaign (200,000), ART (32,000), Defend Rural Texas PAC (25,000), and Realtors (30,000). Justin has been endorsed by ART, TLR, and many local leaders and organizations.

[Katrina Pierson](#) is a Republican activist and was spokesperson for Trump's 2016 campaign. She shows 473,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Abbott (187,000), Texans United for a Conservative Majority (177,000), and Family Empowerment Coalition (15,000). She has been endorsed by Abbott, Patrick, and Paxton.

HD 37 (D)
ORVS 49.3
Lean district

Ruben Cortez v Jonathan Gracia
March primary result: Cortez 32, Gracia 25
Very hot race in November, possible party flip.

The winner of this primary will face Janie Lopez (R) in November, and that race is expected to be competitive since HD 37 leans slightly Democratic.

[Ruben Cortez](#) is a former SBOE member. He has been endorsed by Mothers Against Greg Abbott, LupeVotes, Texas AFL-CIO PAC, and others. He shows 42,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Nicole Ortiz (10,000), Planned Parenthood (3,000), and Parent PAC (2,500).

[Jonathan Gracia](#) is an attorney, former Justice of the Peace, and a former legislative and congressional staffer. He ran against Erin Gamez (D) in HD 38 in the 2022 primary, earning 42% of that vote. He shows 6,000 raised on the 8-day report, with a loan of 111,500.

HD 44 (R)
ORVS 65.5
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

John Kuempel* v Alan Schoolcraft
March primary result: Kuempel 45, Schoolcraft 48
November race not competitive

[John Kuempel](#) was first elected in 2010, winning a special election without a runoff in a field of nine candidates. He shows over \$1 million raised in this runoff, including ART (264,000), Phelan campaign (200,000), TLR (115,000), Sands (50,000), and several other large contributions. Kuempel has strong support from local leaders, organizations, and the community.

[Alan Schoolcraft](#) is an attorney and owner of a legal documents business. He previously served six terms in the House. His 8-day report shows \$572,000 raised and a \$355,000 loan. He has recent contributions from Abbott (191,000) Alex Fairly (100,000) and Texans United for a Conservative Majority (100,000). He has been endorsed by Abbott, Paxton, Trump, Patrick, and Cruz and has support from Family Empowerment Coalition.

HD 58 (R)
ORVS 77.8
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

DeWayne Burns* v Helen Kerwin
March primary result: Burns 41, Kerwin 49
November race not competitive

[DeWayne Burns](#) was first elected to the House in 2014. Burns is a property and investment manager, specializing in agricultural issues. He shows 971,538 raised on the 8-day report and contributions to date from the Charles Butt Education PAC (236,000), Phelan Campaign (200,000), ART (260,000), Farm Bureau (49,000), Texas Defense PAC (47,000), Realtors (75,000), and Defend Rural Texas PAC (45,000). He has been endorsed by many organizations, local leaders and elected officials.

[Helen Kerwin](#) is a former mayor and county commissioner. Helen shows 506,000 raised on the 8-day report with a loan of 30,000. She has recent contributions from Abbott (170,000), Texans United for a Conservative Majority (75,000), Dr. James Leininger (65,000), and Dan Patrick (25,000). She has been endorsed by Abbott, Paxton, Trump, Patrick, and Cruz, and supported by the Family Empowerment Coalition.

HD 61 (R)
ORVS 57
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Frederick Frazier* v Keresa Richardson
March primary result: Frazier 32, Richardson 40
November race not competitive

[Frederick Frazier](#) was first elected to the House in 2022. He is a law enforcement officer and has the support of the law enforcement political community. He shows nearly \$1 million raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texas Defense PAC (500,000), TLR (135,000), Sands (75,000), and ART (57,000). He has been endorsed by ART, TLR, Farm Bureau, and many organizations and local leaders.

[Keresa Richardson](#) is CEO of a group of plumbing, HVAC, and pest control businesses in DFW, San Antonio, and Austin. She shows 94,000 raised on the 8-day report, with a loan of 106,000. Richardson has recent contributions from Texans United for a Conservative Majority (12,000) and Dr. James Leininger (10,000). She has been endorsed by the Paxtons, Sid Miller, Rick Santorum, and many far-right organizations.

HD 64 (R)
ORVS 62.1
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Lynn Stucky* v Andy Hopper
March primary result: Stucky 43, Hopper 47
November race not competitive

This is a rematch from last cycle. Stucky beat Hopper in 2022 by only 94 votes. Wise County has an open sheriff race in the Republican runoff. Wise made up 38% of the primary vote, and Hopper did well in Wise.

[Lynn Stucky](#) was first elected to the House in 2016. He is a veterinarian and former school board member. Dr. Stucky shows nearly 800,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from TLR (206,000), Abbott (169,000), the Phelan Campaign (99,000), Defend Rural Texas PAC (41,000), Realtors (37,000), VetPAC (33,000), and ART. He has been endorsed by Governor Abbott, many organizations and local leaders.

[Andy Hopper](#) is a computer science engineer and Texas State Guard officer. He shows 576,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texans United for a Conservative Majority (223,000) and Darlene Pendery (200,000). He has been endorsed by Paxton, Defend Texas Liberty, and HD 60 nominee Mike Olcott.

HD 77 (D)
ORVS 25.3
Open (Ortega)

Very hot race

Norma Chavez v Vince Perez
March primary result: Chavez 32, Perez 38
Unopposed in November

[Norma Chavez](#) previously served ten years in the House. She shows 55,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from the El Paso Sheriff's Association (12,000). She has been endorsed by dozens of organizations, local leaders, and current and former elected officials.

[Vince Perez](#) is a former county commissioner and ex-husband of Representative Claudia Ordaz. He shows 101,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from TLR (37,500), Paul Foster (17,500), Woody Hunt (7,500), and Realtors (21,000).

The El Paso county Democratic runoff has an open sheriff race, a challenger DA race, and a constable race that overlaps HD 77.

HD 80 (D)
ORVS 51.2
Open (T King)

Cecilia Castellano v Rosie Cuellar
March primary result: Castellano 27, Cuellar 25
Very hot race in November, possible party flip

This seat is currently held by veteran Democrat Tracy King*. It will be very competitive in November, with a high chance of a party flip to Republican. Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar* (D) (Rosie and Henry's brother) is also in a runoff. Webb County made up 39% of the primary vote, and Rosie Cuellar did well in Webb.

[Rosie Cuellar](#) is an attorney, former judge, and former Webb County tax collector. She is from Laredo, which is the population center of the south end of the district. Her name ID is high, and her brothers are Congressman Henry Cuellar and Sheriff Martin Cuellar. She shows 142,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Richard Raymond (25,000), Laredo Fire PAC (15,000), Blackstone Dilworth (10,000), Victor Vasquez (10,000), and Texans for Henry Cuellar (7,000). Her website does not show endorsements.

[Cecilia Castellano](#) owns a construction company and resides in the east part of the district. She shows 19,000 raised on the 8-day report with a loan of 120,000. She did very well in the March primary, leading the field of five candidates.

HD 91 (R)

ORVS 61.4

Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Stephanie Klick* v David Lowe

March primary result: Klick 48, Lowe 46

Unopposed in November

This is a rematch of the 2022 runoff, where Klick beat Lowe 54-46.

[Stephanie Klick](#) was first elected to the House in 2012. Stephanie has 40 years of nursing experience and was re-elected in November 2020 with the highest number of votes of any Republican in the district at any level. She shows 862,000 raised on the 8-day report, with a loan of 27,000 and recent contributions from Abbott (272,000), TLR (157,000), Phelan campaign (110,000), and Realtors (27,000). She has been endorsed by Abbott, Rick Perry, Kelly Hancock, and many House colleagues, organizations, and local leaders.

[David Lowe](#) is an Army veteran and former North Texas Regional Director for the Republican party. He ran against Klick in 2022 and made it to a runoff, but it was a five-candidate field and he lost the 2022 runoff to Klick by 10 points. He shows 253,000 raised on the 8-day report, with 207,000 of that from Texans United for a Conservative Majority and 10,000 from Dr. James Leininger.

HD 97 (R)

ORVS 56.7

Open (Goldman)

Very hot race

Cheryl Bean v John McQueeney

March primary result: Bean 49.57, McQueeney 30

November race not competitive

Cheryl Bean almost won this primary outright, but it has now turned into a very hot race. The third candidate in this primary, Leslie Robnett, has not endorsed either of her former opponents. TX-12 substantially overlaps HD 97, and that runoff should generate voter interest.

[John McQueeney](#) is a real estate investor and owns restaurants and a shipping logistics business. He shows nearly 2 million raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texas Defense PAC (1.3 million), Sands (50,000), Abbott (162,000), TLR (150,000), ART (80,000), and the Phelan campaign (40,000).

[Cheryl Bean](#) is an aerospace engineer and owns a home remodeling business. She shows 298,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Texans United for a Conservative Majority (125,000), Alex Fairly (100,000), and Dan Patrick (5,000).

HD 97 (D)

ORVS 56.7

Open (Goldman)

Diane Symons v Carlos Walker

March primary result: Symons 44, Walker 35

November race not competitive

There is also a runoff in HD 97 on the Democratic ballot, but with an ORVS of 56, it is not expected to be competitive in November.

HD 139 (D)
ORVS 27.3
Open (Johnson)

Hot race

Charlene Ward Johnson v Angie Thibodeaux
March primary result: Ward Johnson 24, Thibodeaux 33
Unopposed in November

This was a crowded 5-way primary. Thibodeaux certainly looks to have an edge in the runoff, but there were unconfirmed reports of ballot discrepancies in March that could have affected the results. There are several county races on the Democratic runoff ballot, including Harris County Tax Assessor Collector and SD 15, which completely overlaps this district.

[Charlene Ward Johnson](#) holds an elected position on the Board of Trustees for Houston Community College, has worked for Reliant Energy for over 30 years, and has been active in managing family restaurants and daycare businesses. She is the ex-wife of incumbent Jarvis Johnson, so she is familiar with the legislative process. Between her past campaigns and Rep. Jarvis's campaigns, Charlene has good name ID in the district. She shows 24,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent contributions from Charter Schools PAC and Houston Firefighters PAC.

[Angie Thibodeaux](#) has a background in finance and is active in her neighborhood association. She raised no money in the primary, but shows 44,000 raised on the 8-day report and still shows a loan of 65,000. She shows recent support from the Family Empowerment PAC (25,000) and the voucher community.

HD 146 (D)
ORVS 21
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Shawn Thierry* v Lauren Simmons
March primary result: Thierry 44, Simmons 49.53
November race not competitive

[Shawn Thierry](#) was first elected to the House in 2016. She is taking a tremendous amount of heat for anti-LGBTQ votes in 2023 and has been attacked on social media by a House colleague. Thierry showed 115,000 raised in March with a loan of 5,000. Her runoff report is delayed due to a staff family emergency.

[Lauren Simmons](#) is a community advocate and has been endorsed by the Houston Chronicle, Beto O'Rourke, Wendy Davis, many elected officials, and more than a dozen organizations. She shows 300,000 raised on the 8-day report, with recent support from Texas Gulf Coast AFLCIO (30,000), Texas Equity PAC (13,000), and hundreds of small contributions.

There are several county races on the Democratic runoff ballot, including Harris County Tax Assessor Collector and SD 15, which slightly overlaps this district.

CONGRESS

[Texas Congressional Map](#)

Texas has 38 congressional seats, currently comprised of 25 Republicans and 13 Democrats. Only one district, TX-15, is truly competitive in November with a 51.6 ORVS.

TX-12 (R)
ORVS 60.7
Open (Granger)

Very hot race

Craig Goldman v John O'Shea
March primary result: Goldman 44, O'Shea 26
November race not competitive

[Craig Goldman \(R\)](#) appears to be way ahead of the field in this race. He had four opponents on the March ballot and led the field with 44%. He has been endorsed by Abbott, former Governor Rick Perry, Dan Patrick, Phil Gramm, Mattie Parker, Dallas Morning News, about a dozen legislators, and several organizations. Goldman shows 400,000 raised since March 31.

[John O'Shea](#) has been endorsed by Paxton, Sid Miller, and Michael Flynn. He shows 41,000 raised since March 31.

HD 97 is almost wholly contained within TX-12, so that runoff should generate voter interest in this race.

TX-23 (R)
ORVS 55.1
Incumbent challenge

Very hot race

Tony Gonzales* v Brandon Herrera
March primary result: Gonzales 46, Herrera 21
November race not expected to be competitive

This district covers 800 miles of the border and far west Texas. It includes Uvalde but does not include much of El Paso.

[Tony Gonzales*](#) (R) is seeking re-election to his second term. Navy veteran Gonzales has crossed swords with the party over issues like marriage equality and gun control. The Freedom Caucus recruited challengers, but Tony led the field of five candidates with 46%. He has been endorsed by Abbott, Dan Patrick, US Speaker Mike Johnson, and many organizations and district leaders. Tony shows 756,000 raised since March 31.

[Brandon Herrera](#) is a social media personality and firearms manufacturer known as the "AK Guy". Herrera has hundreds of thousands of social media followers. He shows 162,000 raised since March 31.

TX-28 (R)
ORVS 46
Incumbent challenge

[Jay Furman](#) v [Lazaro Garza Jr.](#)
March primary result: Furman 45, Garza 27
Cuellar* (D) indictment could affect November race

TX-28 is not expected to be competitive in the general election, but incumbent Henry Cuellar's recent indictment could generate interest in this race. Congressman Cuellar* (D) had no opponent in the primary.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL RACES

There are five additional congressional runoffs, but these are not currently expected to be competitive in the November general election.

TX-7 (R)
ORVS 37.7

Caroline Kane v Kenneth Omoruyi
(R) winner no threat to Lizzie Fletcher* (D) in November

TX-29 (R)
ORVS 31.5

Alan Garza v Christian Garcia
(R) winner no threat to Sylvia Garcia* (D) in November

TX-32 (R)
ORVS 35.7

Darrell Day v David Blewett
(R) winner no threat to Julie Johnson* (D) in November

TX-35 (R)
ORVS 27.5

Steven Wright v Michael Rodriguez
(R) winner no threat to Greg Casar* (D) in November

TX-31 (D)
ORVS 62

Stuart Whitlow v Brian Walbridge
(D) winner no threat to John Carter* (R) in November

RESOURCES

Voter Information

Texas Business Roundtable Elections	txroundtable.com/elections
Texas Thrives GOTV	txthrives.org
Judicial Candidate Comparisons	texasjudges.org
Find your districts	Who Represents Me?
Get registered	Am I Registered to Vote?
Voter information by county	County Elections Administrators
Texas Secretary of State Elections Division	VoteTexas.gov
Ethics search	https://ethics.state.tx.us/search/cf/
FEC Search	https://www.fec.gov/data/

2024 Election Key Dates

May 15, 2023	Judicial fundraising begins for 2024 Election
June 19, 2023	Fundraising begins for other state offices
June 30, 2023	Fundraising Deadline for July 2023 Campaign Report
November 11, 2023	Candidate Filing Begins
December 11, 2023	Candidate Filing Deadline
February 20, 2024	Primary Early Voting Begins
March 5, 2024	Primary Election Day
May 20, 2024	Primary Runoff Early Voting Begins
May 28, 2024	Primary Runoff Election Day
August 23, 202	Last Day Candidates May Withdraw or be Declared Ineligible for General Election Ballot
October 21, 2024	General Early Voting Begins
November 5, 2024	General Election Day
November 16, 2024	Canvassing Deadline

Recounts

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<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.212.htm>

ELECTION CODE TITLE 13. RECOUNTS

CHAPTER 212. REQUESTING RECOUNT

Sec. 212.022. OBTAINING INITIAL RECOUNT IN ELECTION ON OFFICE.
Except as provided by Section [212.0241](#), a candidate for nomination or election to an office may obtain an initial recount in an election in which the person was a candidate if:

(1) the difference in the number of votes received by the candidate and any candidate for the office who is shown by the election returns to be nominated, elected, or entitled to a place on a runoff ballot or tied for nomination, election, or entitlement to a place on a runoff ballot is **less than 10 percent** of that candidate's number of votes;

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(3) the secretary of state certifies that counting errors affecting the election occurred in one or more election precincts in which paper ballots were used, as provided by Section [212.034](#); or

(4) the total number of votes received by all candidates for the office is less than 1,000 as shown by the election returns.

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Sec. 212.028. TIME FOR SUBMITTING PETITION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a petition for an initial recount must be submitted by the later of:

(1) **5 p.m. of the fifth day after election day**; or

(2) 5 p.m. of the second day after the date the canvassing authority to whose presiding officer the petition must be submitted completes its canvass of the original election returns.

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The recount supervisor shall, with the written approval of the recount coordinator, order the recount to be held on a date occurring not later than the seventh day after the date the petition is determined to comply with the applicable requirements.

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SUBCHAPTER E. DEPOSIT FOR COSTS OF RECOUNT

Sec. 212.111. DEPOSIT REQUIRED. (a) A deposit to cover the costs of a recount must accompany the submission of a recount document.

(b) The deposit must be in the form of cash or a cashier's check or money order made payable to the recount coordinator.

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Sec. 212.112. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT. The amount of the recount deposit is:

(1) **\$60 for each precinct in which regular paper ballots** were used; and

(2) **\$100 for each precinct in which an electronic voting** system was used.

Canvassing

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<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.67.htm>

ELECTION CODE TITLE 6. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS CHAPTER 67. CANVASSING ELECTIONS

Sec. 67.003. TIME FOR LOCAL CANVASS. (a) Repealed by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 992 (H.B. [929](#)), Sec. 3, eff. September 1, 2017.

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(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), each local canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer **not later than the 11th day after election day** and not earlier than the later of:

(1) the third day after election day;

(2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; or

(3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside of the United States are counted, if a ballot to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside of the United States.