

## Legislative Priorities

Several new legislative priorities were either signed in to law by Governor Abbott or adopted into other legislation in the 86th session. View them all at the link below:

<https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Advocacy/Advocacy%20Wrap%20Up%202019.pdf>

## Important Special Elections

As many of you may be aware, Rep John Zerwas retired and ended his tenure in the Texas House on September 30, 2019, after serving for 12 years. Gov Abbott called for 3 special elections that will be held in November. There are 27 candidates running in these 3 special elections to fill seats in the Texas House. The closest watched race is for District 28 which is the seat vacated by Rep Zerwas. 7 candidates are running for that seat — 6 Republicans and 1 Democrat. Candidates running for District 28 as listed on Texas Secretary of State website <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/hd28-candidates.shtml> are listed below. Please click on each candidate's website for more information.

- **Anna Allred**  
Republican  
1 E Greenway Plaza, Ste. 225  
Houston, TX 77046  
Anesthesiologist  
<https://www.allredtx.com>
- **Gary Gates**  
Republican  
2205 Avenue I, #117  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
President  
<https://www.gatesfortexas.com>
- **Gary J. Hale**  
Republican  
5811 Second St.  
Katy, TX 77493  
Business Owner  
<http://www.garyhalefortexas28.org>
- **Tricia Krenek**  
Republican  
6630 FM 1463, Suite B500-101  
Katy, TX 77494  
Attorney  
<https://www.triciakrenek.com>
- **Sarah Laningham**  
Republican  
21714 Sierra Long Drive  
Richmond, TX 77407  
Sales  
<http://sarahlaningham.com>
- **Elizabeth "Eliz" Markowitz**  
Democratic  
24111 Haywards Crossing Ln,  
Katy, TX 77494  
Educator  
<https://www.eliz4tx.com>
- **Clinton D. Purnell**  
Republican  
PO Box 6725 S. Fry Rd. Ste. 700-344  
Katy, TX 77494  
Logistics & Customs Compliance  
*\* was not able to find candidate's website*

**Early voting starts on  
Oct. 21 and ends Nov 1.  
Election Day is Nov. 5.**

## What Else Is On The Ballot?

Texas voters will decide on 10 proposed amendments (see <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2019/072319.shtml> for details on these amendments) to the Texas Constitution. Amendments include a proposal focused on banning a state income tax and another that would give Texas parks and historic sites the maximum funding authorized from a sales tax on sporting goods.