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We added up the reports in some competitive and expensive races, put them next to the votes and then did a calculation to get a cost per vote for each race. The numbers cover finances reported by candidates at year-end, 30-day, 8-day, and in telegram reports. To get to dollars per vote, we added contributions and loans and subtracted the last reported cash-on-hand total. It's inexact, but it's not our fault: Campaigns won't report complete spending and cash on hand until July, by state law. One more caveat: Madla's reports to the Texas Ethics Commission weren't complete when we went to press, which is the subject of a legal complaint from the Uresti camp. Winners' names are in bold, and incumbents' names are in italics.

District	Candidate		Contributions	Expenditures	Loans	COH	Votes	\$/Vote
SD-3*	Frank Denton, Conroe	R	\$135,213	\$297,446	\$235,000	\$36,056	5,635	\$ 59.30
	Dave Kleimann, Willis	R	\$102,683	\$312,482	\$50,000	\$55,685	6,716	\$ 14.44
	Robert Nichols, Jacksonville	R	\$265,464	\$797,454	\$560,000	\$30,823	20,176	\$ 39.39
	Bob Reeves, Center	R	\$60,195	\$104,889	\$522,000	\$473,833	4,674	\$ 23.18
SD-7*	Mark Ellis, Houston	R	\$357,795	\$224,840	\$0	\$46,357	2,545	\$ 122.37
	Peggy Hamric, Houston	R	\$353,704	\$228,251	\$7,000	\$72,374	6,900	\$ 41.79
	Joe Nixon, Houston	R	\$861,249	\$776,813	\$0	\$111,421	3,629	\$ 206.62
	Dan Patrick, Houston	R	\$541,737	\$499,091	\$316,671	\$108,607	28,860	\$ 25.98
HD-7	Tommy Merritt, Longview	R	\$213,941	\$179,509	\$321,611	\$20,133	6,732	\$ 76.56
	Mark Williams, Longview	R	\$591,676	\$51,146	\$0	\$10,895	4,781	\$ 121.48
HD-9	<i>Roy Blake Jr., Nacogdoches</i>	R	\$217,095	\$192,981	\$20,000	\$28,577	3,323	\$ 62.75
	Wayne Christian, Center	R	\$481,030	\$24,400	\$0	\$28,699	4,258	\$ 106.23
HD-73	<i>Carter Casteel, New Braunfels</i>	R	\$401,119	\$279,582	\$0	\$43,075	10,131	\$ 35.34
	Nathan Macias, Bulverde	R	\$803,811	\$57,829	\$0	\$13,119	10,176	\$ 77.70
HD-83	Delwin Jones, Lubbock	R	\$121,667	\$191,719	\$105,000	\$40,629	8,714	\$ 21.35
	Frank Morrison, Lubbock	R	\$13,470	\$37,056	\$0	\$0	2,343	\$ 5.75
	Van Wilson, Lubbock	R	\$577,120	\$83,683	\$24,864	\$12,406	3,420	\$ 172.39
HD-87	Anette Carlisle, Amarillo	R	\$65,472	\$129,217	\$0	\$0	4,623	\$ 14.16
	David Swinford, Dumas	R	\$329,675	\$231,021	\$0	\$77,288	6,259	\$ 40.32
HD-94	<i>Kent Grusendorf, Arlington</i>	R	\$393,274	\$256,826	\$0	\$88,810	4,308	\$ 70.67
	Diane Patrick, Arlington	R	\$222,827	\$95,146	\$8,000	\$13,380	5,971	\$ 36.42
HD-99	Colby Brown, Fort Worth	R	\$1,275	\$1,417	\$29,000	\$0	233	\$ 129.94
	Charlie Geren, Fort Worth	R	\$414,466	\$203,858	\$0	\$247,796	3,767	\$ 44.24
	Chris Hatley, Fort Worth	R	\$323,314	\$51,316	\$2,500	\$22,395	2,867	\$ 105.83
SD-19	<i>Frank Madla, San Antonio</i>	D	\$495,868	\$315,729	n/a	n/a	18,330	\$ 27.05
	Carlos Uresti, San Antonio	D	\$780,253	\$455,507	\$107,000	\$51,984	24,199	\$ 34.52