

Legislative Update

TMRS Advisory Committee
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Texas Primary and Runoff Results

Statewide Offices: Near Complete Turnover in November

- **Governor** - Greg Abbott (R) vs. Wendy Davis (D)
- **Lt. Governor** - Dan Patrick (R) vs. Leticia Van de Putte (D)
- **Attorney General** - Ken Paxton (R) vs. Sam Houston (D)
- **Comptroller of Public Accounts** - Glenn Hegar (R) vs. Mike Collier (D)
- **General Land Office Commissioner** - George P. Bush (R) vs. John Cook (D)
- **Agriculture Commissioner** - Sid Miller (R) vs. Jim Hogan (D)

Legislature Pre-Election Changes

Texas House

- 6 Republican Incumbents retiring; all committee chairs
 - Representatives Callegari, J. Davis, Driver, T. Lewis, Pitts, Ritter
- 1 Democrat Incumbent retiring
 - Representative Eiland
- 4 Republican Incumbents, also chairs, ran/running for higher office
 - Representatives Branch (AG-lost); Hilderbran (Comptroller-lost); Creighton & Toth (in runoff for Senator Williams vacated seat)

Texas Senate

- 4 Senators running for higher office; 3 will be out of Senate
 - Senators Patrick, Davis, Hegar & Van de Putte
- 2 Senators have left or are Leaving
 - Senators Williams (TX A&M) & Senator Duncan (Tx Tech)

Texas Primary and Runoff Results

Texas House

- 6 Republican Incumbents defeated in primaries
 - Representatives Gooden, Harper-Brown, Patrick, Ratliff, & Sheffield defeated in March Primary; Carter defeated in May runoff
- 2 Democrat Incumbents defeated in primaries
 - Representative Gonzalez lost in primary; Burnam in Runoff

Texas Senate

- Lt. Governor Dewhurst defeated in runoff
- 3 House Republicans running for open Senate seats
 - Representatives Creighton & Toth in runoff for Tommy Williams seat; Representative Van Taylor unopposed to replace Senator Paxton
- 2 Incumbent Republicans defeated in primaries
 - Senator Carona lost in primary; Senator Deuell in runoff

Looking forward . . .

Texas House in the 84th Session

➤ New members

- 7 New Republicans and 2 Democrats in open seats uncontested
- At least 20 new members

➤ Experience (150 members)

- $20 + 41 + 35 = 96$ (new members 84th, 83rd, 82nd Sessions)
- Almost 2/3 of membership with 2 sessions or less of experience

➤ House Pensions Committee

- Chairman Callegari retiring
- Committee member Branch lost bid for Attorney General and not returning
- Different Chair for 3rd consecutive session

Looking forward . . .

Texas Senate in the 84th Session

- New presiding officer (Lt. Governor)
- New members
 - At least 8 new members; 9 if Senator Van de Putte wins race for Lt. Governor
 - 2 members will be former state representatives
- Experience (31 members)
 - $8 + 5 + 2 = 15$ (new members 84th, 83rd, 82nd Sessions) (Note: If Senator Van de Putte wins Lt. Governor race, 9 new Senators)
 - Almost 50% of membership with 2 sessions or less of experience
- Senate State Affairs Committee
 - Chairman Duncan to Texas Tech; Vice-Chair Deuell not returning
 - New Chair and Vice-chair of committee