

WINDS OF CHANGE IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE: LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

- Primary Election: March 6, 2018
- General Election: November 6, 2018
- Bill Filing: November 12, 2018
- First Day of 86th Legislative Session: January 8, 2019



2018 PRIMARIES: OUTCOMES

- 1M voted in the Democratic Primary and 1.5M voted in the Republican Primary (Runoff Elections May 22nd)
- Incumbents defeated or not seeking reelection – 21 (18 Reps; 3 Senators)
- Runoffs:
 - Gov: Lupe Valdez vs Andrew White
 - 1 State Senate seat
 - 17 congressional races
 - 14 State House seats

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RACES TO WATCH

- **US Senate:** Cruz v. O'Rourke
- **Governor:** Democrats Lupe Valdez and Andrew White
- **HD 46:** Democrats Sheryl Cole and Jose "Chito" Vela
- **HD 8:** Republicans Thomas McNutt and Cody Harris
- **HD 121:** Republicans Matt Beebe and Steve Allison
- **HD 54:** Republicans Scott Cospers and Brad Buckley

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