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Cruz defeats O'Rourke in re-election fight

The race between Cruz and O'Rourke emerged as one of the hottest in the country, with Democrats hopeful that O'Rourke could break the Texas GOP's iron grip on statewide offices. Source: The Texas Tribune

2018 General Election Election Night Returns | Statewide Races




Unofficial Elections Results As Of: 11/7/2018 6:46:50 AM
Races on Dickens County and/or Kent County ballots

RACE	NAME	PARTY	EARLY VOTES	PERCENT	TOTAL VOTES	PERCENT
U. S. Senator						
	Ted Cruz - Incumbent	REP	3,057,565	51.04%	4,228,832	50.89%
	Beto O'Rourke	DEM	2,896,709	48.35%	4,015,082	48.32%
	Neal M. Dikeman	LIB	35,782	0.59%	65,034	0.78%

	Race Total		5,990,056		8,308,948	
	Statewide Turnout 52.61% (15,793,257 Registered Voters)					
U. S. Representative District 19						
	Jodey Arrington - Incumbent	REP	107,096	75.85%	152,012	75.27%
	Miguel Levario	DEM	34,089	24.14%	49,941	24.72%
Governor						
	Greg Abbott - Incumbent	REP	3,275,854	55.14%	4,622,407	55.80%
	Lupe Valdez	DEM	2,574,417	43.33%	3,520,868	42.50%
	Mark Jay Tippetts	LIB	90,643	1.52%	139,824	1.68%
Lieutenant Governor						
	Dan Patrick - Incumbent	REP	3,042,913	51.12%	4,229,793	51.29%
	Mike Collier	DEM	2,794,525	46.94%	3,833,069	46.48%
	Kerry Douglas McKennon	LIB	114,799	1.92%	183,185	2.22%
Attorney General						
	Ken Paxton - Incumbent	REP	3,009,110	50.50%	4,160,846	50.54%
	Justin Nelson	DEM	2,821,980	47.36%	3,870,345	47.01%
	Michael Ray Harris	LIB	126,716	2.12%	200,103	2.43%
Comptroller of Public Accounts						
	Glenn Hegar - Incumbent	REP	3,154,441	53.32%	4,344,596	53.18%
	Joi Chevalier	DEM	2,586,762	43.72%	3,545,626	43.40%
	Ben Sanders	LIB	174,173	2.94%	279,296	3.41%
Commissioner of the General Land Office						
	George P. Bush - Incumbent	REP	3,185,041	53.64%	4,402,869	53.69%
	Miguel Suazo	DEM	2,579,481	43.44%	3,540,153	43.17%
	Matt Pina	LIB	172,236	2.90%	257,057	3.13%
Commissioner of Agriculture						
	Sid Miller - Incumbent	REP	3,040,851	51.35%	4,190,747	51.25%
	Kim Olson	DEM	2,760,496	46.61%	3,794,683	46.41%
	Richard Carpenter	LIB	119,966	2.02%	190,387	2.32%
Railroad Commissioner						
	Christi Craddick - Incumbent	REP	3,151,494	53.28%	4,344,655	53.19%
	Roman McAllen	DEM	2,613,534	44.18%	3,586,198	43.90%
	Mike Wright	LIB	149,785	2.53%	236,365	2.89%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2						
	Jimmy Blacklock - Incumbent	REP	3,130,112	53.02%	4,329,184	53.12%
	Steven Kirkland	DEM	2,772,888	46.97%	3,820,059	46.87%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4						
	John Devine - Incumbent	REP	3,156,329	53.56%	4,368,144	53.70%
	R.K. Sandill	DEM	2,735,887	46.43%	3,765,102	46.29%

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U.S. Senate - Statewide

CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES	PCT.
PROJECTED WINNER			
 ✓ Ted Cruz Incumbent	Republican	4,228,832	50.9%
 Beto O'Rourke	Democrat	4,015,082	48.3
 Neal Dikeman	Libertarian	65,034	0.8

7,863 of 7,939 precincts reporting (99.0%)

TEXAS ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Gov. Greg Abbott and every other statewide Republican seeking re-election** were victorious on Tuesday. But the election proved to be the closest statewide contest in two decades.
 - **Democrats Veronica Escobar and Sylvia Garcia made congressional history** Tuesday night as the first-ever Latinas elected to represent Texas in the U.S. House.
 - **Democrat Lizzie Pannill Fletcher defeated Republican incumbent Rep. John Culberson** in the Houston-area race for Texas Congressional District 7.
 - **Democrat Colin Allred has defeated Republican incumbent Rep. Pete Sessions** in the Dallas-area race for Texas' Congressional District 32.
- Source: The Texas Tribune

Democratic women lead pickup of 12 seats in Texas House, biggest shift since 2010 midterms

AUSTIN — **Led by a slate of female candidates**, Democrats flipped 12 seats in the Texas House in Tuesday's midterm election, marking the biggest shift in the lower chamber since the 2010 midterm elections.

In January, when the Texas Legislature convenes for the 86th legislative session, the Republicans' 95-55 advantage over the Democrats will shrink to 83-67, which could boost the role Democrats will play in electing the next Texas House Speaker — who will only need support from 76 House members to succeed the retiring Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican.

Among the Democratic victories were the defeats of two high-profile GOP incumbents: Julie Johnson defeated Matt Rinaldi of Irving, a member of the hardline conservative Texas House Freedom Caucus, while Michelle Beckley beat Ron Simmons of Carrollton, who authored a version of the "bathroom bill" in 2017.



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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

Jeff Brown - Incumbent	REP	3,162,734	53.62%	4,372,448	53.70%
Kathy Cheng	DEM	2,735,004	46.37%	3,769,290	46.29%

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Sharon Keller - Incumbent	REP	3,089,324	52.33%	4,257,888	52.22%
Maria T. (Terri) Jackson	DEM	2,697,594	45.69%	3,707,483	45.47%
William Bryan Strange III	LIB	116,135	1.96%	188,242	2.30%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7

Barbara Parker Hervey - Incumbent	REP	3,180,419	54.05%	4,396,747	54.14%
Ramona Franklin	DEM	2,703,539	45.94%	3,723,541	45.85%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 8

Michelle Slaughter	REP	3,423,106	74.46%	4,736,576	74.67%
Mark Ash	LIB	1,174,108	25.53%	1,606,427	25.32%

State Representative District 68

Drew Springer - Incumbent	REP	27,193	100.00%	39,692	100.00%
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Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2

Judy Parker - Incumbent	REP	141,328	100.00%	204,041	100.00%
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Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Pat Pirtle - Incumbent	REP	140,288	100.00%	202,434	100.00%
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IN TEXAS SPUR COUNTRY

Aspermont approves alcohol measure

ASPERMONT — Citizens voted on Tuesday to approve the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverage, in their city. In early voting, 111 votes were reported for the measure; election day votes to approve were 32, for a total of 143 votes for.

In early voting, 83 votes were reported against the measure; election day votes against approving were 46, for a total of 129 votes against.

—*The Double Mountain Chronicle*, Facebook page

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

DICKENS COUNTY | 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Local Races

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place No. 3, Vote For 1

REP	Pat Pirtle	356	100.00%	295	100.00%	651	100.00%
Cast Votes:		356	89.00%	295	81.72%	651	85.55%

District Judge, 110th Judicial District, Vote For 1

REP	William P. Smith	360	100.00%	300	100.00%	660	100.00%
Cast Votes:		360	90.23%	300	83.10%	660	86.84%

County Judge, Vote For 1

REP	Kevin Brendle	364	100.00%	318	100.00%	682	100.00%
Cast Votes:		364	91.00%	318	88.09%	682	89.62%

County Attorney - Unexpired Term, Vote For 1

Aaron Clements (W)	0	0.00%	35	100.00%	35	100.00%	
Cast Votes:		0	0.00%	35	8.86%	35	4.56%

District and County Clerk, Vote For 1

REP	Becky S. Hill	373	100.00%	324	100.00%	697	100.00%
Cast Votes:		373	93.02%	324	89.75%	697	91.47%

County Treasurer, Vote For 1

REP	Darla Thomason	361	100.00%	312	100.00%	673	100.00%
Cast Votes:		361	89.80%	312	86.43%	673	88.20%

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, Vote For 1

REP	Mike Smith	114	100.00%	52	100.00%	166	100.00%
Cast Votes:		114	88.37%	52	89.66%	166	88.77%

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Vote For 1

REP	Jerry Alexander	49	100.00%	45	100.00%	94	100.00%
Cast Votes:		49	92.45%	45	73.77%	94	82.46%

Justice of the Peace, Vote For 1

REP	Nancy Stone	369	100.00%	322	100.00%	691	100.00%
Cast Votes:		369	92.02%	322	89.20%	691	90.68%

Source: Dickens County Clerk Becky Hill, reported to Texas Secretary of State Election Management and Certification System (EMCS) 11/6/2018, Cumulative Report, Unofficial

KENT COUNTY | 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Local Races

Judge, 39th Judicial District Court

REP	Shane Hadaway	280
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County Judge

REP	Jim C. White	283
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County and District Clerk

DEM	Craig Harrison	225
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County Treasurer

REP	Christy Long	288
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County Justice of the Peace

REP	David Parker	297
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County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

REP	Don Long	63
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County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

REP	Robert Graham	58
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Source: Kent County Clerk Craig Harrison, Voting Registration Sheets

Republicans' grip on Texas state senate loosens a bit

AUSTIN — **Republicans' grip on Texas' upper chamber loosened a bit Tuesday night** after Democrats picked up two Republican-held state Senate seats.

State Sen. Don Huffines of Dallas was behind Nathan Johnson by 7 percentage points with 52 percent of precincts reporting, and state Sen. Konni Burton of Colleyville was trailing Beverly Powell by 3 percentage points with 82 percent of precincts reporting.

At stake Tuesday was Republicans' three-fifths majority in the Senate. For years, the GOP faced hurdles to passing some conservative measures out of the upper chamber due to its "two-thirds rule," which required the support of 21 members to bring a bill to the Senate floor. With 20 Republicans in the Texas Senate, that left Republicans one short of moving out bills without the help of a single Democrat.

In 2015, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick successfully spearheaded a move that lowered the threshold to three-fifths, which allowed the 21 Republicans in the Senate to unilaterally dictate the flow of legislation — and block Democrats' bills — during the 2015 and 2017 legislative sessions. After last night's election, there's a 19-to-12 member split in the Texas Senate, meaning Republicans have just enough members to pass legislation without the support of a single Democrat.

While a pickup of two state Senate seats only chips away at the Republican's majority in the chamber, it also loosens Patrick's grip on the state's upper chamber, politicians say. That's because Republican senators might have to work across the aisle to get their legislation passed if any member of their caucus opposes a bill. Source: THE TEXAS TRIBUNE ●●●●●●●●●●