

What's a Voter Worth?

What the candidates amassed, per vote, in selected statehouse races

Race	Candidate - Party		Warchest	Votes	\$/Vote
SD-29	Dee Margo	R	\$896,858	36,101	\$24.84
	Eliot Shapleigh	D	\$739,539	51,491	\$14.36
HD-3	Kirby Hollingsworth, Mt. Vernon	R	\$147,697	13,993	\$10.56
	Mark Homer, Paris	D	\$488,555	19,166	\$25.49
HD-11	Larry Durrett, Jacksonville	R	\$818,973	15,900	\$51.51
	Chuck Hopson, Jacksonville	D	\$676,666	17,588	\$38.47
HD-12	Jody Anderson, Lufkin	R	\$387,868	16,734	\$23.18
	Jim McReynolds, Lufkin	D	\$283,392	21,903	\$12.94
HD-17	Tim Kleinschmidt, Lexington	R	\$279,361	19,216	\$14.54
	Robby Cook, Eagle Lake	D	\$292,500	19,633	\$14.90
HD-32	Gene Seaman, Corpus Christi	R	\$1,035,292	16,847	\$61.45
	Juan Garcia, Corpus Christi	D	\$681,026	17,611	\$38.67
HD-33	Joe McComb	R	\$106,067	13,032	\$8.14
	Solomon Ortiz Jr.	D	\$179,559	14,151	\$12.69
HD-35	Michael Esparza, Alice	R	\$315,538	12,837	\$24.58
	Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Alice	D	\$364,215	16,049	\$22.69
HD-47	Bill Welch, Austin	R	\$1,219,410	24,434	\$49.91
	Valinda Bolton, Austin	D	\$479,275	26,951	\$17.78
HD-52	Mike Krusee	R	\$437,436	19,947	\$21.93
	Karen Felthausen	D	\$17,323	17,703	\$0.98
HD-69	Shirley Craft, Wichita Falls	R	\$207,461	11,950	\$17.36
	David Farabee, Wichita Falls	D	\$314,302	17,563	\$17.90
HD-85	Jim Landtroop, Plainview	R	\$709,375	14,168	\$50.07
	Joe Heflin, Crosbyton	D	\$263,725	14,361	\$18.36
HD-93	Toby Goodman, Arlington	R	\$416,146	10,288	\$40.45
	Paula Hightower Pierson, Arlington	D	\$275,477	10,761	\$25.60

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HD-102	Tony Goolsby, Dallas	R	\$580,798	13,161	\$44.13
	Harriet Miller, Dallas	D	\$379,873	11,607	\$32.73
HD-106	Kirk England	R	\$270,757	10,452	\$25.90
	Katy Hubener	D	\$148,186	10,221	\$14.50
HD-107	Bill Keffer, Dallas	R	\$251,939	15,143	\$16.64
	Allen Vaught, Dallas	D	\$215,990	16,246	\$13.29
HD-118	George Antuna, San Antonio	R	\$728,816	10,072	\$72.36
	Joe Farias, San Antonio	D	\$291,867	10,976	\$26.59
HD-133	Jim Murphy, Houston	R	\$284,777	11,664	\$24.42
	Kristi Thibaut, Houston	D	\$222,697	8,735	\$25.49
HD-134	Martha Wong, Houston	R	\$909,665	19,669	\$46.25
	Ellen Cohen, Houston	D	\$781,469	24,953	\$31.32
HD-149	Talmadge Heflin, Houston	R	\$377,541	10,605	\$35.60
	Hubert Vo, Houston	D	\$333,986	12,592	\$26.52

Incumbents are listed in bold. The "Warchest" column includes total amounts raised and borrowed as reported by the candidates from mid-year through Election Day, as well as the cash-on-hand they reported before mid-year. We'd have preferred to use spending per vote, but final tallies for that won't be reported to the state until January. Contributions and loans and money in the bank, on the other hand, have to be reported before voters do their work. Without expenditure numbers available, we assumed most candidates would throw in most or all of their financial resources. This shows, then, what they could have spent if they wanted to. The totals don't include third-party expenditures.

Sources: Texas Secretary of State, Texas Ethics Commission