

Money In PoliTex

A Guide to Money in the 2004
Texas Legislative Elections



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The 2004 election cycle covered a non-gubernatorial election year with relatively few races for statewide offices. For this reason, this report analyzes the \$56.4 million raised in the 2004 cycle just by Texas legislative candidates. In contrast, the 2002 edition of *Money in PoliTex* analyzed contributions to both legislative *and* statewide candidates. An earlier TPJ publication listed the 69 individuals who contributed totals of more than \$100,000 to *all* Texas state candidates and committees in the 2004 election cycle. (See TPJ's press release, March 3, 2005.)

Legislative candidates analyzed here raised the \$56.4 million between January 2003 and December 2004. Most of these candidates stood for regular elections in 2004. This report also analyzes campaign money raised by candidates for three special elections to fill legislative seats vacated in the 2004 cycle. Juan Escobar (D-Kingsville) won a special election in May 2003 for House District 43 following the death of Rep. Irma Rangel. Special elections in early 2004 filled two Senate vacancies. Kevin Eltife (R-Tyler) won the District 1 seat vacated by Sen. Bill Ratliff; Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) won the District 31 seat that Sen. Teel Bivins vacated. Rep. Tommy Merritt (R-Longview) complicated matters by losing a bid for Ratliff's vacated senate seat in a January 2004 special election; he then won a House race ten months later. For simplicity, this report just lists him as a candidate for the House race that he won (he raised about half his money in the cycle for the Senate race and half for the House race).

The contribution data used in this report comes from the "Contribution & Expenditure" reports that all candidates must file with the Texas Ethics Commission. Donations of \$50 or less can be filed as unitemized contributions. Except where otherwise noted, this report just analyzes the \$55.8 million in campaign money that the candidates itemized.

Legislative Office	No. of Seats	No. of Candidates*	Rep. Cands*	Dem. Cands*	3 rd Party†	Rep. Winners	Dem. Winners
Senate:							
Facing '04 Election	16	27	15	11	1	10	6
No '04 Election	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
House	150	255	130	123	2	87	63
TOTALS:	181	282	145	134	3	97	69

*Only includes candidates who raised at least \$1,000.

†The 3rd Party category includes independents and write-ins who raised at least \$1,000.

15 Senators Not Facing A 2004 Election Raised A Total of \$7.3 Million

Dist.	Senator	Party	Home	Amount Raised In 2004 Cycle
2	Bob Deuell	R	Greenville	\$371,603
3	Todd Staples	R	Palestine	\$544,055
5	Steve Ogden	R	Bryan	\$485,501
7	Jon Lindsay	R	Houston	\$212,756
8	Florence Shapiro	R	Plano	\$520,243
12	Jane Nelson	R	Lewisville	\$607,821
13	Rodney Ellis	D	Houston	\$492,819
14	Gonzalo Barrientos	D	Austin	\$234,102
15	John Whitmire	D	Houston	\$541,970
17	Kyle Janek	R	Houston	\$573,257
18	Ken Armbrister	D	Victoria	\$665,840
19	Frank Madla	D	San Antonio	\$778,036
22	Kip Averitt	R	McGregor	\$514,370
25	Jeff Wentworth	R	San Antonio	\$407,956
29	Eliot Shapleigh	D	El Paso	\$321,602
TOTAL:				\$7,271,931

UNCONTESTED RACES

Few Winners Faced Strong Opposition in November

Legislative Office	Seats Up In 2004	No Opposition (Won 100% of Vote)	Token Opposition (80%-99% of Vote)	Weak Opposition (60%-79% of Vote)	Real Opposition (less than 60% of Vote)
Senate	16	10 (63%)	1 (6%)	2 (13%)	3 (19%)
House	150	79 (53%)	11 (7%)	32 (21%)	28 (19%)
TOTALS:	166	89 (54%)	12 (7%)	34 (20%)	31 (19%)

Note: Table uses November 2004 results for Rep. Escobar and Sen. Seliger, who faced special and regular elections in the 2004 cycle. Results for Sen. Eltife (who did not face a regular 2004 election) are from his February 2004 special run-off.

Senate Candidates Unopposed In 2004 Primary *and* General

Dist.	Senator	Party
4	Tommy Williams	R
9	Chris Harris	R
11	Mike Jackson	R
16	John Carona	R
20	Juan Hinojosa	D
23	Royce West	D
24	Troy Fraser	R
27	Eddie Lucio, Jr.	D
28	Robert Duncan	R

Note: All of these candidates ran as incumbents.

UNCONTESTED RACES

House Candidates Unopposed In 2004 Primary *and* General

Dist.	Representative	Party
2	Dan Flynn	R
4	Betty Brown	R
6	Leo Berman	R
8	Byron Cook	R
13	Lois Kolkhorst	R
14	Fred Brown	R
23	Craig Eiland	D
24	Larry Taylor	R
26	Charlie Howard	R
27	Dora Olivo	D
29	Glenda Dawson	R
31	Ryan Guillen	D
32	Gene Seaman	R
33	Vilma Luna	D
36	Kino Flores	D
37	Rene Oliveira	D
38	Jim Solis	D
42	Richard Raymond	D
44	Edmund Kuempel	R
46	Dawanna Dukes	D
47	Terry Keel	R
51	Eddie Rodriguez	D
55	Dianne Delisi	R
61	Phil King	R
62	Larry Phillips	R
63	Mary Denny	R
64	Myra Crownover	R
66	Brian McCall	R
67	Jerry Madden	R
68	Rick Hardcastle	R
73	Carter Casteel	R
74	Pete Gallego	D
75	Chente Quintanilla	D

Dist.	Representative	Party
76	Norma Chavez	D
77	Paul Moreno	D
82	Tom Craddick	R
86	John Smithee	R
87	David Swinford	R
88	Warren Chisum	R
91	Bob Griggs	R
92	Todd Smith	R
98	Vicki Truitt	R
100	Terri Hodge	D
101	Elvira Reyna	R
103	*Rafael Anchia	D
104	Roberto Alonzo	D
107	Bill Keffer	R
109	Helen Giddings	D
110	Jesse Jones	D
111	Yvonne Davis	D
114	Will Hartnett	R
115	*Jim Jackson	R
121	Elizabeth Jones	R
122	Frank Corte, Jr.	R
124	Jose Menendez	D
125	Joaquin Castro	D
129	John Davis	R
135	Gary Elkins	R
139	Sylvester Turner	D
141	Senfronia Thompson	D
144	Robert Talton	R
145	Richard Noriega	D
146	Al Edwards	D
147	Garnet Coleman	D
150	Debbie Riddle	R

*Non-incumbent

COMPETITIVE RACES

Most Competitive 2004 House General Elections

Dist.	Representative	Party	General Outcome
50	*Mark Strama	D	49%
149	*Hubert Vo	D	50%
48	Todd Baxter	R	50%
3	Mark Homer	D	50%
117	*David Leibowitz	D	51%
35	*Yvonne Toureilles	D	51%
12	Jim McReynolds	D	51%
106	Ray Allen	R	53%
11	Chuck Hopson	D	53%
1	*Stephen Frost	D	53%
69	David Farabee	D	53%
102	Tony Goolsby	R	53%
56	*Charles Anderson	R	53%
134	Martha Wong	R	54%
17	Robby Cook	D	54%
45	Patrick Rose	D	55%
18	*John Otto	R	55%
34	*Abel Herrero	D	55%
19	Mike Hamilton	R	55%
93	Toby Goodman	R	56%
137	Scott Hochberg	D	57%
118	Carlos Uresti	D	57%
9	*Roy Blake, Jr	R	57%
72	Scott Campbell	R	57%
57	Jim Dunnam	D	58%
85	James Laney	D	59%
105	Linda Harper-Brown	R	59%
43	Juan Escobar	D	59%

*Non-incumbent

Most Competitive 2004 House Primary Elections

Dist.	Representative	Party	Primary Outcome	Runoff Outcome
58	*Rob Orr	R	33%	60%
34	*Abel Herrero	D	38%	56%
117	*David Leibowitz	D	42%	55%
35	*Yvonne Toureilles	D	45%	73%
41	*Veronica Gonzales	D	49%	71%
56	*Charles Anderson	R	50%	NA
39	*Armando Martinez	D	53%	NA
95	*Marc Veasey	D	54%	NA
131	*Alma Allen	D	55%	NA
21	Allan Ritter	D	56%	NA
1	*Stephen Frost	D	58%	NA

*Non-Incumbent

Most Competitive 2004 Senate Elections

Dist.	Senator	Party	Primary Outcome	General Outcome	Runoff Outcome
1	*Kevin Eltife	R	NA	†36%	†52%
6	Mario Gallegos, Jr.	D	54%	92%	NA
26	Leticia Van de Putte	D	82%	57%	NA
10	*Kim Brimer	R	100%	59%	NA

*Non-Incumbent

†Special Election

TOTAL MONEY RAISED BY CANDIDATES

Total Itemized Money to Legislative Candidates: \$55,846,890

Unitemized Donations: \$555,326

No. of Itemized Donations: 88,896

PACs/Businesses vs. Individuals



PACs/Businesses
\$31,849,900

Individuals
\$23,996,990

By Office



House
\$43,139,757

Senate
\$12,707,133

By Outcome



Winners
\$42,567,757

Losers
\$13,279,133

By Party

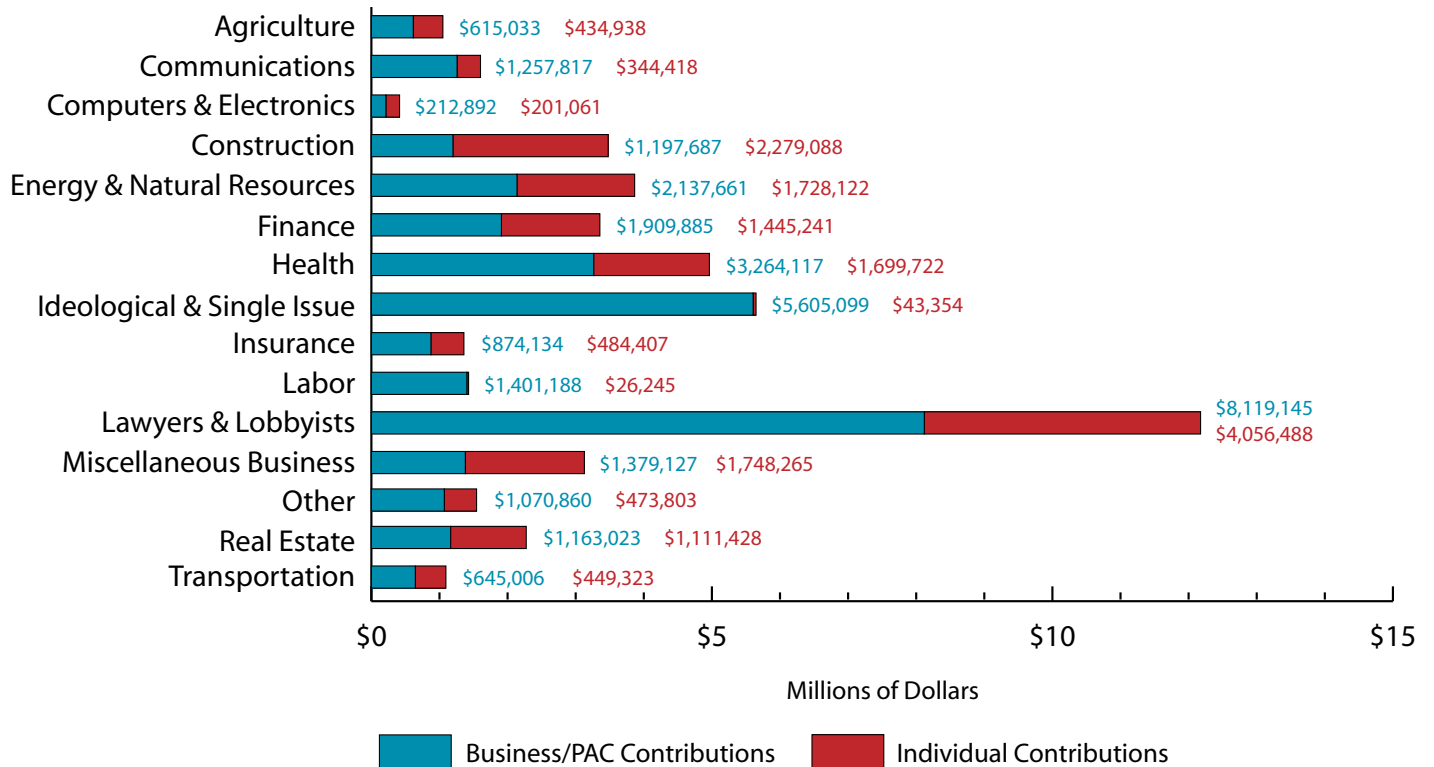


Republican
\$32,680,794

Democrat
\$23,158,708

Note: Third party candidates raised \$7,388.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY ECONOMIC INTEREST



Note: TPJ identified the primary economic interest for 85 percent of the \$56 million raised.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY INCUMBENCY STATUS



Incumbent
\$39,157,392

Challenger \$9,876,952
Open Seat \$6,812,546

House

	Amount of Contributions	Number of Candidates	Average War Chest
Incumbent	\$31,827,742	145	\$219,502
Challenger	\$9,728,567	92	\$105,745
Open Seat	\$1,583,448	18	\$87,969
TOTALS:	\$43,139,757	255	\$169,176

Senate

	Amount of Contributions	Number of Candidates	Average War Chest
Incumbent	\$7,329,650	14	\$523,546
Challenger	\$148,385	4	\$37,096
Open Seat	\$5,229,098	9	\$581,011
TOTALS:	\$12,707,133	27	\$470,635

CONTRIBUTIONS BY TIME AND CHECK SIZE



Before Primary	Between Primary and General	After General
\$23,369,547	\$24,685,257	\$7,792,086

Contributions By Time

Time Period Covered	Amount of Contributions	Number of Contributions
Before Primary	\$23,369,547	36,354
Between Primary and General	\$24,685,257	40,216
After General	\$7,792,086	12,326
TOTALS:	\$55,846,890	88,896

Contributions By Check Size

Contribution Size	Total		Number of	
	Amount	%	Contributions	%
\$50,000 or more	\$3,608,318	6%	54	<1%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$4,090,262	7%	145	<1%
\$5,000 - \$24,999	\$11,729,858	21%	1,624	2%
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$18,892,591	34%	14,293	16%
\$100 - \$999	\$17,072,165	30%	61,238	69%
Under \$100	\$453,696	1%	11,542	13%
Unitemized \$50 or less	\$555,326	1%	NA	NA
TOTALS:	\$56,402,216	100%	88,896	100%

CONTRIBUTIONS BY GEOGRAPHY



Texas
\$52,839,151

Out-of-Texas
\$3,007,739

Top 10 Cities (74% of Total Donations)

City	Total
Austin	\$20,291,106
Houston	\$8,734,943
Dallas	\$4,738,979
San Antonio	\$1,898,342
Corpus Christi	\$1,196,859
Beaumont	\$1,253,959
Fort Worth	\$1,087,549
Washington	\$679,956
Amarillo	\$603,166
Tyler	\$596,542

Top 20 Zip Codes (45 % of Total Donations)

Zip Code	City	Total
78701	Austin	\$10,035,258
78767	Austin	\$2,849,005
77002	Houston	\$1,375,698
78746	Austin	\$1,364,345
78704	Austin	\$1,344,624
77234	Houston	\$1,134,950
75201	Dallas	\$986,049
78703	Austin	\$601,165
77027	Houston	\$573,955
77055	Houston	\$522,941
78768	Austin	\$517,728
75205	Dallas	\$456,182
77017	Houston	\$452,699
76102	Fort Worth	\$434,326
77701	Beaumont	\$415,923
77056	Houston	\$414,931
77704	Beaumont	\$413,275
75225	Dallas	\$402,236
75204	Dallas	\$372,174
78741	Austin	\$325,099

Top 10 Non-Texas Sources

State	Total
District of Columbia	\$679,956
California	\$329,062
Virginia	\$209,578
Illinois	\$180,241
New York	\$155,955
Michigan	\$154,796
Georgia	\$122,155
North Carolina	\$119,200
Ohio	\$111,487
Alabama	\$107,850