

# Texas Primary Runoff Election Results

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Yesterday, thirty-two primary runoffs were held throughout Texas. All eyes were on the House District 21 race, where Speaker Phelan was battling it out with David Covey. This race quickly became the most expensive state legislative race in the history of Texas with millions of dollars flowing into the industrial Southeast Texas district. Ultimately, Speaker Phelan was able to come out ahead with just over 350 votes. While he does not have a general election opponent, he will have to campaign the current legislators in an effort to retain his speakership this January.

It was a big night for Governor Greg Abbott and school voucher supporters, as three anti-voucher Republican incumbents lost their seat (Holland, Kuempel, and Burns). Abbott has said that he only needed to pick up two pro-voucher candidates in order to have enough votes to pass school vouchers this next session. Additionally, three other Republican incumbents were defeated by their further right opponents, and one Democrat incumbent lost her seat (Stucky, Klick, Frazier, and Thierry).

*Representative Kuempel is the sitting Chairman for the House Committee on Higher Education, Representative Burns is the sitting Chairman for the House Committee on Land & Resource Management, and Representative Klick is the sitting Chairwoman for the House Committee on Public Health*

All in all, 15 House Republicans and 1 House Democrat lost their seat this primary cycle. This, in addition to the 16 House members that have decided not to seek re-election means that we will have at least 32 new legislators this next session. Additionally, 9 of those members not returning are currently serving as Chair of legislative committees.

## Incumbent House Races:

HD 1 – [Rep. Gary VanDeaver \(11,690\)](#) vs Chris Spencer (10,163)  
HD 21 – [Speaker Dade Phelan \(12,813\)](#) vs David Covey (12,447)  
HD 33 – Rep. Justin Holland (7,849) vs [Katrina Pierson \(10,138\)](#)  
HD 44 – Rep. John Kuempel (7,129) vs [Alan Schoolcraft \(8,898\)](#)  
HD 58 – Rep. DeWayne Burns (5,660) vs [Helen Kerwin \(7,670\)](#)  
HD 61 – Rep. Frederick Frazier (3,270) vs [Keresa Richardson \(6,835\)](#)  
HD 64 – Rep. Lynn Stucky (6,448) vs [Andy Hopper \(8,943\)](#)  
HD 91 – Rep. Stephanie Klick (3,480) vs [David Lowe \(4,535\)](#)  
HD 146 – Rep. Shawn Thierry (2,325) vs [Lauren Ashley Simmons \(4,248\)](#)

## Republican House Runoff:

HD 12 – Ben Bius (3,860) vs [Trey Wharton \(10,127\)](#)

*(Rep. Kacal seat)*

HD 29 – [Jeffrey Barry \(5,330\)](#) vs Alex Kamkar (3,784)

*(Rep. Thompson seat)*

HD 30 – Jeff Bauknight (7,429) vs [A.J. Louderback \(9,094\)](#)

*(Rep. Morrison seat)*

HD 76 – Summara Kanwal (313) vs [Lea C.S. Simmons \(637\)](#)

*(Simmons will face Rep. Lalani in the general election)*

HD 97 – Cheryl Bean (5,173) vs John [McQueeney \(5,473\)](#)

*(Rep. Goldman seat)*

#### **Democratic House Runoff:**

HD 37 – Ruben Cortez Jr. (1,721) vs [Jonathan Gracia \(2,779\)](#)

HD 77 – Norma Chavez (2,742) vs [Vince Perez \(4,853\)](#)

*(Rep. Ortega seat)*

HD 80 – [Cecilia Castellano \(4,201\)](#) vs Rosie Cuellar (3,106)

*(Rep. Tracy King seat)*

HD 97 – Diane Symons (974) vs [Carlos Walker \(1,226\)](#)

HD 139 – Angeanette Thibodeaux (2,323) vs [Charlene Ward Johnson \(2,511\)](#)

*(Rep. Jarvis Johnson seat)*

#### **Texas Senate Runoff:**

SD 15 – Rep. Jarvis Johnson (9,354) vs [Molly Cook \(9,428\)](#)

SD 30 (D) – Michael Braxton (1,295) vs [Dale Frey \(1,727\)](#)

SD 30 (R) – [Brent Hagenbuch \(18,741\)](#) vs Jace Yarbrough (14,338)

#### **Texas Congressional Runoff:**

CD 7 – [Caroline Kane](#) vs Kenneth Omoruyi

CD 12 – [Craig Goldman](#) vs John O’Shea

CD 23 – [Rep. Tony Gonzales](#) vs Brandon Herrera

CD 28 – [Jay Furman](#) vs Lazaro Garza Jr.

CD 29 – Christian Garcia vs [Alan Garza](#)

CD 31 – Brian Walbridge vs [Stuart Whitlow](#)

CD 32 – David Blewett vs [Darrell Day](#)

CD 35 – Michael Rodriguez vs [Steven Wright](#)

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#### **Texas House Members who will not be returning:**

1. Doc Anderson, (R) Waco
2. Craig Goldman, (R) Fort Worth
  - a. Chair, Energy Resources
3. Abel Herrero, (D) Corpus Christi
4. Jarvis Johnson (D) Houston

5. Julie Johnson, (D) Dallas
6. Kyle Kacal (R) College Station
7. Tracy King, (D) Uvalde
  - a. Chair, Natural Resources
8. Geanie Morrison, (R) Victoria
9. Andy Murr, (R) Junction
  - a. Chair, General Investigating
10. Victoria Neave, (D) Mesquite
  - a. Chair, County Affairs
11. Lina Ortega, (D) El Paso
12. Four Price, (R) Amarillo
13. John Raney, (R) Bryan
14. Matt Schaefer, (R) Tyler
15. Carl Sherman (D) DeSoto
16. Ed Thompson, (R) Pearland
17. Steve Allison, (R) San Antonio
18. Ernest Bailes, (R) Shepherd
19. DeWayne Burns, (R) Cleburne
  - a. Chair, Land & Resource Management
20. Travis Clardy, (R) Nacogdoches
21. Jill Dutton, (R) Ben Wheeler
22. Frederick Frazier, (R) McKinney
23. Justin Holland, (R) Rockwall
24. Jacey Jetton, (R) Richmond
  - a. Chair, Appropriations Article II
25. Stephanie Klick, (R) Fort Worth
  - a. Chair, Public Health
26. John Kuempel, (R) Seguin
  - a. Chair, Higher Education
27. Glenn Rogers, (R) Graford
28. Hugh Shine, (R) Temple
29. Reggie Smith, (R) Sherman
  - a. Chair, Elections
30. Lynn Stucky, (R) Denton
31. Shawn Thierry, (D) Houston
32. Krona Thimesch, (R) Carrollton

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