



2008 Texas Political Landscape

National Election – November 4, 2008

President and Vice President of the United States

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS:

GOVERNOR:

[Rick Perry \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

Next State Constitutional Officer Elections in 2010.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

[David Dewhurst \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

[Greg Abbott \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

COMPTROLLER:

[Susan Combs \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

STATE LAND COMMISSIONER:

[Jerry Patterson \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

STATE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER:

[Todd Staples \(R\)*](#) - ([Campaign Site](#))

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION:

[Michael Williams \(R\)*](#) - Next Election in 2008.

[Victor Carrillo \(R\)*](#) - Next Election in 2010.

[Elizabeth Ames Jones \(R\)*](#) - Next Election in 2012.

STATE LEGISLATURE:

[State House](#)

[State Senate](#)

([Texas Legislative Council](#))

U.S. SENATOR:

John Cornyn (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#)) - Next Election in 2008.

Larry Kilgore (R) - Christian Conservative Activist, Telecommunications Worker & Frequent Candidate

Ron Kirk (D) - Ex-Dallas Mayor & '02 Nominee

Rick Noriega (D) - State Rep. & National Guard Officer

Barbara Ann Radnofsky (D) - Attorney, Community Activist & '06 Nominee

Emil Reichstadt (D) - Attorney & Army Veteran

John Sharp (D) - Ex-State Comptroller & '98/'02 Lt. Governor Nominee

Mikal Watts (D) - Attorney

Kirk Watson (D) - State Sen.

Mark White (D) - Ex-Governor, Ex-Attorney General & Ex-Secretary of State

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#)) - Next Election in 2012.

U.S. CONGRESS:

District 1:

Louie Gohmert (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 2:

Ted Poe (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 3:

Sam Johnson (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Dan Dodd (D) - Sales Director, Vietnam War Veteran & '06 Nominee

District 4:

Ralph Hall (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Kevin George (R) - Businessman

Kathy Seei (R) - Ex-Frisco Mayor & Business Consultant

Glenn Melancon (D) - College Professor, Community Activist & '06 Nominee

District 5:

Jeb Hensarling (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 6:

Joe Barton (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

David Harris (D) - College Professor, Army Reserve Officer, Iraq War Veteran & '06 Nominee

District 7:

John Culberson (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 8:

Kevin Brady (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

James Wright (D) - Retiree & Frequent Candidate

District 9:

Al Green (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 10:

Mike McCaul (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Larry Joe Doherty (D) - Attorney, TV Actor, Singer & Poet

Dan Grant (D) - Iraq Security Contractor & International Elections Consultant

District 11:

Mike Conaway (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Brad Vincent (D) - College Professor & Non-Profit Educational Group Founder

District 12:

Kay Granger (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 13:

Mac Thornberry (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Roger Waun (D) - Businessman, Lay Preacher & '06 Nominee

District 14:

Ron Paul (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Eric Dondero (R) - Ex-Congressional Aide, Ex-Libertarian Party Activist & Navy Veteran

Bobby Eberle (R) - Ex-State Young Republicans Chair

Mark Henry (R) - Businessman, USAF Reserve Officer & '04 Candidate in CD-2

Chris Peden (R) - Friendswood City Councilman & Accountant

Andy Mann (D) - NASA Computer Contractor & Ex-Congressional Aide

District 15:

Ruben Hinojosa (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 16:

Silvestre Reyes (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 17:

Chet Edwards (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 18:

Sheila Jackson Lee (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 19:

Randy Neugebauer (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 20:

Charlie Gonzalez (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 21:

Lamar Smith (R)*

James Arthur Strohm (Libertarian) - Technical Writer & '06 Nominee

District 22:

Nick Lampson (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Tom Campbell (R) - Ex-NOAA General Counsel, GOP Activist & '06 Candidate

Shelley Sekula-Gibbs (R) - Ex-Congresswoman, Ex-Houston City Councilwoman & Physician

Bob Talton (R) - State Rep.

M. Bob Smither (Libertarian) - Businessman, Electrical Engineer & '06 Nominee

District 23:

Ciro Rodriguez (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Francisco "Quico" Canseco (R) - Attorney & GOP Activist

Jim McGrody (R) - Marketing Executive, Ex-Teacher & GOP Activist

Lyle Larson (R) - Bexar County Commissioner

District 24:

Kenny Marchant (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 25:

Lloyd Doggett (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

Grant Rostig (R) - Computer Programmer, Chiropractor & '06 Nominee

District 26:

Michael Burgess (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 27:

Solomon Ortiz (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 28:

Henry Cuellar (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 29:

Gene Green (D)*

Eric Story (R) - Minister & '06 Nominee

District 30:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 31:

John Carter (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

District 32:

Pete Sessions (R)* - ([Campaign Site](#))

STATE POLITICAL PARTIES:

Texas Communist Party

Constitution Party of Texas

Texas Democratic Party

Texas Green Party

Libertarian Party of Texas

Reform Party of Texas
Republican Party of Texas
Socialist Party of Texas
Southern Independence Party of Texas

STATE ELECTION OFFICE:

Secretary of State's Office