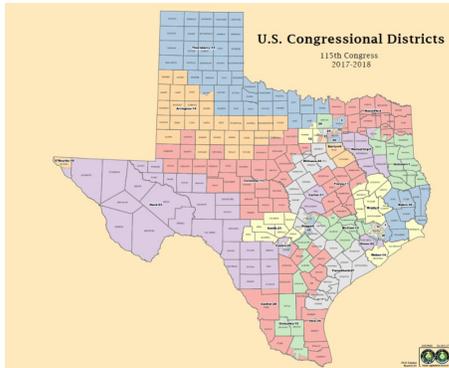




PRIME-ARY PERSPECTIVE: TEXAS

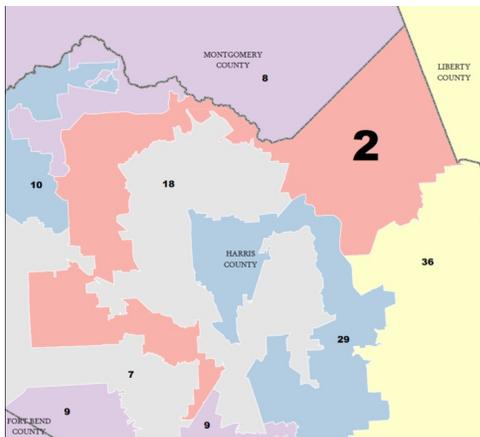


Prime is pleased to introduce the first of our new series: PRIME-ARY Perspectives that will give you an overview of the most noteworthy results from each state's primary election, focusing on congressional districts that are likely to be most competitive in November, as well as those that will have new representation in 2019 because of retirements.

Texas, which held the first primary election of the season yesterday, kicks off our coverage. The run-offs referenced below, as well as others in races that are less competitive will take place on May 22.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions!

TX-02



TX-02 is located in southeast Texas, including parts of Houston and Harris County. Incumbent Republican Ted Poe has held the seat since beating out Democrat Jim Turner in 2004. He won handily in 2016, earning 61% of the vote, but has indicated that he will not be running for reelection. In the presidential election, Trump carried the district 52% to Clinton's 43%.

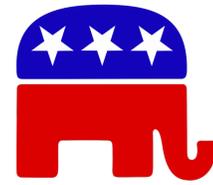


Todd Litton (D)

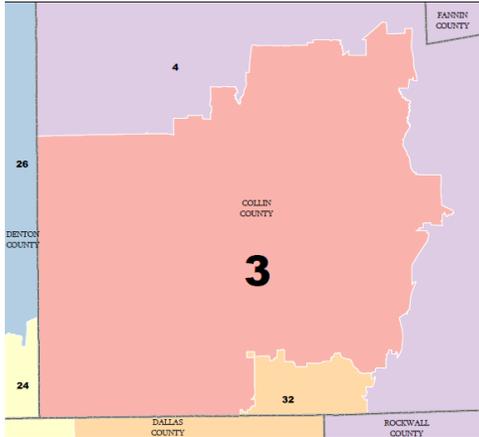
Todd Litton, a leader in the non-profit and education space, won the nomination with 53% of the vote. Litton was also a practicing lawyer for three years.

Republican Primary Runoff

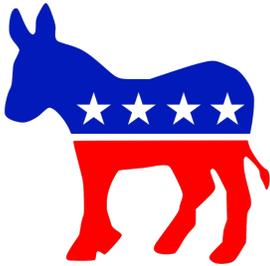
There will be a runoff in May between Kevin Roberts, a state representative, and Dan Crenshaw, a former Navy SEAL. Roberts took 33% of the GOP votes to Crenshaw's 27% in a crowded field of nine candidates.



TX-03



Sam Johnson has elected to step down from his TX-03 seat, having held it since 1991. The district includes Frisco, Plano, McKinney, parts of Dallas and most of Collin County. It has not sent a Democrat to the House since 1968. Trump won the district 55% to Clinton's 41%, and is thought to be a lock for another Republican representative.



Democratic Primary Runoff

The Democratic primary will go to a runoff between Lorie Burch and Sam Johnson (no relation). Burch only just missed winning the nomination outright, achieving 49.6% of the vote to Johnson's 28.7%.

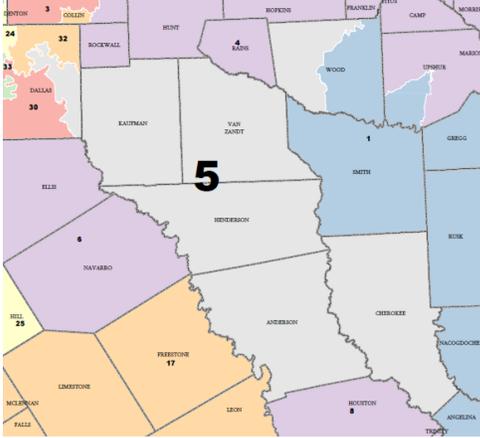
Van Taylor (R)

Van Taylor has been a Texas State Senator since 2014, previously served in the Texas House, and was a U.S. Marine Officer. Jones prides himself on his conservative values, earning plaudits from Texas Conservative Coalition, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and an A rating from the National Rifle Association.



TX-05

House Financial Services Committee Chair Hensarling is leaving his TX-05 seat after 15 years of service. The northeasterly district encompasses Mesquite, the southeast part of Dallas County, five whole counties (Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Kaufman, Van Zandt) and part of Wood County. The district



overwhelmingly went to Trump - he won 63% to Clinton's 34%.

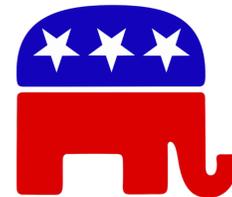


Dan Wood (D)

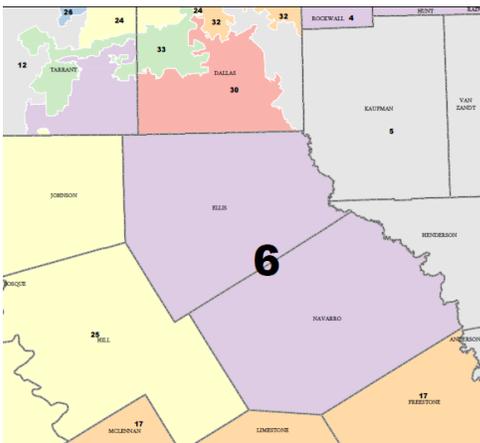
Dan Wood runs his own law practice in Terrell, and has served in multiple roles in the City of Terrell administration. He ran unopposed to achieve the Democratic spot on the ballot.

Republican Primary Runoff

There will be a runoff in May between Lance Gooden, a state representative, and Bunni Pounds, a faith leader and former Hensarling campaign manager. The two were closely matched - Gooden finished ahead on 29.9% to Pounds' 22%.



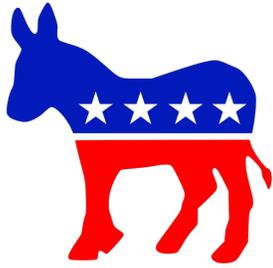
TX-06



TX-06 is located mainly south of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but stretches to include some parts of Arlington and Fort Worth itself. Incumbent Rep. Joe Barton is stepping down after revelations about his personal life, but it likely won't impact the GOP's hold on the district - in the previous presidential election, Trump secured it at 54-42.

Democratic Primary Runoff

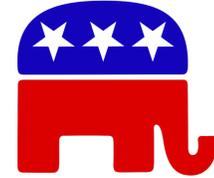
The two top Democratic candidates came in deadlocked at the end of the night, with Ruby Faye Woolridge and Jana Lynne Sanchez both earning 36.9% of the votes. Woolridge is a minister and former counselor, Sanchez a



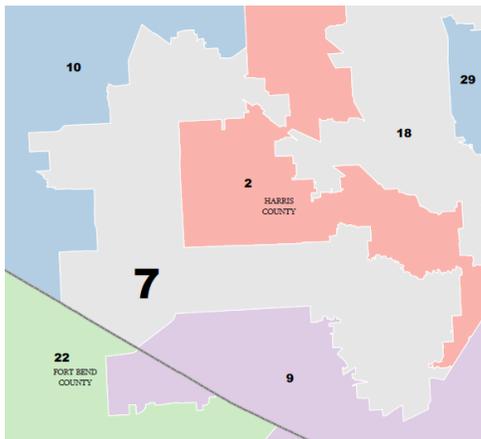
former journalist and granddaughter of an undocumented immigrant.

Republican Primary Runoff

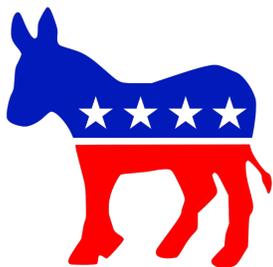
Ron Wright looks to be the favorite in the runoff after earning 45.1% to Jake Ellzey's 21.7%. Wright is a former Barton staffer and has been the Tax Assessor-Collector of Tarrant County since 2011.



TX-07



John Culberson's district covers the western Houston suburbs, and is shaping up to be one of the tougher House races in the state. While Culberson has handily won reelection most years since winning the seat at the end of 2000, 2016's presidential election resulted in a slim 48-47 Clinton win, with the Cook Report rating the race a Republican Toss Up.

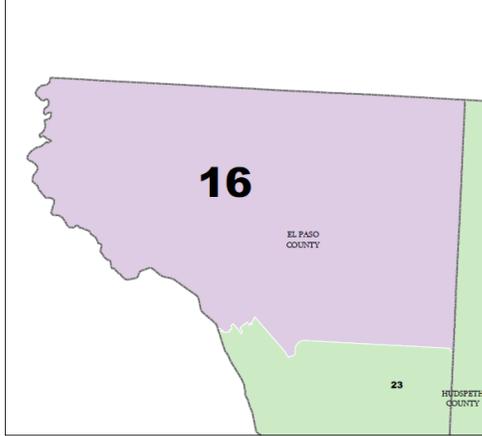


Democratic Primary Runoff

Neither Lizzie Fletcher nor Laura Moser were able to break the threshold to avoid a runoff. The DCCC campaigned against Moser, thinking her too risky a candidate to beat Culberson, but that has appeared to have backfired. Moser held 24.3% of the vote to Fletcher's 29.3%.

TX-16

Beto O'Rourke leaves behind a district that will almost certainly remain in Democrats' hands. The district shares its northern and western borders with New Mexico and includes a significant portion of El Paso and its suburbs. Democrats have held the seat since the 1964 election, and delivered a comfortable 68-27 Clinton victory in 2016.



Veronica Escobar (D)

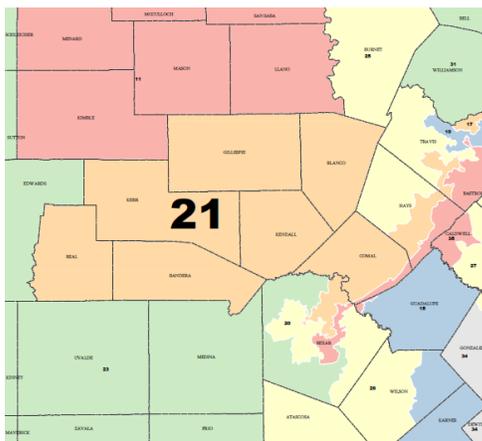
Veronica Escobar handily won the Democratic nomination. To run for office, she resigned her position as a county judge. She has also previously served as county commissioner.

Rick Seeberger (R)

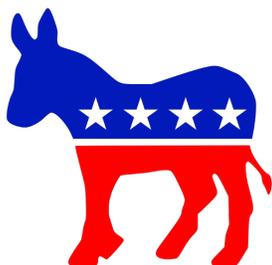
Seeberger dispatched his only challenger, Alia Garcia-Ureste, 69-31. He hopes to focus on attracting renewable energy jobs to the district and believes in tighter border security.



TX-21



Lamar Smith's district occupies parts of northern San Antonio, parts of southwest Austin, and stretches out to the northwest to include Fredericksburg, Medina and Harper. Smith is stepping down, but the district does not look like it will turn - Trump won 52-42 in 2016, and the district has had a GOP representative since the late 70s.

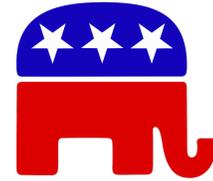


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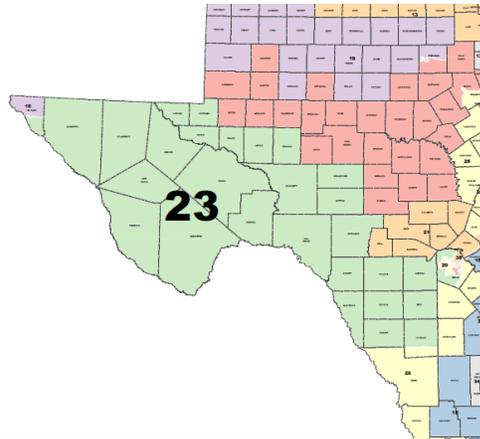
Mary Wilson and Joseph Kopser are set to face off after a close race, with Wilson edging Kopser 31-29. Wilson is a minister and former educator, while Kopser is an Army veteran and tech entrepreneur.

Republican Primary Runoff

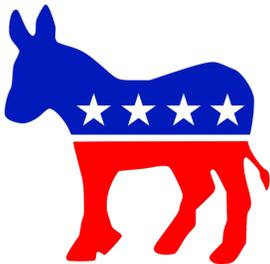
TX-21 had an extremely crowded Republican primary - voters had to decide between 18 candidates. Leading the pack and heading to a primary are former Sen. Cruz chief of staff Chip Roy and Matt McCall, who has attempted to primary Smith twice before.



TX-23



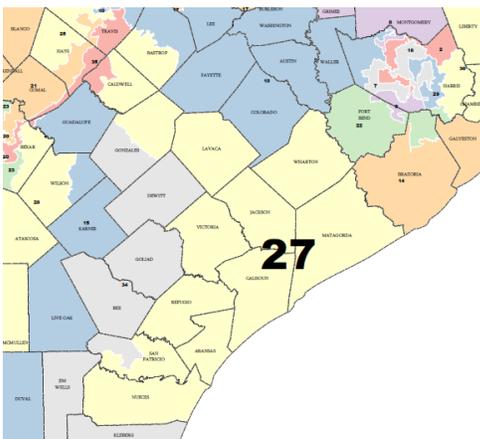
TX-23 includes substantial parts of San Antonio suburbs and runs west along the Texas-Mexico border up to El Paso's outskirts. Incumbent GOP representative Will Hurd is in for a tough race - he narrowly won reelection in 2016, but in the presidential election, the district went to Clinton 50-46.



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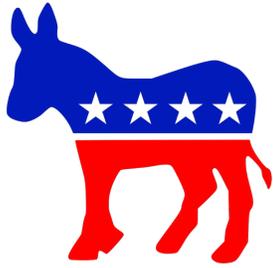
Gina Ortiz Jones, a former Air Force intelligence officer, carried the primary with 41% of the vote, but without clearing 50% will have to face a runoff. It's unclear who she will face, with Rick Trevino and Judy Canales at 17.5% and 17.2% respectively.

TX-27



After reports that Farenthold used taxpayer money to settle on a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a former employee, he announced he would not be running for reelection. His district includes Corpus Christi, runs up the Gulf Coast to Bay City, and reaches up to the farther outskirts of Austin. The GOP should be relatively confident of retaining the seat: Farenthold has held the seat for four terms, and the district went 60-37 to Trump in 2016.

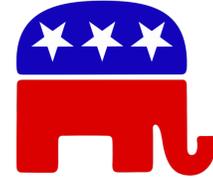
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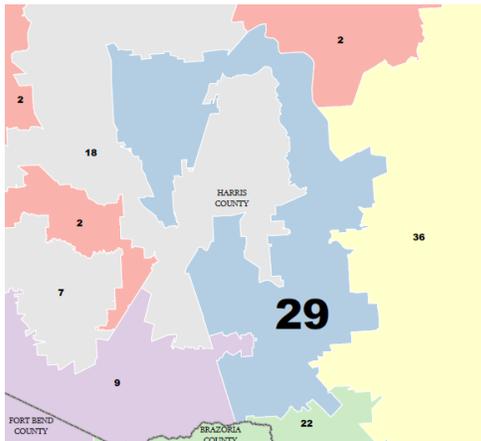
Roy Barrera looks to be the favorite going into the Democratic runoff, securing 41% of the vote to Eric Holguin's 23%. Barrera works at the Corpus Christi federal court as a security officer, and Holguin has worked for Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Republican Primary Runoff

Bech Bruun and Michael Cloud head to the runoff with a small margin between them - Bruun's 36.1% edging out Cloud's 33.9%. Bruun is the former chairman of the Texas Water Development Board, and Cloud is the County Chair of the Victoria County Republican Party.



TX-29



Green's district comprises of downtown and suburban western Austin. It is very unlikely this seat flips upon Green's retirement - Clinton coasted to a 71-25 victory in TX-29, and Green has held the seat since 1993.

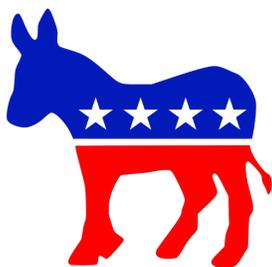
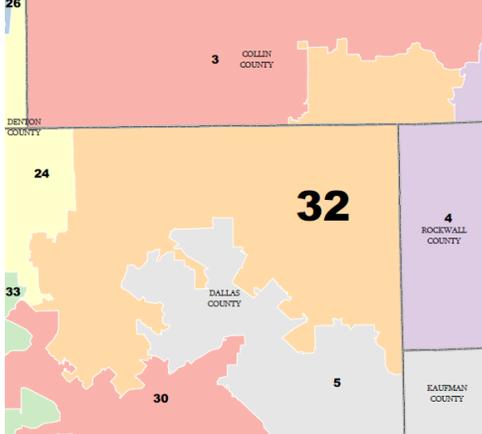


Sylvia Garcia (D)

Sylvia Garcia avoided the runoff easily, and should do the same in the election in November. Garcia is a state senator and was endorsed by Rep. Green.

TX-32

Pete Sessions' district includes north Dallas, Garland, and Dallas' northeastern suburbs. Sessions has not truly had a tough race since taking the seat after its creation after the 2000 census and subsequent redistricting. The district, however, reacted poorly to Trump's candidacy, and voted 49-47 in Clinton's favor after going 57-41 to Romney in 2012.



Democratic Primary Runoff

Civil rights attorney Colin Allred took the top spot in the Democratic primary with 38.5% of the vote, but is heading to a runoff against Lillian Salerno, a former government official for the Department of Agriculture.

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