

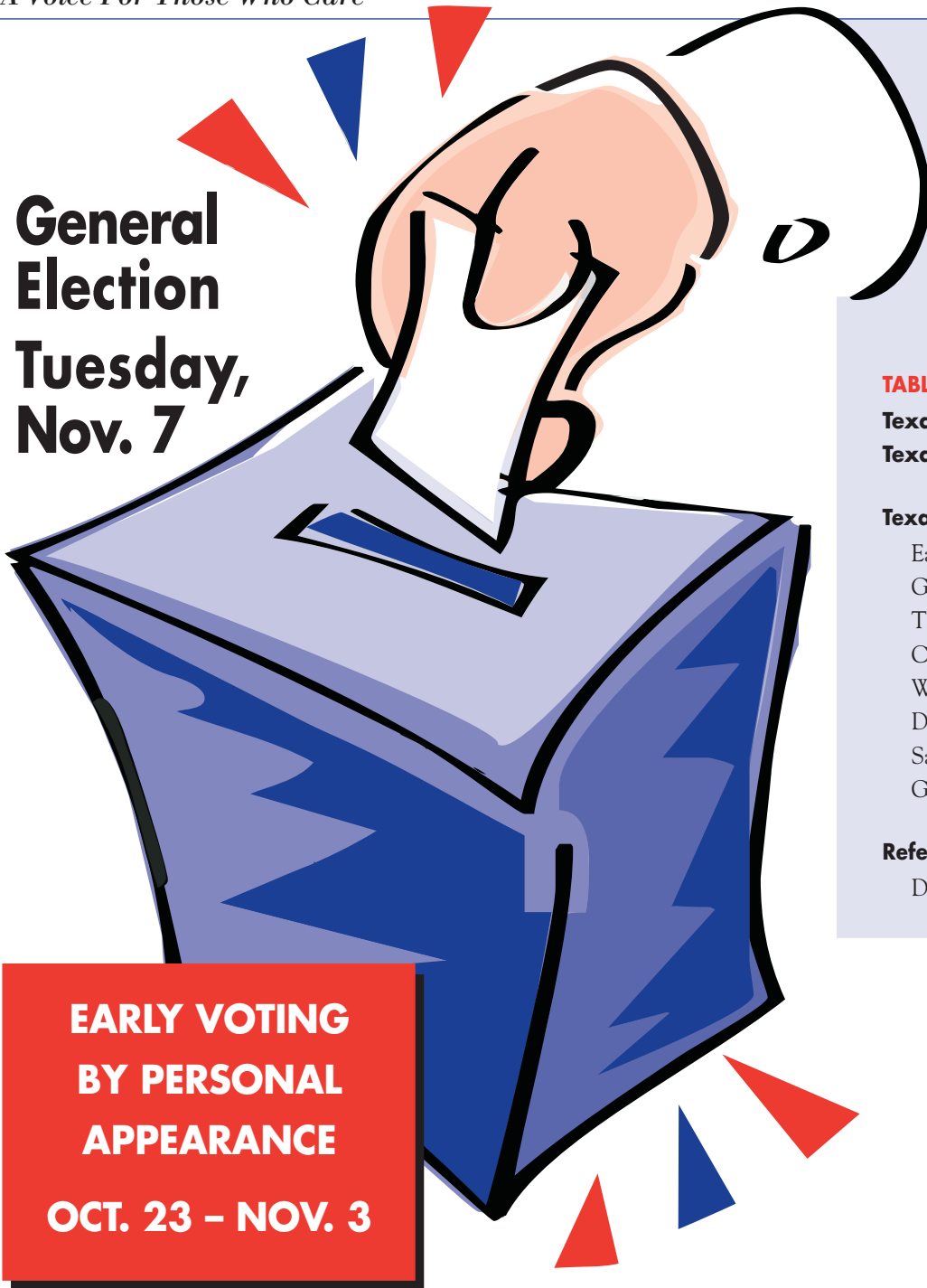
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**2006
General
Election
Endorsements**

A Voice For Those Who Care

**General
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**HOSPAC urges
all health care
advocates to
vote — let your
voices be heard!**

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OCT. 23 – NOV. 3



TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

2006 GENERAL ELECTION

HOSPAC, the Texas Hospital Association's political action committee, has made endorsements in most races for the General Election. Several seats are open due to retirements or elected officials seeking higher office. Frequently, numerous candidates run for these open seats, and HOSPAC may withhold endorsements where there is no clear preference. At times, HOSPAC has withheld endorsement of incumbents who have not been supportive of THA's issues in the past.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS
(D) - Democratic Party
(R) - Republican Party
***** - Denotes Incumbent

This year, several Democratic and Republican incumbents face strong opposition due to their performance during the 2005 legislative session. Health care advocates are encouraged to vote and elect health care supporters.

The Candidate Evaluation Process

The HOSPAC Board of Directors authorizes the endorsement of candidates after consideration of the following information:

1. Input from local hospital administrators, governing board members, auxiliaries and others, with an emphasis on a candidate's knowledge of health care issues and/or a willingness to consider input from local hospital constituencies.
2. Input from the Texas Hospital Association's advocacy staff on an incumbent's voting record on health care issues and an incumbent's willingness to consider THA's position on health care legislation.
3. Analysis of the district's statistical demographics gathered from previous election returns in an effort to determine partisan strength.

How to Use This Newsletter

Endorsements for statewide races are presented first, followed by endorsements for specific state Senate and House seats. To assist you in finding both Senate and House candidates for your particular area, these races have been divided into eight regions of the state. Listings are in numeric order; however, because of the way districts are drawn, logical geographic boundaries may not coincide with consecutive numbering. You may find a specific House seat listed numerically as well as in its logical geographic position.

How to Find Your House and Senate Districts

A reference guide of the House and Senate districts by county is provided on pages 21-23 of this publication. Senate and House districts for each county are provided. For counties with multiple districts, contact your local county clerk's office for precinct information, or go online to **www.capitol.state.tx.us**.

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TEXAS STATEWIDE OFFICES

Governor – *Rick Perry (R), Austin



A fifth-generation Texas farmer and rancher, Perry served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1991, and then was elected Commissioner of Agriculture. In 1998, Perry was elected lieutenant governor and served for two years before assuming the office of governor when George W. Bush was elected president. Perry has championed several health care issues, including expanding nursing education programs, enacting medical liability reforms including the cap on non-economic damages, and overhauling the state's workers' compensation system that will lead to lower costs for employers and improved care for injured workers.

Gov. Perry has four opponents in the General Election, including a Democrat, a Libertarian and two Independents.

Lieutenant Governor – *David Dewhurst, (R), Austin



A native Texan and rancher, Dewhurst served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and worked previously with the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. State Department. Dewhurst served as Texas Land Commissioner from 1999 to 2003, and was elected lieutenant governor in 2002. He was a leader in securing significant liability reform and restructuring the state's workers' compensation system.

Dewhurst faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

Attorney General – *Greg Abbott (R), Austin



A native Texan, Abbott was partially paralyzed in 1984 when struck by a falling tree while jogging. Abbott actively is involved and interested in health care and spinal cord rehabilitation research. He serves on the board of directors of the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research Foundation in Houston.

After working for eight years as an attorney in Houston, Abbott served on the 129th District Court. He was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in 1995 and then was elected to serve on the court in 1996 and 1998. Elected Attorney General in 2002, Abbott has worked with hospitals to eliminate duplicative, unnecessary reporting of hospital deaths to his office, and hospitals have supported his efforts to establish paternity for infants born to unwed mothers as the first step in securing child support from both parents.

Abbott faces a Democrat in the General Election.

Comptroller – Susan Combs (R), Austin



A native of San Antonio, Combs has a cow-calf operation in Brewster County on the same ranch established by her great-grandfather more than a century ago. She received a law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, and went on to serve as an assistant district attorney in Dallas.

Prior to her 1998 election as Texas Agriculture Commissioner, she served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives, where she authored legislation on tort reform. As the first woman ever elected Commissioner of Agriculture, Combs worked to promote better nutrition in Texas schools and to enhance rural economic development. She has expressed a strong interest in children's welfare and education issues. Combs faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

Commissioner of the General Land Office – *Jerry Patterson (R), Austin



Jerry Patterson was elected in 2002 as Texas Land Commissioner and is seeking re-election. Previously, he served for six years as state senator for District 11. Originally from Houston, Patterson graduated from Texas A&M University and then served as a U.S. Marine for more than 20 years before retiring from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993. He faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

Commissioner of Agriculture – Todd Staples (R), Houston



As senator for District 7, Staples served as chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. He was born and raised in Anderson County and has had life-long involvement in agriculture. He grew up and worked as a youth on his family farm and commercial cow-calf operation. He graduated from Texas A&M University with honors in 1984 with a degree in agricultural economics. Currently Staples runs a cow-calf operation with his father and owns a real estate brokerage and appraisal business with a focus that includes farms and ranches. Sen. Staples has received the endorsement of current Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. He faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice - *Wallace Jefferson (R), Austin

Justice Jefferson was appointed to Place 3 on the Texas Supreme Court in 2001 by Gov. Rick Perry and then went on to win election for that office in 2002. Jefferson was appointed chief justice in September 2004 by Gov. Perry.

Prior to serving on the Texas Supreme Court, Justice Jefferson was a partner in San Antonio's Crofts, Callaway and Jefferson and served as the San Antonio Bar Association president in 1998.

Jefferson must run for election to complete the chief justice term that expires Dec. 31, 2008. He faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

Place 2 - *Don R. Willett (R), Austin



Justice Willett was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in August 2005 by Gov. Rick Perry.

Before assuming the bench, Justice Willett was Deputy Texas Attorney General for Legal Counsel, where he served as chief legal adviser to Attorney General Greg Abbott. Prior to that, he was Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy at the U.S. Department of Justice and served as special assistant to the president in the White House.

Willett is seeking his first elected term to the court and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

Place 4 - *David Medina (R), Houston

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Medina to the Texas Supreme Court in November 2004.

Prior to that, Justice Medina served as general counsel for the Office of the Governor. He also was associate general counsel for Cooper Industries Inc. in Houston and served on the Harris County bench in 1996-2000 following appointment in May 1996 by then-Gov. George W. Bush. He was elected in November 1996 and again in November 1998.

Medina is seeking his first elected term to this office and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

Place 6 - *Nathan L. Hecht (R), Dallas

Justice Hecht was elected to the Texas Supreme Court in 1988 and re-elected in 1994.

He began his judicial service on the 95th District Court of Dallas County, to which he was appointed in September 1981, elected in 1982 and re-elected in 1984. In 1986, he was elected to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas in Dallas, where he served until his election to the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Hecht practiced law also in the area of general litigation with the Dallas firm of Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely.

Hecht is seeking his third term on the Texas Supreme Court and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

Place 8 - *Phil Johnson (R), Lubbock

Justice Johnson was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in March 2005 by Gov. Rick Perry. He was serving as chief justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo at the time of his appointment.

He was elected to the Seventh Court of Appeals in 1998 and was elected chief justice in 2002. He practiced law from 1975 until 1998 with the Lubbock law firm of Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam LLP.

Justice Johnson must run for election to complete the remaining two years of his predecessor's unexpired term. He faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

EAST TEXAS



Senate

District 1 - *Kevin Eltife (R), Tyler

Prior to winning a special election in 2004, Eltife served as mayor of Tyler for six years. A former hospital board member, Eltife serves as vice chair of the Government Organization Committee, and also serves as a member of the Business and Commerce, the International Relations and Trade, and the Nominations committees.

He is seeking his second term and has a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 3 - Robert Nichols (R), Jacksonville



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Sen. Todd Staples (R) of Palestine, who is running for Texas Agriculture Commissioner.

Nichols is a hospital board member, and he has built four successful manufacturing facilities. Nichols has served as mayor of Jacksonville and was appointed by then Gov. George W. Bush to serve on the Texas Transportation Commission in 1997 until his recent resignation to run for Senate.

Nichols is unopposed.

House

District 1 - *Stephen J. Frost (D), Atlanta

Frost is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Arkansas Law School. He is the current president of the Cass County Bar Association. He serves on the Government Reform and Law Enforcement committees.

He is seeking a second term and faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 2 - *Dan Flynn (R), Van

Flynn, a rancher and small-business owner, resides in Van Zandt County and has decades of experience in financial management. Flynn serves as vice chair of the Pensions and Investments Committee and also serves as a member of the Financial Institutions, and General Investigating and Ethics committees.

He is seeking a third term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 3 - *Mark Homer (D), Paris

Homer is a conservative Democrat who serves as a member of the Environmental Regulation, Licensing and Administrative Procedures, and Local and Consent Calendars committees. Homer is a restaurant owner who has been active in tort reform and workers' compensation issues.

He is seeking a fifth term and will face a Republican in the General Election.

District 4 - *Betty Brown (R), Terrell



Brown has been a long-time rancher and homemaker. She serves as a member of the Agriculture and Livestock and Appropriations committees. She has authored legislation at the request of THA concerning physician self-referral.

Brown is seeking her fifth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 5 - *Bryan Hughes (R), Mineola

Hughes is an attorney. He serves as vice chair of the Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Elections, House Administration and Rules and Resolutions committees.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 6 - *Leo Berman (R), Tyler

Berman is a retired Army lieutenant colonel and former Arlington City Council member. He serves on the Appropriations, Defense Affairs, and State-Federal Relations, Select State Health Care Expenditures and House Administration committees. He has authored legislation related to liability, criminal defense and veterans' affairs.

He is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

District 7 - *Tommy Merritt (R), Longview

Merritt is the owner of an oil services business, as well as a former board member of the State Water Authority. He serves on the Border and International Affairs, and Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations committees. He has sponsored legislation to enhance university education programs and to expand business within his district.

He is seeking his seventh term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 8 - *Byron Cook (R), Corsicana

Byron Cook, a Corsicana native, is a local businessman and rancher who founded one of the country's leading independent software companies. He serves as vice chair of the Economic Development Committee, and also serves on the State Affairs Committee.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 9 - Wayne Christian (R), Center

Wayne Christian defeated HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Roy Blake Jr. in the Republican primary. Christian is a local businessman in investment sales. Christian served four terms in the Texas House before running unsuccessfully for the U.S. House.

He is unopposed in the General Election.

District 10 – *Jim Pitts (R), Waxahachie



Pitts was the House leader on the state budget that resulted in more than a 10 percent increase in funding for health and human services, primarily to address rising caseloads for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

He is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 11 – *Chuck Hopson (D), Jacksonville



Hopson is a pharmacist by profession and has been supportive of health care and tort reform efforts. Hopson is a member of the Appropriations, Judiciary and Redistricting committees.

He is seeking his fourth term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 12 – *Jim McReynolds (D), Lufkin



McReynolds serves as a member of the Corrections and Public Health committees. He sponsored THA-requested legislation related to physician employment for rural hospitals, and supported tort reform. He also is a 2005 Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute

award winner.

He is seeking his sixth term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 13 – *Lois Kolkhorst (R), Brenham



Kolkhorst is a business owner and is the former president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the Appropriations, Calendars and Economic Development committees. She supported increased funding for nursing faculty to

address the nursing shortage and has authored legislation defining the liability of a hospital district management contractor. A 2005 Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award winner, Kolkhorst also has been supportive of emergency medical services and trauma issues.

She is seeking her third term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 14 – *Fred Brown (R), Bryan

Brown serves on the Appropriations and Higher Education committees. He has worked on issues relating to county indigent health care and expansion of access to higher education programs.

He is seeking his fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 15 – *Rob Eissler (R), The Woodlands

Eissler is the president of Eissler and Associates, an executive recruiting firm. He has been involved in the public education system for the last 20 years and has held a seat on the Conroe Independent School District board. He serves as vice chair of the Human Services Committee and as a member of the Public Education and Rules and Resolutions committees.

He is seeking his third term and is unopposed.

District 16 – Brandon Creighton (R), Conroe

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Ruben Hope Jr. (R), Conroe, who is not seeking re-election.

Creighton works as vice president of a development company and has worked in the Texas Senate and Texas Attorney General's office.

Creighton faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 17 – *Robert "Robby" Cook (D), Eagle Lake



Cook serves as vice chair of the Redistricting Committee and serves on the Land and Resource Management and Regulated Industries committees. Cook is a farmer and has worked on issues pertaining to rural health care and criminal justice.

He is seeking a sixth term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 18 – *John Otto (R), Dayton

Otto serves as vice chair of the Government Reform Committee and as a member of the County Affairs and Rule and Resolutions committees. He is a certified public accountant who distinguished himself as a freshman during the debates and negotiations over tax reform.

Otto is seeking his second term and faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 19 – *Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton (R), Mauriceville

Hamilton serves as vice chair of the Local Government Ways and Means Committee and is a member of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. He has also served on the Natural Resources Committee. Hamilton is a self-employed restaurant owner.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 20 – *Dan Gattis (R), Georgetown

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Senate

District 17 – *Kyle Janek (R), Houston

A board-certified anesthesiologist, Janek has been in private practice at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in Houston since 1986. He also is a partner with Greater Houston Anesthesiology. Janek has been a health care advocate on issues such as privacy and Medicaid reform. Janek serves as vice chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and also serves as a member of the Administration, Education and Finance committees as well as on the Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Janek is seeking his second term and has a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 18 – Glenn Hegar (R), Katy



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Sen. Ken Armbrister (D), Victoria, who has decided not to seek re-election.

Hegar is an attorney and farmer and has served two terms as a state representative. In the House, he has served as a member of the Appropriations and Law Enforcement committees.

Hegar faces a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

House

District 21 – *Allan Ritter (D), Nederland

Ritter serves as the chair of the Economic Development Committee and serves also as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He has worked on issues such as workers' compensation and criminal justice. He is a business owner and was one of the few Democrats to support tort reform in 2003.

He is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

District 22 – *Joseph "Joe" Deshotel (D), Beaumont

Deshotel serves on the Economic Development, Redistricting and Transportation committees. He has worked on issues such as criminal justice and mental health. He is an attorney and businessman.

He is seeking his fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 23 – *Craig Eiland (D), Galveston

Eiland received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2001. He serves as chair of the Pensions and Investments Committee and also serves as a member of the Insurance Committee.

He is seeking his seventh term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 24 – *Larry Taylor (R), Friendswood



Taylor serves on the Business and Industry, House Administration and Insurance committees. He sponsored legislation at the request of THA clarifying the ability of hospitals to discount charges for the uninsured. He is an insurance agent.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 25 – *Dennis Bonnen (R), Angleton

Bonnen serves as chair of the Environmental Regulation Committee and also serves as a member of the Natural Resources Committee. He is a small-business owner, has two brothers who are doctors and has worked on issues such as criminal justice, workers' compensation and education.

He is seeking his sixth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 26 – *Charlie Howard (R), Sugar Land

Howard is a real estate developer. He serves as vice chair of the Environmental Regulation Committee and also is a member of the Energy Resources and Local and Consent Calendars committees.

Howard is seeking his seventh term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 27 – *Dora Olivo (D), Richmond

Olivo, an attorney, serves on the County Affairs and Agriculture and Livestock committees.

Olivo is seeking her sixth term and faces a Republican in the General Election.

District 28 – John Zerwas (R), Houston



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Glenn Hegar (R), Katy, who is running for the Texas Senate.

Trained as an anesthesiologist, Zerwas has been a physician for more than 20 years.

Currently, he is a trustee and serves as senior vice president and chief medical officer of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston. In 2004-05, Zerwas was chair of the Texas Healthcare Trustees. He also is a member of the THT Foundation board.

Zerwas faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 29 – Endorsement Withheld

HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Glenda Dawson (R) of Pearland, who was seeking her third term, died unexpectedly on Sept. 12. Her name will remain on the ballot, and the governor has not yet called a special election.

District 30 – *Geanie Morrison (R), Victoria

Morrison serves as chair of the Higher Education Committee. She also serves on the Licensing and Administrative Procedures, and Redistricting committees. Morrison has worked with THA on issues such as protecting abandoned babies.

Morrison is seeking her fifth term and is unopposed.

District 31 – *Ryan Guillen (D), Rio Grande City

Guillen is a rancher and businessman, and is a former commodities trader for Archer Daniels Midland. He serves on the Appropriations and Financial Institutions committees.

Guillen is seeking his third term and is unopposed.

District 32 – *Gene Seaman (R), Corpus Christi

Seaman is an insurance and real estate businessman. He serves as vice chair of the Calendars Committee, vice chair of the Insurance Committee, and also is a member of the Economic Development Committee.

Seaman is seeking his fifth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 33 – Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Vilma Luna who retired from the House in July.

Democrat Solomon Ortiz Jr. faces Republican Joe McComb in the General Election.

*Gov. Perry also has called for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Rep. Luna which ends on Dec. 31. The candidates for the special election will be listed on the same ballot with the General Election candidates. The candidates for the special election are Democrat Solomon Ortiz Jr., Democrat Danny Noyola Jr. and Republican Joe McComb.

District 34 – *Abel Herrero (D), Robstown

Herrero is an attorney and serves on the Agriculture and Livestock, and Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations committees.

Herrero is seeking his second term and faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

THE VALLEY AND SOUTH TEXAS



House

District 35 – *Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles (D), Alice

Toureilles is an attorney from Alice and served as Texas assistant attorney general from 1997-99. She serves on the Energy Resources and Human Services committees. Her priority issues are education, economic development and equal access to health care.

Toureilles is seeking her second term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 36 – *Ismael “Kino” Flores (D), Mission

Flores serves as chair of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee and also serves as a member of the Redistricting and Transportation committees. He is a business manager and former employee of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and has worked on issues such as health and education.

Flores is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

District 37 – *Rene Oliveira (D), Brownsville

Oliveira serves as vice chair of the Public Education Committee and also serves as a member of the Insurance and Local and Consent Calendars committees. He is an attorney who has worked on issues concerning health benefits for legal immigrants, higher education and transportation.

Oliveira is seeking his 11th term and is unopposed.

District 38 – Eddie Lucio III (D), Rancho Viejo



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Jim Solis (D), Harlingen, who retired.

Lucio is an attorney specializing in real estate law. He has extensive community service experience and is the son of state Sen. Eddie Lucio.

Lucio faces Republican and Libertarian opponents in the General Election.

District 39 – *Armando “Mando” Martinez (D), Weslaco

Martinez is an emergency medical technician and is supportive of health care issues. He serves on the Appropriations and Business and Industry committees.

Martinez is seeking his second term and is unopposed.

District 40 – *Aaron Peña (D), Edinburg

Peña is an attorney specializing in civil rights and employment. He serves on the Appropriations, Criminal Jurisprudence and House Administration committees.

Peña is seeking his third term and is unopposed.

District 41 – *Veronica Gonzales (D), McAllen

Gonzales is a civil litigation lawyer. She serves on the Government Reform, Judiciary and the Rules and Resolutions committees.

Gonzales is seeking her second term and is unopposed.

District 42 – *Richard Raymond (D), Laredo

Raymond serves on the Civil Practices and Criminal Jurisprudence committees. Raymond is a businessman. He also served in the House from 1993-98 and again in 2001.

Raymond is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

District 43 – *Juan Escobar (D), Kingsville

Escobar serves on the Criminal Jurisprudence and Land and Resource Management committees. He is a farmer and border patrol agent, and is very interested in rural emergency medical services and trauma care issues.

Escobar is seeking his second term and is unopposed.

District 80 – *Tracy O. King (D), Batesville

King served in the House from 1995-2002 and again in 2005. His issues of concern are indigent health care, higher education, finance and civil procedures. King owns and operates the Beltone Hearing Aid Center in Uvalde. He serves on the Appropriations and the Environmental Regulation committees.

King is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

CENTRAL TEXAS



Senate

District 5 – *Steve Ogden (R), Bryan

Ogden has served in the Senate since 1997, where he has been a leader on budget issues, school finance and Medicaid cost containment. He serves as chair of the Finance Committee and also serves as a member of the Criminal Justice and Education committees. Ogden has been in the oil and gas exploration business for 17 years and is president of Ogden Resources Corporation.

Ogden is seeking his third term and faces Democratic and Libertarian opponents in the General Election.

District 14 – Kirk Watson (D), Austin



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos (D), Austin, who has decided not to seek re-election.

Watson is the former mayor of Austin, former chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and is a partner in the law firm of Hughes and Luce. Watson's expertise includes urban planning, economic development and health care. He played a major role in the creation of the Travis County Hospital District.

Watson has a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 22 – *Kip Averitt (R), McGregor



Averitt serves as vice chair of the Business and Commerce Committee and as a member of the Education, Finance and Jurisprudence committees, as well as on the Subcommittee on Higher Education. Averitt is a long-time advocate on health care issues. He has worked to reduce the number of uninsured and to provide prompt payment for providers. He also has supported the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Averitt is seeking his second term and has two Libertarian opponents in the General Election.

House

District 20 – *Dan Gattis (R), Georgetown

Gattis is an advocate on issues such as transportation, economic development, equitable water policy, local control of education, school funding issues and lower taxes. He also has become a key player on health care issues, serving on the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Budget Conference Committee. He is an attorney and former assistant district attorney for Williamson County. He serves on the Appropriations and the State Affairs committees.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 44 – *Edmund Kuempel (R), Seguin

Kuempel serves as vice chair of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee. He also serves as a member of the Environmental Regulation Committee.

Kuempel is seeking his 13th term and is unopposed.

District 45 – *Patrick Rose (D), Dripping Springs



Rose serves as vice chair of the Civil Practices Committee. He also serves on the Calendars and Higher Education committees. He was supportive of THA's tort reform agenda.

Rose is seeking his third term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 46 – *Dawonna Dukes (D), Austin

Dukes serves as vice chair of the Local and Consent Calendars Committee. She also is a member of the Appropriations and Culture, Recreation and Tourism committees. Dukes has a background in business resource development for small businesses owned by women and minorities.

Dukes is seeking her seventh term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 47 – Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Terry Keel (R), Austin, who did not seek re-election.

The race involves Republican Bill Welch, Democrat Valinda Bolton and two Libertarians, Ronnie Gjemre and Yvonne Schick.

District 48 – *Donna Howard (D), Austin

Howard won the special election to fill the open seat previously held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Todd Baxter (R), Austin, who resigned.

Howard, a former ER nurse, faces a Libertarian in the General Election. The Republican challenger has withdrawn from the race.

District 49 – *Elliott Naishtat (D), Austin

Naishtat serves on the County Affairs and Human Services committees. He is an attorney and has worked on issues regarding children's health care, Medicaid, nursing facilities and welfare reform.

Naishtat is seeking his ninth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 50 – *Mark Strama (D), Austin



Strama is a technology consultant and serves on the Civil Practices and the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues committees.

He is seeking his second term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 51 – *Eddie Rodriguez (D), Austin

After serving as the chief of staff and legislative director for former State Rep. Glen Maxey (D-Austin), Rodriguez was elected to the House in 2002. He previously served as the executive director of the Travis County Democratic Party. He serves on the Pensions and Investments, Redistricting and Urban Affairs committees.

Rodriguez is seeking his third term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 52 – *Mike Krusee (R), Austin

Krusee serves as chair of the Transportation Committee and also is a member of the Pensions and Investments and Redistricting committees. He has authored or sponsored legislation regarding education and economic development, and he was the author of an omnibus transportation bill that included significant funding for trauma. He is an education consultant and directs a nonprofit organization.

Krusee is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 53 – *Harvey Hilderbran (R), Kerrville

Hilderbran is chair of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee. He also serves on the Natural Resources Committee. He is a businessman and real estate broker.

Hilderbran is seeking his 10th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 54 – Jimmy Don Aycock (R), Killeen



This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R), Kempner, who retired.

Aycock, a rancher and veterinarian, previously owned and operated clinics in Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove.

He also has served on the Central Texas College Board of Trustees and as a director of the local chamber of commerce.

Aycock faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 55 - *Dianne White Delisi (R), Temple



Delisi received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2003 in recognition of her work authoring trauma funding legislation, which passed in House Bill 3588. In 2005, she sponsored legislation creating the Integrated Care Management model for Medicaid and protecting federal upper payment limit funds for hospitals. She is chair of the Public Health Committee and also serves on the Public Education Committee. She received the THAT award again in 2005.

Delisi is seeking her ninth term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 56 - *Charles "Doc" Anderson (R), Robinson

Anderson is a veterinarian from Waco. He is vice chair of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and also sits on the Business and Industry, and Urban Affairs committees.

Anderson is seeking his second term and is unopposed.

District 57 - *Jim Dunnam (D), Waco

Dunnam is an attorney and sits on the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee as well as the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee.

Dunnam is seeking his sixth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 58 - *Rob Orr (R), Burleson

See Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, page 13.

District 59 - *Sid Miller (R), Stephenville

Miller is vice chair of the State Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Calendars and Land and Resource Management committees. He is a produce farmer and has held many civic leadership positions.

Miller is seeking a fourth term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 60 - *Jim Keffer (R), Eastland

District 61 - *Phil King (R), Weatherford

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District 62 - *Larry Phillips (R), Sherman

District 63 - Tan Parker (R), Flower Mound

District 64 - *Myra Crownover (R), Dallas

District 65 - *Burt Solomons (R), Carrollton

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District 67 - *Jerry Madden (R), Richardson

District 68 - *Rick Hardcastle (R), Vernon

District 69 - *David Farabee (D), Wichita Falls

District 70 - *Ken Paxton (R), McKinney

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District 71 - Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

District 72 - Drew Darby (R), San Angelo

See West Texas and the Panhandle, this page.

District 73 - Endorsement Withheld

This seat was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Carter Casteel who lost to Nathan Macias in the Republican primary.

Macias faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

WEST TEXAS AND THE PANHANDLE



Senate

District 29 - *Eliot Shapleigh (D), El Paso

Shapleigh is a long-time advocate for health care issues, especially those concerning the border. He has been a strong supporter on issues such as Medicaid simplification and prompt payment of health care providers. He is a managing shareholder in the El Paso law firm of Peticolas, Shapleigh, Brandys and Kern. He serves as chair of the Subcommittee on Base Realignment and Closure, and as vice chair of the International Relations and Trade Committee. He also serves as a member of the Finance, Transportation and Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs and Military Installations committees.

Shapleigh is seeking his third term and has a Republican opponent in the General Election.

House

District 71 - Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Bob Hunter (R), Abilene, who retired.

Republican Susan King faces Democrat Mel Hailey and Libertarian Vanessa Nicole Harris in the General Election.

District 72 - Drew Darby (R), San Angelo

Drew Darby is an attorney and the owner of a title company in San Angelo. He is a former member of the San Angelo City Council and has an extensive record of community service.

Darby faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 73 - Endorsement Withheld

See Central Texas, top of this column.

District 74 - *Pete Gallego (D), Alpine



Gallego serves on the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee and on the Higher Education Committee. An attorney, Gallego is a leader on rural health care issues.

Gallego is seeking his ninth term and is unopposed.

District 75 – *Chente Quintanilla (D), Tornillo

Quintanilla serves on the Licensing and Administrative Procedures, and Local Government Ways and Means committees. He has worked in the education field for 36 years as a teacher, coach, principal and assistant superintendent.

Quintanilla is seeking his third term and faces a Republican in the General Election.

District 76 – *Norma Chavez (D), El Paso

Chavez is chair of the Border and International Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Financial Institutions Committee. She has worked on issues concerning health care for the elderly, EMS and public school employee benefits.

Chavez is seeking her sixth term and is unopposed.

District 77 – *Paul Moreno (D), El Paso

Moreno serves as a member of the Criminal Jurisprudence, and Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations committees. His issues of concern are border health, international development and veterans. He is an attorney.

Moreno is seeking his 19th term and is unopposed.

District 78 – *Patrick Haggerty (R), El Paso



Haggerty serves on the Appropriations and Corrections committees. Haggerty has worked on issues concerning substance abuse and criminal justice.

Haggerty is seeking his 10th term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 79 – *Joseph Pickett (D), El Paso

Pickett is a real estate broker and has been a real estate educator for more than 17 years. He serves as a member of the Appropriations and Land and Resource Management committees. Pickett has supported legislation concerning border health issues.

Pickett is seeking his seventh term and is unopposed.

District 80 – *Tracy O. King (D), Batesville

See The Valley and South Texas, page 9.

District 81 – *G.E. "Buddy" West (R), Odessa

West serves as chair of the Energy Resources Committee. He also is a member of the Redistricting and Transportation committees. He is a retired safety engineer. His areas of concern include education, health care and campaign regulation.

West is seeking his eighth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 82 – *Tom Craddick (R), Midland



Craddick has been an opinion leader in the House, where he was first elected Speaker in 2003 and then again in 2005. During his first term as Speaker, he led initiatives to ensure the passage of meaningful tort reform, which included sweeping medical liability reforms.

He has worked on issues such as health care, transportation and education. Craddick is an investor and sales representative for Mustang Mud Inc.

Craddick is seeking his 19th term and is unopposed.

District 83 – *Delwin Jones (R), Lubbock

Jones serves as vice chair of the Corrections Committee. He also serves on the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. A farmer and businessman, Jones has a particular concern for the rural hospitals in his district.

Jones is seeking his 13th term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 84 – *Carl Isett (R), Lubbock

Isett serves on the Appropriations and Insurance committees. He has served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve for the past nine years. He also is a certified public accountant. He has worked on issues such as prompt payment of health care providers and medical savings programs.

Isett is seeking his sixth term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 85 – Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. and former Speaker of the House James "Pete" Laney (D), Hale Center, who retired.

The race involves Republican Jim Landtroop, Democrat Joe Heflin and Libertarian David Schumaker.

District 86 – *John Smithee (R), Amarillo

Smithee received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2003. He is chair of the Insurance Committee and is a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He has been instrumental for doctors and hospitals in the managed care reform debate. Smithee is an attorney and real estate investor.

Smithee is seeking his 12th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 87 - *David Swinford (R), Dumas



Swinford serves as chair of the State Affairs Committee. He has authored or supported legislation related to border development, agriculture and education. Swinford is the president of a grain company.

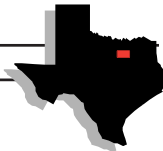
Swinford is seeking his ninth term and is unopposed.

District 88 - *Warren Chisum (R), Pampa

Chisum is an oil and gas producer. He serves as a member of the Appropriations and Licensing and Administrative Procedures committees. He has worked on issues concerning higher education, economic development, and hospital expansion and efficiency.

Chisum is seeking his 10th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX



Senate

District 2 - *Bob Deuell (R), Greenville



Deuell, a physician, won his first term in office after a very contentious and close race against long-time Sen. David Cain. Deuell served on the board of the Greenville Independent School District from 1993-96. Deuell serves as vice chair of the Nominations

Committee, and also serves as a member of the Health and Human Services and Intergovernmental Relations committees.

Deuell is seeking his second term and faces a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 8 - *Florence Shapiro (R), Plano

Shapiro serves as chair of the Education Committee and serves also as a member of the Administration, Finance and the Transportation and Homeland Security committees. Her issues of concern include education, election reform and children's health care. Shapiro is the president of her own advertising and public relations agency, Shapiro and Company.

Shapiro is seeking her third term and has a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 12 - *Jane Nelson (R), Flower Mound



Nelson serves as chair of the Health and Human Service Committee. She also serves as a member of the Finance, Government Organization and Nominations committees. She and her husband own and operate a precision aircraft-component manufacturing

firm. Sen. Nelson received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 1999 and 2003.

Nelson is seeking her third term and has Democratic and Libertarian opponents in the General Election.

House

District 58 - *Rob Orr (R), Burleson



Orr is a realtor and has served as a member of the Johnson County Economic Commission, the Burleson Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Tax Reform Advisory Committee.

Orr sits on the Financial Institutions, Land and Resource Management and Redistricting committees.

Orr is seeking his second term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 59 - *Sid Miller (R), Stephenville

See Central Texas, page 11.

District 60 - *Jim Keffer (R), Eastland



Keffer serves as chair of the Ways and Means Committee and also is a member of the State Affairs Committee. He is the president of EBAA Iron Sales Inc., an iron foundry.

Keffer is seeking his sixth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 61 - *Phil King (R), Weatherford

King is chair of the Regulated Industries Committee and also serves on the Civil Practices and Redistricting committees. He has carried legislation related to telecommunication deregulation. He is a practicing attorney with Law, Snakard, Gambill and King in Weatherford, where he also served two terms as justice of the peace.

King is seeking his fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 62 – *Larry Phillips (R), Sherman

Phillips is vice chair of the Transportation Committee and also serves on the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee. He is an attorney and has been supportive of trauma funding and hospital issues.

Phillips is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 63 – Tan Parker (R), Flower Mound

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Mary Denny (R), Aubrey, who retired.

Parker is a regional vice president for a high tech company and has a long history of working in and around state and federal government.

He is unopposed.

District 64 – *Myra Crownover (R), Dallas

Crownover serves on the Appropriations and Energy Resources committees. She has sponsored or supported legislation concerning teacher accountability, tort reform and elections.

Crownover is seeking her third term and faces a Democrat in the General Election.

District 65 – *Burt Solomons (R), Carrollton



Solomons is chair of the Financial Institutions Committee and is also a member of the Business and Industry Committee. Solomons is an attorney and served as chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission, where he

sponsored and passed legislation significantly reforming the state's workers' compensation system. He received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2005.

Solomons is seeking his seventh term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 66 – *Brian McCall (R), Plano



McCall is a businessman from Plano. He is vice chair of the Financial Institutions Committee. He serves on the Calendars and Economic Development committees. In 1999, McCall received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award.

McCall is seeking his eighth term and faces three Libertarians in the General Election.

District 67 – *Jerry Madden (R), Richardson

Madden is a graduate of West Point and a Vietnam veteran. He has served on the Collin County Hospital Board. Madden is chair of the Corrections Committee and also serves on the Civil Practices Committee.

Madden is seeking his eighth term and is unopposed.

District 68 – *Rick Hardcastle (R), Vernon

Hardcastle is chair of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and also is a member of the Natural Resources Committee. He runs an agriculture business. He was elected as the first vice chair of the Legislative Rural Caucus.

Hardcastle is seeking his fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 69 – *David Farabee (D), Wichita Falls



Farabee serves as vice chair of the Energy Resources Committee. He serves also as a member of the County Affairs and the Local and Consent Calendars committees. He is an insurance agent, former city councilman and former hospital board member. He has

worked on issues concerning rural health care, mental health and workers' compensation.

Farabee is seeking his fifth term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 70 – *Ken Paxton (R), McKinney

Paxton is an attorney specializing in estate planning, tax, probate and business. Paxton is vice chair of the General Investigating and Ethics Committee. He serves also as a member of the Human Services and Ways and Means committees.

Paxton is seeking his third term and faces three Libertarians in the General Election.

District 89 – *Jodie Laubenberg (R), Wylie

Laubenberg is vice chair of the Public Health Committee and also is a member of the Local Government Ways and Means Committee.

Laubenberg is seeking her third term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 90 – *Lon Burnam (D), Fort Worth

Burnam serves on the Agriculture and Livestock and Law Enforcement committees. He has been supportive of managed care reform and prompt payment of health care providers. He is a self-employed consultant.

Burnam is seeking his sixth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 91 – Kelly Hancock (R), Richland Hills

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Bob E. Griggs (R), North Richland Hills, who retired.

Hancock has served as a school board member for the past 13 years.

Hancock faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 92 – *Todd Smith (R), Euless

Smith is a member of the Appropriations and Elections committees. He is an attorney and former city councilman who has worked on issues such as medical privacy, drunken driving laws and school accountability.

Smith is seeking his sixth term and is unopposed.

District 93 – *Toby Goodman (R), Arlington

Goodman serves as vice chair of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee and is a member of the Human Services Committee. Goodman is an attorney and has been a strong advocate for health care issues.

Goodman is seeking his ninth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 94 – Diane Patrick (R), Arlington

This seat was held previously by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Kent Grusendorf who was defeated in the Republican primary.

Patrick is a public education advocate who faces a Democrat and five Libertarians in the General Election.

District 95 – *Marc Veasey (D), Fort Worth

Veasey is in sales and his issues of interest are education, job development and health care, with particular interest in restoration of CHIP funding. He serves on the Government Reform, Law Enforcement, and Rules and Resolutions committees.

Veasey is seeking his second term and is unopposed.

District 96 – *Bill Zedler (R), Arlington



Zedler has had a long career in the health care industry, having worked for Jelco Labs, a division of Johnson and Johnson; Baxter Healthcare; Pyxis Corporation; and Bridge Medical. He serves on the Business and Industry, Public Health, and Rules and

Resolutions committees. He has been supportive of a variety of THA issues and received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2005.

Zedler is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 97 – *Anna Mowery (R), Fort Worth

Mowery serves as chair of the Land and Resource Management Committee and also is a member of the Public Education Committee. She has worked on issues such as campaign finance reform and land development.

Mowery is seeking her 10th term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 98 – *Vicki Truitt (R), Keller



Truitt received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 2003 and again in 2005. She is the owner of a physician recruiting business and is a member of THA. She serves on the Public Health and Appropriations committees. Her issues of concern have been health

care, transportation, children’s welfare and local zoning. Truitt has been supportive of THA priority issues, and in 2005, she authored legislation related to hospital infection reporting at THA’s request.

Truitt is seeking her fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 99 – *Charlie Geren (R), Fort Worth

Geren serves as vice chair of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee and is a member of the Natural Resources Committee. Geren is a restaurant owner and real estate broker. He has many hospital contacts in the district and has been a proponent of higher education and community development.

He is seeking his fourth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 100 – *Terri Hodge (D), Dallas

Hodge is a retired external affairs and governmental relations manager with Southwestern Bell. She serves as a member of the Criminal Jurisprudence, and Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations committees. Hodge has authored legislation concerning economic development and higher education.

Hodge is seeking her sixth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 101 – Thomas Latham (R), Sunnyvale

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Elvira Reyna who was defeated by Thomas Latham in the Republican primary. Latham has a military background, is retired from the Garland Police Department and is a member of the Sunnyvale City Council.

Latham faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 102 - *Tony Goolsby (R), Dallas

Goolsby serves as vice chair of the Higher Education Committee and also serves on the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. He has been supportive of THA's agenda, especially addressing the nursing shortage. He also has worked on issues such as criminal procedure and higher education grants.

Goolsby is seeking his 10th term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 103 - *Rafael Anchia (D), Dallas

Anchia is an attorney with Patton Boggs LLP. His practice focuses in the areas of public and corporate finance. He is also a trustee for the Dallas Independent School District. Anchia serves on the Economic Development and the Elections committees.

Anchia is seeking his second term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 104 - *Roberto Alonzo (D), Dallas

Alonzo, a practicing attorney, served recently as an advisor to Mexico's President Vicente Fox. He serves on the Border and International Affairs and Judiciary committees.

Alonzo is seeking his fifth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 105 - *Linda Harper-Brown (R), Irving

Harper-Brown is a businesswoman and corporate president. She is vice chair of the Land and Resource Management Committee. She is also a member of the Higher Education and Local and Consent Calendars committees. She is a former Irving city councilwoman.

Harper-Brown is seeking her third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 106 - Kirk England (R), Grand Prairie

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Ray Allen (R), Grand Prairie, who resigned.

England is an insurance agent and the son of the mayor of Grand Prairie.

England faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 107 - *Bill Keffer (R), Dallas

Keffer is an attorney and serves on the Insurance and Public Education committees.

Keffer is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 108 - *Dan Branch (R), Dallas

Branch is the former president of the Dallas Assembly and served on the board of directors for Southwestern Medical Foundation. His issues of concern are school finance, taxes and economic development. Branch is a shareholder of the Texas-based law firm, Winstead Sechrest and Minik. He serves on the Appropriations and Public Education committees.

Branch is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 109 - *Helen Giddings (D), Dallas

Giddings serves as chair of the Business and Industry Committee and is a member of the Higher Education and House Administration committees. She has worked on legislation concerning workers' compensation, higher education, development zones and health benefit incentives for corporations. She is a small-business owner.

Giddings is seeking her eighth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 110 - Barbara Caraway (D), Dallas

This seat was held previously by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Jesse Jones who was defeated by Caraway in the Democratic primary. Caraway is a former member of the Dallas City Council.

Caraway is unopposed in the General Election.

District 111 - *Yvonne Davis (D), Dallas

Davis is a member of the Government Reform and the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues committees. She is a small-business owner and has worked on issues such as civil rights, transportation and higher education.

Davis is seeking her eighth term and faces a Republican in the General Election.

District 112 - *Fred Hill (R), Richardson

Hill serves as chair of the Local Government Ways and Means Committee and also serves as a member of the Transportation Committee. He has authored legislation strengthening drunken driving restrictions. He is a businessman.

Hill is seeking his 10th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 113 - *Joe Driver (R), Garland

Driver owns Joe Driver Insurance, a subsidiary of State Farm Insurance. He serves as chair of the Law Enforcement Committee and is a member of the Environmental Regulations Committee. He has worked on issues ranging from transportation to higher education.

Driver is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 114 - *Will Hartnett (R), Dallas

Hartnett serves as vice chair of the Judiciary Committee and is a member of the Regulated Industries Committee. He has authored or supported legislation concerning water contracts, the judicial process and the guardianship of incapacitated individuals. He is a probate attorney.

Hartnett is seeking his ninth term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 115 - *Jim Jackson (R), Carrollton

Jackson is a former Dallas County commissioner. As a commissioner, he was very involved in issues relating to the Dallas County Hospital District. Jackson is chair of the Law Enforcement Committee and also serves as a member of the Public Health and Redistricting committees.

Jackson is seeking his second term and is unopposed.

SAN ANTONIO



Senate

District 19 - Carlos Uresti (D), San Antonio

Carlos Uresti is a former member of the Texas House who defeated former Sen. Frank Madla in the Democratic primary. Uresti is an attorney who served four terms in the House. While in the House, Uresti served as chairman of the Government Reform Committee and as a member of the Local Government Ways and Means Committee. He had served previously as chair of the Human Services Committee and as a member of the Public Health and Select State Health Care Expenditures committees.

Uresti faces a Republican in the General Election.

*Gov. Perry has called a special election to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Madla who has retired from the Senate. The term expires Dec. 31. Both Uresti and Bowen are on the ballot for the special election, which will be included on the ballot for the General Election.

District 25 - *Jeff Wentworth (R), San Antonio



Wentworth is an attorney and was first elected to the Senate in 1993 after serving five years in the Texas House of Representatives. He serves as chair of the Jurisprudence Committee and as a member of the Administration, Intergovernmental Relations and Transportation and Homeland Security committees.

Wentworth is seeking his third term and has a Democratic and a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

House

District 116 - *Trey Martinez Fischer (D), San Antonio

Martinez Fischer serves on the Civil Practices and the State Affairs committees. He has worked on securing passage of several pieces of legislation that have concentrated on public safety, criminal justice and public education.

Fischer is seeking his fourth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 117 - *David Leibowitz (D), San Antonio

Leibowitz serves on the Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committee, as well as the Land and Resource Management Committee.

Leibowitz is seeking his second term and faces a Republican in the General Election.

District 118 - Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Carlos Uresti (D), San Antonio, who is running for Texas Senate District 19.

The race involves Republican George Antuna, Democrat Joe Farias and Libertarian James Thompson.

District 119 - *Robert Puente (D), San Antonio

Puente serves as chair of the Natural Resources Committee and also serves on the Local Government Ways and Means Committee. He is an attorney and has worked on issues concerning health care funding, pilot projects for technology in medicine, transportation fees and state procurements.

Puente is seeking his ninth term and is unopposed.

District 120 - *Ruth Jones McClendon (D), San Antonio



McClendon is founder of the Community Crime Prevention Network, Inc. She serves as a member of the Appropriations, Pensions and Investments, and Redistricting committees. McClendon has been supportive of Medicaid managed care reform and implementation of disease management programs to improve health.

McClendon is seeking her sixth term and faces two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 121 - *Joe Straus (R), San Antonio

Straus was elected in a special election in February 2005 and serves on the Judiciary and Pensions and Investments committees. He is a principal in the insurance and executive benefits firm of Watson, Mazur, Bennett and Straus LLC.

Straus is seeking his first full term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 122 – *Frank Corte Jr. (R), San Antonio

Corte is a small-business owner who has been involved in property management and land development. He serves as chair of the Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committee and also is a member of the Energy Resources and Redistricting committees. He has worked on issues concerning tort reform and economic development.

Corte is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 123 – *Mike Villarreal (D), San Antonio



Villarreal serves as vice chair of the Ways and Means Committee and also serves on the State Affairs Committee. He has worked on issues such as women's health care, higher education and local funding mechanisms to enhance federal funding for hospitals. He has supported tort reform. Villarreal is a small-business owner.

Villarreal is seeking his fourth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 124 – *Jose Menendez (D), San Antonio

Menendez serves as a member of the Appropriations, House Administration and Urban Affairs committees. He has authored or sponsored legislation dealing with veterans, prescription drugs and higher education.

Menendez is seeking his fourth term and is unopposed.

District 125 – *Joaquin Castro (D), San Antonio

Castro practices law and his issues of concern include improving access to health care, protecting jobs, expanding the economy and increasing access to higher education. Castro serves on the Borders and International Affairs, and Juvenile Justice and Family Issues committees.

Castro is seeking his third term and faces a Republican and three Libertarians in the General Election.

GREATER HOUSTON



Senate

District 7 – Dan Patrick (R), Houston

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Sen. Jon Lindsay, (R), Houston, who decided not to seek re-election.

HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Joe Nixon was defeated in the Republican primary by Dan Patrick, a conservative radio talk show host in Houston.

Patrick faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 13 – *Rodney Ellis (D), Houston



Ellis has been a legislative leader on health care funding, economic development, education, civil rights and criminal justice issues. He is an attorney and co-founder of Apex Securities, Inc., an investment banking firm affiliated with Rice Financial Products

Company. Ellis presides as chair of the Government Organization Committee and serves as a member of the Criminal Justice, State Affairs and Transportation and Homeland Security committees.

Ellis is seeking his fifth term and has a Libertarian opponent in the General Election.

District 15 – *John Whitmire (D), Houston

Whitmire serves as chair of the Criminal Justice Committee and serves on the Administration, Finance and Government Organization committees. Whitmire is of counsel to the law firm of Locke, Liddell and Sapp in Houston. He has supported issues concerning civil service safety, economic development and health care issues.

Whitmire is seeking his seventh term and has a Republican opponent in the General Election.

House

District 126 – Open Seat (Endorsement Withheld)

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Peggy Hamric (R), Houston, who ran unsuccessfully for Sen. Jon Lindsay's seat.

The race involves Republican Patricia Harless, Democrat Chad Khan and Libertarian Oscar Palma Jr.

District 127 – *Joe Crabb (R), Humble

Crabb is a minister, rancher and an attorney. He serves as chair of the Redistricting Committee and also is a member of the Energy Resources and Regulated Industries committees. Crabb has authored or sponsored legislation concerning minimum staffing for firefighters, workers' compensation and higher education.

Crabb is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 128 – *Wayne Smith (R), Baytown

Smith is a civil engineer, founding his own engineering firm in 1978. He is vice chair of the County Affairs Committee and serves also as a member of the Environmental Regulation and Local and Consent Calendars committees.

Smith is seeking his third term and is unopposed.

District 129 – *John Davis (R), Houston



Davis is a member of the Appropriations Committee, where he serves as chair of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee. He serves also on the House Administration and Human Services committees. He is the owner of a commercial roofing company.

Davis is seeking his fifth term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 130 – *Corbin Van Arsdale (R), Houston

Van Arsdale is an attorney specializing in constitutional law. His issues of concern include improving health care, promoting fewer taxes and providing better teacher pay. He serves as a member of the Calendars, Insurance and Judiciary committees.

Arsdale is seeking his third term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 131 – *Alma Allen (D), Houston

Allen has served on the State Board of Education and on the board for the Harris County Hospital District. Allen is a member of the Human Services, Rules and Resolutions and Urban Affairs committees.

She is seeking her second term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 132 – *William “Bill” Callegari (R), Katy

Callegari, a businessman and engineer, serves as vice chair of the Natural Resources Committee and also is a member of the Calendars and Transportation committees. He has been an advocate on issues such as water management and economic development.

He is seeking his fourth term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 133 – Jim Murphy (R), Houston

This open seat previously was held by HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Joe Nixon (R), Houston, who ran unsuccessfully for Sen. Jon Lindsay’s seat.

Murphy has served as a Houston Community College trustee and on the West Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Murphy faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 134 – *Martha Wong (R), Houston

Wong works as a consultant. She serves as vice chair of the Rules and Resolutions Committee, as vice chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and as a member of the State Affairs committee.

Wong is seeking her third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 135 – *Gary Elkins (R), Houston

Elkins is vice chair of the Business and Industry Committee and also serves on the Calendars and Local Government Ways and Means committees. He is a businessman and consultant.

He is seeking his seventh term and is unopposed.

District 136 – *Beverly Woolley (R), Houston



Woolley is chair of the Calendars Committee and also serves on the Civil Practices and Ways and Means committees. Woolley has worked on issues concerning public school curriculum, workers’ compensation and privacy. She and her husband own and operate a small business.

She is seeking her seventh term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 137 – *Scott Hochberg (D), Houston



Hochberg serves on the Corrections and Public Education committees. Hochberg currently operates a consulting practice specializing in software development and Web site design. He worked during the 2005 session to secure additional funding for nursing faculty to address the nursing shortage.

He is seeking his eighth term and faces a Republican in the General Election.

District 138 – *Dwayne Bohac (R), Houston

Bohac is a businessman and serves as vice chair of the Elections Committee and as a member of the Business and Industry Committee.

He is seeking his third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 139 – *Sylvester Turner (D), Houston

Turner is a member of the Appropriations, Calendars and Regulated Industries committees and is Speaker Pro-Tem of the Texas House. He has been an advocate on issues such as public education, civil protection and criminal justice. On the Appropriations Committee, Turner has supported increased health care funding. Turner is an attorney with Barnes and Turner.

Turner is seeking his 10th term and is unopposed.

District 140 - *Kevin Bailey (D), Houston

Bailey serves as chair of the General Investigating and Ethics Committee and also is a member of the Business and Industry and Urban Affairs committees. He has worked on issues concerning choice of physician under workers' compensation and civil servant safety. Bailey is a college instructor.

He is seeking his eighth term and is unopposed.

District 141 - *Senfronia Thompson (D), Houston

Thompson, an attorney, has been an advocate on issues such as personal allowances for Medicaid patients in long-term care facilities, civil rights and the stabilization of long-term care insurance premium rates. She serves as a member of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee as well as the Insurance Committee.

Thompson is seeking her 18th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 142 - *Harold Dutton Jr. (D), Houston

Dutton, an attorney, serves as chair of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee and is a member of the General Investigating and Ethics, and Public Education committees. He has worked on issues such as access to social programs, criminal justice and education.

He is seeking his 12th term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 143 - *Ana Hernandez (D), Houston

Hernandez won the Nov. 8, 2005, special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Rep. Joe Moreno. Hernandez, a former legislative staffer, left legislative work to attend law school at The University of Texas in Austin. After completing her law degree in 2003, she has worked at ConocoPhillips in Houston.

Hernandez is seeking her first full term and faces a Republican and a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 144 - *Robert Talton (R), Pasadena

Talton is an attorney and has authored or supported legislation concerning criminal jurisprudence, transportation and economic development. He serves as chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and is a member of the Civil Practices and Redistricting committees.

He is seeking his eighth term and faces a Democrat and two Libertarians in the General Election.

District 145 - *Rick Noriega (D), Houston

Noriega is a businessman who serves as a member of the Corrections and the Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations committees. Noriega is a major in the Texas Army National Guard and recently was deployed to Iraq. He has worked on issues related to veterans, long-term care and higher education.

He is seeking his fifth term and is unopposed.

District 146 - Borris Miles (D), Houston

Borris Miles defeated incumbent HOSPAC-endorsed Rep. Al Edwards in the Democratic primary. Miles is a former law enforcement officer and is currently self-employed as an insurance agent.

Miles faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 147 - *Garnet Coleman (D), Houston



Coleman is a small-business owner whose father was a physician. He serves on the County Affairs and Public Health committees. Coleman has sponsored legislation to update the state's indigent care law and was a chief negotiator on the CHIP and Medicaid simplification legislation. He received the Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute award in 1999 and 2001.

He is seeking his eighth term and is unopposed.

District 148 - *Jessica Farrar (D), Houston

Farrar is a partner at Farrar Architects, a firm she shares with her father. Farrar is a member of the Agriculture and Livestock and State Affairs committees.

She is seeking her seventh term and faces a Libertarian in the General Election.

District 149 - Endorsement Withheld

In a rematch from 2004, former House member Talmadge Heflin, a Republican, is challenging the Democratic incumbent, Rep. Hubert Vo. The General Election also includes a Libertarian opponent.

District 150 - *Debbie Riddle (R), Houston

Riddle is a businesswoman and owner of R&R Quarter Horse Farms. She is a former emergency medical technician with Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Association. Her issues of concern include education and health care. She serves as vice chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and also is a member of the Financial Institutions Committee.

Riddle is seeking her third term and faces a Democrat and a Libertarian in the General Election.

DISTRICTS BY COUNTIES

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Anderson	8	3
Andrews	81	31
Angelina	12	3
Aransas	32	18
Archer	69	30
Armstrong	88	28
Atascosa	35	21
Austin	13	18
Bailey	88	31
Bandera	73	19
Bastrop	17	18
Baylor	68	30
Bee	35	21
Bell	54/55	24
Bexar	116-125	19/21/25/26
Blanco	45	24
Borden	85	28
Bosque	58	22
Bowie	1	1
Brazoria	25/29	11/17
Brazos	14/17	5
Brewster	74	19
Briscoe	88	28
Brooks	43	20
Brown	60	24
Burleson	17	5
Burnet	54	24
Caldwell	45	18
Calhoun	32	18
Callahan	53	24
Cameron	37/38/43	27
Camp	5	1
Carson	87	28
Cass	1	1
Castro	88	28
Chambers	23	4
Cherokee	11	3
Childress	88	28
Clay	68	30
Cochran	83	31
Coke	72	28
Coleman	53	24
Collin	66/67/70/89	8/30

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Collingsworth	88	28
Colorado	17	18
Comal	73	25
Comanche	59	24
Concho	53	28
Cooke	68	30
Coryell	59	22
Cottle	68	28
Crane	82	31
Crockett	53	19
Crosby	85	28
Culberson	74	19
Dallam	86	31
Dallas	100-115	2/8/9/16/23
Dawson	82	28
Deaf Smith	86	31
Delta	3	2
Denton	63-65	9/12/30
De Witt	30	18
Dickens	68	28
Dimmit	80	21
Donley	88	28
Duval	31	21
Eastland	60	24
Ector	81	31
Edwards	74	19
El Paso	75-79	19/29
Ellis	10	22
Erath	59	24
Falls	57	22
Fannin	62	2
Fayette	17	18
Fisher	85	28
Floyd	85	28
Foard	68	28
Fort Bend	26-28	13/17/18
Franklin	3	1
Freestone	8	5
Frio	80	21
Gaines	83	31
Galveston	23/24	11/17
Garza	85	28
Gillespie	73	24

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Glasscock	85	31
Goliad	35	18
Gonzales	44	18
Gray	88	28
Grayson	62	30
Gregg	7	1
Grimes	13	5
Guadalupe	44	25
Hale	85	28
Hall	88	28
Hamilton	59	24
Hansford	88	31
Hardeman	68	28
Hardin	19	3
Harris	126-150	4/6/7/11/13/15/17
Harrison	5	1
Hartley	86	31
Haskell	68	28
Hays	45	25
Hemphill	88	31
Henderson	4	3
Hidalgo	36/39-41	20/27
Hill	10	22
Hockley	83	28
Hood	60	22
Hopkins	3	2
Houston	11	5
Howard	85	31
Hudspeth	74	19
Hunt	2	2
Hutchinson	88	31
Irion	85	28
Jack	68	30
Jackson	30	18
Jasper	9	3
Jeff Davis	74	19
Jefferson	21/22	4/17
Jim Hogg	43	21
Jim Wells	35	20
Johnson	58	22
Jones	85	28
Karnes	35	21
Kaufman	4	2
Kendall	73	25

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Kenedy	43	27
Kent	85	28
Kerr	53	24
Kimble	53	24
King	68	28
Kinney	80	19
Kleberg	43	27
Knox	68	28
La Salle	80	21
Lamar	3	1
Lamb	88	28
Lampasas	54	24
Lavaca	30	18
Lee	17	5
Leon	57	5
Liberty	18	4
Limestone	8	5
Lipscomb	88	31
Live Oak	35	21
Llano	53	24
Loving	74	19
Lubbock	83/84	28
Lynn	85	28
Madison	57	5
Marion	1	1
Martin	82	31
Mason	53	24
Matagorda	29	18
Maverick	80	19
McCulloch	53	24
McLennan	56/57	22
McMullen	35	21
Medina	80	19
Menard	53	24
Midland	82	31
Milam	20	5
Mills	59	24
Mitchell	72	28
Montague	68	30
Montgomery	15/16/18	3/4
Moore	87	31
Morris	1	1
Motley	68	28
Nacogdoches	9	3

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Navarro	8	22
Newton	19	3
Nolan	71	28
Nueces	32-34	20
Ochiltree	88	31
Oldham	86	31
Orange	19/22	4
Palo Pinto	60	30
Panola	11	1
Parker	61	30
Parmer	88	31
Pecos	74	19
Polk	18	3
Potter	87	31
Presidio	74	19
Rains	2	2
Randall	86	31
Reagan	85	28
Real	53	19
Red River	3	1
Reeves	74	19
Refugio	30	18
Roberts	88	31
Robertson	57	5
Rockwall	89	2
Runnels	53	28
Rusk	11	1
Sabine	9	3
San Augustine	9	3
San Jacinto	12	3
San Patricio	32	21
San Saba	53	24
Schleicher	53	28
Scurry	72	28
Shackelford	60	30
Shelby	9	3
Sherman	87	31
Smith	6/7	1-3
Somervell	59	22
Starr	31	21
Stephens	60	30
Sterling	85	28
Stonewall	85	28
Sutton	53	19

COUNTY	HOUSE	SENATE
Swisher	88	28
Tarrant	90-99	9/10/12
Taylor	71	24
Terrell	74	19
Terry	85	28
Throckmorton	68	30
Titus	3	1
Tom Green	72	28
Travis	46-51	14/25
Trinity	12	5
Tyler	12	3
Upshur	5	1
Upton	82	28
Uvalde	74	19
Val Verde	74	19
Van Zandt	2	2
Victoria	30	18
Walker	13	5
Waller	28	18
Ward	74	19
Washington	13	18
Webb	31/42	21
Wharton	28	18
Wheeler	88	28
Wichita	69	30
Wilbarger	68	30
Willacy	43	27
Williamson	20/52	5
Wilson	44	21
Winkler	81	19
Wise	61	30
Wood	5	1
Yoakum	83	31
Young	68	30
Zapata	31	21
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