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## Candidates Raised \$115 Million in 1998 State Elections

### Fueled by Bush's \$25 Million, Governor's Race led the Pack

**Austin:** Candidates for Texas' statewide and legislative offices in 1998 raised over \$115 million, according to reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission. Fueled by Bush's \$25 million, the Governor's race attracted the most money: \$29.9 million.

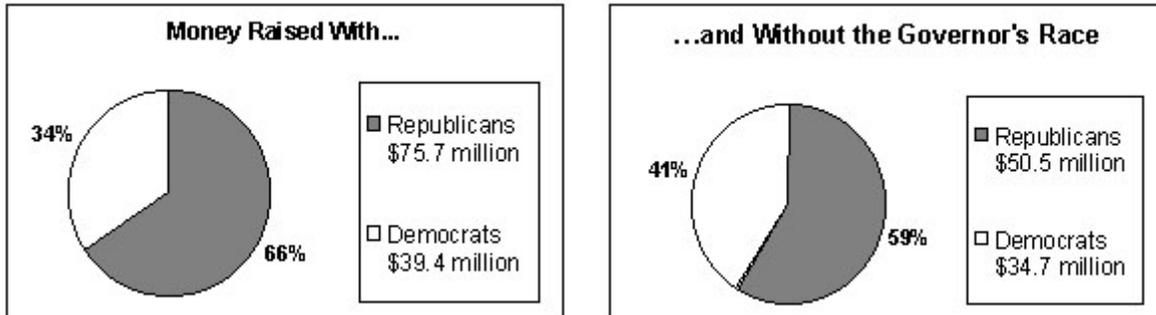
A close second was the Lt. Governor's race where Rick Perry and his Democratic opponent John Sharp reported raising \$10 million each. Together, the two top-of-the-ballot contests accounted for 44 percent of all the money raised by 1998 statewide and legislative candidates in Texas. All candidates for the 150 House of Representative seats raised a total of \$23.7 million; candidates for 16 Senate seats gathered \$9.7 million.

<b>Money Raised by Candidates for 1998 Statewide and Legislative Offices</b>				
<b>Office Sought</b>	<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Democrats</b>
Governor	\$29,858,975	25.9%	\$25,165,410	\$4,693,284
Lieutenant Governor	\$20,224,512	17.6%	\$10,140,547	\$10,083,965
Attorney General	\$10,120,008	8.8%	\$6,606,416	\$3,513,592
Comptroller	\$6,465,740	5.6%	\$3,451,274	\$3,014,466
Land Commissioner	\$5,448,946	4.7%	\$4,726,146	\$722,800
Agricultural Commissioner	\$1,573,744	1.4%	\$1,378,891	\$194,853
Railroad Commissioner	\$1,297,301	1.1%	\$1,198,770	\$98,391
Supreme Court	\$6,307,115	5.5%	\$5,454,982	\$852,133
State Board of Education	\$442,570	0.4%	\$306,982	\$135,589
Senate	\$9,732,306	8.5%	\$5,281,383	\$4,450,923
House	\$23,650,665	20.5%	\$11,996,657	\$11,651,260
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,132,629</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$75,707,706</b>	<b>\$39,411,256</b>

## Republicans Commanded a Major Financial Advantage

Republicans vastly outraised Democrats even when Governor Bush's campaign war chest is put aside. Overlooking the Governor's race, Republican's raised \$50.5 million compared to the \$34.7 million raised by Democrats. With the Governor's race, Republicans raised \$75.7 million compared to the Democrats \$39.4 million.\*

### 1998 Statewide and Legislative Races

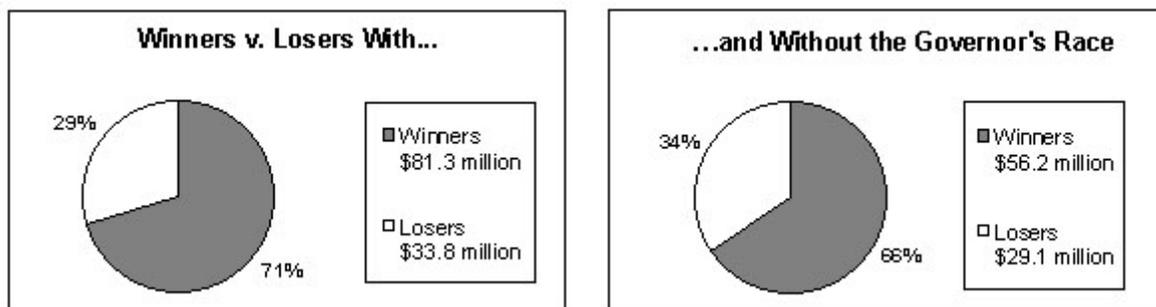


\*Third party candidates raised a negligible \$13,666 for the 1998 elections.

## Winners Outraised Losers 2 to 1

The "Winners vs. Losers" split closely mirrors the Republican-Democrat split. Not surprisingly, winning candidates accounted for 71 percent of all the money raised. The \$81 million stockpiled by winners trounced the \$34 million raised by losers. This ratio does not change much without the Governor's race. Disregarding the top race, winners outraised losers \$56 million to \$29 million.

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This report is based on candidate reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission for the 1998 election cycle. Money raised does not include loans to candidates.

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