

There are just **36 days** until the March 2 primary elections... and *early voting gets underway in 22 days!*

With that in mind, the Empower Texans PAC is today announcing our first round of primary endorsements for legislative races. As you know, we do not necessarily endorse in every race.

Also, please note that this is not a final list of endorsements; other races are still being considered. The list of primary endorsements will be updated regularly on our website.

The legislative endorsements fall into two categories: incumbents for re-election, and challengers. We endorsed for re-election everyone scoring 80% or better on the Fiscal Responsibility Index.

Re-Election to the Senate

Dan Patrick, SD 7 *

Jane Nelson, SD 12 *

Re-Election to the House

Dan Flynn, HD 2*

Betty Brown, HD 4*

Bryan Hughes, HD 5*

Leo Berman, HD 6*

Wayne Christian, HD 9*

Lois Kolkhorst, HD 13*

Fred Brown, HD 14*

Brandon Creighton, HD 16*

Tim Kleinschmidt, HD 17*

Mike Hamilton, HD 19*

Larry Taylor, HD 24*

Charlie Howard, HD 26*

John Zerwas, HD 28*

Randy Weber, HD 29*

Geannie Morrison, HD 30*

Myra Crownover, HD 54*

Jimmie Don Aycok, HD 54*

Ralph Sheffield, HD 55*

Charles Anderson, HD 56*

Sid Miller, HD 59*

Phil King, HD 61*

Larry Phillips, HD 62*

Senate Open-Seat

House Open-Seat & Incumbent Challenge

Erwin Cane, HD 3

David Simpson, HD 7

Michael Banks, HD 11

James White, HD 12

Michael Banks, HD 65

Van Taylor, HD 66

Tan Parker, HD 63*

Jerry Madden, HD 67*

Rick Hardcastle, HD 68*

Ken Paxton, HD 70*

Doug Miller, HD 73*

Tom Craddick, HD 82*

John Smithee, HD 86*

Warren Chisum, HD 88*

Jodie Laubenberg, HD 89*

Kelly Hancock, HD 91*

Mark Shelton, HD 97*

Linda Harper-Brown, HD 105*

Dan Branch, HD 108*

Angie Chen Button, HD 112*

Joe Driver, HD 113*

Patricia Harless, HD 126*

Wayne Smith, HD 128*

John Davis, HD 129*

Allen Fletcher, HD 130*

Bill Callegari, HD 132*

Gary Elkins, HD 135*

Ken Legler, HD 144*

Debbie Riddle, HD 150*

Darren Yancy, SD 22

Dee Margo, HD 78

John Frullo, HD 84

Jeff Cason, HD 92

Bill Zedler, HD 96

Cindy Burkett, HD 101

Stefani Carter, HD 102

Jack O'Connor, HD 149

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* Endorsement based on Fiscal Responsibility Index rating.