TEXAS 2016 VOTER GUIDE

A YALLA VOTE 2016 STATE VOTER GUIDE
Texas will cast their ballots on November 8th to choose the next President of the United States and for seats in the House of Representatives. Texas has the fifth-largest Arab American population in the United States. The number of Texans who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in Texas reside in 157 of the 254 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Harris County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Lebanese roots. Since 2005, significant increases appear in the number of Texans who are of Iraqi or Egyptian descent.

The state of Texas passed a new voter ID law in 2013, which requires voters to provide a photo ID in order to cast a ballot. The new law provides for state IDs to be given to those who lack valid ID for free, but some have found significant barriers to acquiring such identification. A federal court found that over 600,000 registered Texas voters do not have a form of photo ID that is acceptable at the polls.


Neither of Texas’s Republican held Senate seats will be up for reelection in 2016. Texas voters will not face a gubernatorial election until 2018.

## Population by County (2013)

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*Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on “ancestry.” Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants. 

General Election
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Polls OPEN at 7 AM and CLOSE at 7 PM

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DEADLINES
Voter Registration: October 11, 2016
Early Voting: October 24 – November 4, 2016
Absentee Registration: October 28, 2016
Absentee Ballot: November 8, 2016

WHO CAN VOTE
You are eligible to vote in the state of Texas if:

• You are a United States citizen
• You are a resident off the county where you submit your registration
• You are at least 18 years old on Election Day
• You are not a convicted felon
• You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote

REGISTER TO VOTE
In-Person
You can register at your county Voter Registrar’s Office.
The Texas Secretary of State’s website provides a list of the location and contact information for every county’s Voter Registrar. In most counties, the Tax Assessor-Collector is also the Voter Registrar. In some counties, the County Clerk or Elections Administrator also registers voters.

Mail
Applications for registration may be picked up at your county Voter Registrar’s Office, library, government office, or high school. The application can also be mailed to you, postage-paid, if you fill out this form. The form must then be completed and mailed to your county Voter Registrar.

Online
Registration to vote can be done using an Informal Application online. A Texas driver’s license is needed to register. The application must then be printed and mailed to your county Voter Registrar’s Office. For Harris County, registration forms are available in Chinese and Vietnamese online. You may check if you are already registered on the Texas Secretary of State’s website.
You may vote absentee in Texas if you are:
• Going to be away from your county on election day and during early voting;
• Sick or disabled;
• 65 years of age or older on election day; or
• Confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING
A voter may request an application for an absentee ballot by mail from the Early Voting Clerk in the political subdivision conducting the election. The form can also be found online. You may also submit a request online to have a registration application mailed to you. Once received, the voter should read the instructions carefully, complete the application and return it to the Early Voting Clerk. Contact information for Early Voting Clerks in your county can be found online. Absentee ballot applications must be received by the close of business on October 28, 2016. The voted absentee ballot must be received by 7 PM on Election Day.

EARLY VOTING
The state of Texas offers early voting to those who wish to cast a ballot in-person prior to election day. Any registered voter may vote at any polling location within the county of their residence. Early voting in Texas will begin October 24, 2016 and end November 4, 2016. Voting hours may vary by location throughout the state.
Voter ID Requirements

Upon registration, you will be mailed a voter registration certificate or card with your name, address, and the number of your voting precinct. On voting day, show your voter registration card and a valid photo ID from the list below:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS;
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS;
- United States military identification card containing the person’s photograph;
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph; or
- United States passport

Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed may vote a provisional ballot. In order for the ballot to be counted, they must go to the voter registrar’s office within (6) days to sign a sworn affidavit swearing to the religious objection.

Any voter that doesn’t have one of these required forms of photo ID, may sign a declaration that they have a “reasonable impediment” and then show a different kind of ID.

Disabled Voters & Non-English Speakers

- You may be assisted by a person of your choice, by two election workers on Election Day, or by one election worker during early voting. You may NOT be assisted by your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.
- The person assisting you must read the entire ballot to you, unless you request that only certain parts of the ballot be read aloud.
- The person assisting you must take an oath that he or she will not try to influence your vote, will mark your ballot as you direct, and will not tell anyone how you voted.
- If you choose to be assisted by polling place officials, then poll watchers and/or state and federal election inspectors may observe the voting process to make sure the ballot is marked as you request. If you are assisted by a person of your choosing, no one else may watch you vote.
- If you cannot speak English, or if you communicate only with sign language, you may select any registered voter of your county to help you communicate with election officials. If you cannot read the languages on the ballot, your interpreter may translate the ballot for you in the voting booth.
- If you are physically unable to enter the polling place, you may ask that an election officer bring a ballot to you at the entrance of the polling place or to your car at curbside. After you mark the ballot, give it to the election officer to put it in the ballot box, or hand it to a companion to deposit in the ballot box for you.
- If you plan to go alone to vote curbside, it is wise to call ahead so election officials will expect you.

Generally speaking, you may vote curbside during the early voting period (the 17th day before Election Day until the 4th day before Election Day) or on Election Day.

Convicted Felons

In Texas, convicted felons regain the right to vote after completing his or her sentence. After completing the punishment phase (including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by the court), former felons are eligible to register and vote.

Campaigning & the Polls

On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or himself or in behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum within a radius of 100 feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling
place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach, except as provided in section. The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the 75 foot distance from such entrance.

**POLL WATCHERS**

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher watches to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation. The election board consists of the poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers. Poll watchers are responsible for supplying any necessities or materials needed while at the polls, i.e. chairs, tables, writing materials, etc. They cannot use the poll workers’ supplies.

The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

**Things poll watchers may do:**

- The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.
- A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and after the voter has voted the depositing of ballot into the ballot box.
- If the poll watcher observes what he thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.
- The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

**POLL WORKERS**

Poll workers occupy an important role in our democracy by helping to operate polling locations. Poll workers are tasked with ensuring that citizens can vote with ease on Election Day, and are responsible for safeguarding the voting process. Poll workers will receive compensation for their work. Training to become a poll worker is available through the Texas State Board of Elections website.
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children's Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1993, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2009 to 2013. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)** graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine presently serves in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

Donald Trump is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, Governor Mike Pence unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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U.S. House, TX 1st District

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U.S. House, TX 2nd District

Incumbent  
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Challenger  
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Incumbent  
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U.S. House, TX 4th District

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Challenger  
Unchallenged
U.S. House, TX 5th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
Unchallenged

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U.S. House, TX 6th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 7th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 8th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
Unchallenged

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U.S. House, TX 9th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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### U.S. House, TX 10th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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### U.S. House, TX 11th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**  
*Unchallenged*

### U.S. House, TX 12th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**  
*Unchallenged*

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**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 15th District

**Challenger**
Vincente Gonzalez (D)

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**Challenger**
Tim Westley (R)

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U.S. House, TX 16th District

**Incumbent**
Beto O’Rourke (D)

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**Challenger**
Unchallenged

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U.S. House, TX 17th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
Nick Haynes (D)

*Information not available

**Challenger**
Shawn Michael Hamilton (L)

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U.S. House, TX 18th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
Lori Barley (R)

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U.S. House, TX 19th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
Unchallenged
U.S. House, TX 20th District

**Incumbent**
Joaquin Castro (D)

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**Challenger**
Unchallenged


U.S. House, TX 21st District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 22nd District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 23rd District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, TX 24th District

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**Challenger**
Jan McDowell (D)

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U.S. House, TX 30th District

Incumbent
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Contact information unavailable

Challenger
Charles Lingerfelt (R)

U.S. House, TX 31st District

Incumbent
John Carter (R)

Contact information unavailable

Challenger
Mike Clark (D)

U.S. House, TX 32nd District

Incumbent
Pete Sessions (R)

Contact information unavailable

Challenger
Unchallenged

U.S. House, TX 33rd District

Incumbent
Marc Veasey (D)

Contact information unavailable

Challenger
Mark Mitchell (R)

U.S. House, TX 34th District

Incumbent
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No campaign information available

Challenger
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