



## Legislative Scorecard: 2009 Session

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### SENATE VOTES

- 1. Energy efficiency for buildings and appliances.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 16 (Averitt) would have required minimum energy efficiency standards for buildings and certain appliances. Passed the Senate, but died in the House.
- 2. Increasing Utility Investment in Energy Efficiency.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 546 (Fraser/Anchia) would have more than doubled the requirement on utilities to invest in energy efficiency programs. Passed the House and Senate, but died in conference committee.
- 3. Solar Rebates.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 545 (Fraser) directed \$500 million to help homeowners and businesses install solar panels. Passed the Senate, but died in the House.
- 4. Incentives for Emerging Renewable Energy Technologies.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 541 (Watson) would have required retail electric providers to purchase electricity from emerging renewable energy technologies such as solar, geothermal and biomass. Passed the Senate, but died in the House.
- 5. Public Notification of Mercury Contamination.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 1214 (Deuell) would have required the state to issue advisories for waterways contaminated by brain-damaging mercury. Passed the Senate, but died in the House.
- 6. Solar Financing.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** HB 1937 (Villarreal/Seliger) allows cities to provide loans to homeowners to install solar panels or other energy efficiency measures. Gov. Rick Perry signed the bill into law.
- 7. Green Universities.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 2182 (Shapleigh/Naishat) allows students to fund environmental projects at universities. Gov. Perry signed the bill into law.

### SENATE SCORES

Senator	Dist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	%	LIFE
Kip Averitt (R)	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
John Carona (R)	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
Wendy Davis (D)	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Robert Deuell (R)	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
Robert Duncan (R)	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
Rodney Ellis (D)	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93
Kevin Eltife (R)	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
Craig Estes (R)	30	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	71
Troy Fraser (R)	24	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	71	57
Mario Gallegos, Jr. (D)	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Chris Harris (R)	9	E	E	E	-	E	+	+	67	49
Glenn Hegar (R)	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	86	71
Juan Hinojosa (D)	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	86
Joan Huffman (R)	17	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	86
Mike Jackson (R)	11	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	71	57
Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D)	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	86
Jane Nelson (R)	12	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	43	43
Robert Nichols (R)	3	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	43	50
Steve Ogden (R)	5	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	71	57
Dan Patrick (R)	7	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	43	43
Kel Seliger (R)	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	79
Florence Shapiro (R)	8	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	71	50
Eliot Shapleigh (D)	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93
Carlos Uresti (D)	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93
Leticia Van de Putte (D)	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93

### KEY

%: Percentage of time legislator supported environmental position  
**LIFE:** Lifetime environmental voting record  
 + = Voted for the environmental position  
 - = Voted against the environmental position  
 N = Serving as chair/not able to vote  
 A = Absent E = Excused absence  
 P = Present Not Voting

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Senator	Dist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	%	LIFE
Kirk Watson (D)	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93
Jeff Wentworth (R)	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	72
Royce West (D)	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	86
John Whitmire (D)	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93
Tommy Williams (R)	4	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	57	51
Judith Zaffirini (D)	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93

### HOUSE VOTES

- 1. Solar Financing.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** HB 1937 (Villarreal/Seliger) allows cities to provide loans to homeowners to install solar panels or other energy efficiency measures. Gov. Rick Perry signed the bill into law.
- 2. Energy Efficient Buildings.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** HB 2783 (Anchia) would have set minimum energy efficiency standards for new buildings. Passed the House, but died in the Senate.
- 3. Television Recycling.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** HB 821 (Leibowitz) would have required television manufacturers to provide free recycling for discarded TVs. Passed the House and Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Perry.
- 4. Increasing Utility Investment in Energy Efficiency.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 546 (Fraser/Anchia) would have more than doubled the requirement on utilities to invest in energy efficiency programs. Passed the House and Senate, but died in conference committee.
- 5. Subsidies for Dangerous Nuclear Power Plants.** Pro-environment vote: **No.** HB 4525 (Parker) would have provided additional subsidies to environmentally harmful nuclear power plants. Rep. Burnam offered an amendment to remove the nuclear subsidies, which was tabled. Passed the House, but died in the Senate.
- 6. Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-Income Texans.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** HB 1182 (S. Turner) would have restored funding for the System Benefit Fund, which funds low income weatherization projects and ratepayer assistance. Passed the House, but died in the Senate.
- 7. Green Universities.** Pro-environment vote: **Yes.** SB 2182 (Shapleigh/Naishat) allows students to fund environmental projects at universities. Gov. Perry signed the bill into law.
- 8. Solar Rebates.** Pro-environment vote: **No.** HB 1243 (Gallego/Fraser) was amended by the Senate to include \$500 million to help homeowners and businesses install solar panels. Rep. S. Turner moved to not concur with the Senate amendments. The bill died in the House.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCORES

Representative	Dist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%	LIFE
Alma Allen (D)	131	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	85
Roberto Alonzo (D)	104	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	89
Carol Alvarado (D)	145	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	100	100
Rafael Anchia (D)	103	+	+	+	+	P	+	A	+	75	81
Charles Anderson (R)	56	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	36
Jimmie Aycok (R)	54	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	35
Leo Berman (R)	6	E	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	43	30
Dwayne Bohac (R)	138	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	42
Valinda Bolton (D)	47	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	100	92
Dennis Bonnen (R)	25	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	38	18
Dan Branch (R)	108	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	22
Betty Brown (R)	4	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	29
Fred Brown (R)	14	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	24
Lon Burnam (D)	90	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Angie Button (R)	112	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	50
Bill Callegari (R)	132	-	-	+	+	A	+	-	-	38	33
Joaquin Castro (D)	125	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	86
Norma Chavez (D)	76	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	82
Warren Chisum (R)	88	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	37
Wayne Christian (R)	9	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	50	42
Ellen Cohen (D)	134	+	A	+	E	-	+	+	+	71	77
Garnet Coleman (D)	147	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Byron Cook (R)	8	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	36
Frank Corte (R)	122	-	A	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	35
Joe Crabb (R)	127	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	38	28
Tom Craddick (R)	82	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	38
Brandon Creighton (R)	16	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	38	35
Myra Crownover (R)	64	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	A	63	27



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Drew Darby (R)	72	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	35
John Davis (R)	129	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	50	32
Yvonne Davis (D)	111	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	90
Joseph Deshotel (D)	22	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	A	75	70
Joe Driver (R)	113	+	-	+	-	-	A	-	+	38	18
Dawonna Dukes (D)	46	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75	86
Jim Dunnam (D)	57	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	88	86
Harold Dutton (D)	142	A	+	+	+	A	+	+	-	63	77
Al Edwards (D)	146	A	A	+	+	A	+	+	-	50	61
Craig Eiland (D)	23	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	65
Robert Eissler (R)	15	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	33	31
Gary Elkins (R)	135	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	38	28
Kirk England (D)	106	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	77
David Farabee (D)	69	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	55
Joe Farias (D)	118	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	92
Jessica Farrar (D)	148	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	80
Allen Fletcher (R)	130	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13	13
Ismael "Kino" Flores (D)	36	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	70
Dan Flynn (R)	2	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13	20
Stephen Frost (D)	1	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	86	80
Pete Gallego (D)	74	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	83
Dan Gattis (R)	20	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	44
Charlie Geren (R)	99	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	18
Helen Giddings (D)	109	E	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	71	64
Veronica Gonzalez (D)	41	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	86
Y. Gonzalez Tourelles (D)	35	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	83
Ryan Guillen (D)	31	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75	61
Roland Gutierrez (D)	119	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	88	88
Mike Hamilton (R)	19	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	50	32
Kelly Hancock (R)	91	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	38	27
Rick Hardcastle (R)	68	+	+	A	+	-	+	-	+	63	42
Patricia Harless (R)	126	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	25	13
Linda Harper-Brown (R)	105	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	24
Will Hartnett (R)	114	-	A	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	21
Joe Heflin (D)	85	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	86	68
Ana Hernandez (D)	143	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	84
Abel Herrero (D)	34	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Harvey Hilderbran (R)	53	-	A	+	-	-	-	+	+	38	38
Scott Hochberg (D)	137	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	-	86	90
Terri Hodge (D)	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	79
Mark Homer (D)	3	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	50
Chuck Hopson (D)	11	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	75	51
Charlie Howard (R)	26	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	50	22
Donna Howard (D)	48	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	85
Bryan Hughes (R)	5	-	-	+	A	-	+	-	-	25	34
Todd Hunter (R)	32	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	P	25	25
Cark Isett (R)	84	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	25	27
Jim Jackson (R)	115	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	36
Delwin Jones (R)	83	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	50
Jim Keffer (R)	60	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	A	63	38
Carol Kent (D)	102	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	88
Phil King (R)	61	-	-	-	+	N	+	-	-	29	25
Susan King (R)	71	-	A	+	-	-	+	+	+	50	42
Tracy O. King (D)	80	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	63	38
Tim Kleinschmidt (R)	17	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13	13
Lois Kolkhorst (R)	13	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	24
Edmund Kuempel (R)	44	E	E	E	E	-	+	E	E	50	27
Jodie Laubenberg (R)	89	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	19
Ken Legler (R)	144	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	38
David Leibowitz (D)	117	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Tryon Lewis (R)	81	-	+	+	-	A	+	-	E	43	43

Representative	Dist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%	LIFE
Eddie Lucio III (D)	38	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	77
Jerry Madden (R)	67	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	38	28
Diana Maldonado (D)	52	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
B. Mallory Caraway (D)	110	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	71	77
Marisa Marquez (D)	77	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75	75
Armando Martinez (D)	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	84
Trey Martinez Fischer (D)	116	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	81
Brian McCall (R)	66	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	32
Ruth McClendon (D)	120	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	80
Jim McReynolds (D)	12	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	60
Jose Menendez (D)	124	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	75
Tommy Merritt (R)	7	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	38
Robert Miklos (D)	101	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	75	75
Doug Miller (R)	73	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	38	38
Sid Miller (R)	59	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	24
Joseph Moody (D)	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Geanie Morrison (R)	30	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	50	32
Elliott Naishtat (D)	49	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	96
Rene Oliveira (D)	37	N	+	+	+	E	+	A	+	83	70
Dora Olivo (D)	27	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	96
Rob Orr (R)	58	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	75	40
Solomon Ortiz, Jr. (D)	33	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	85
John Otto (R)	18	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63	43
Tan Parker (R)	63	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	28
Diane Patrick (R)	94	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	50	34
Ken Paxton (R)	70	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13	15
Aaron Pena (D)	40	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	74
Larry Phillips (R)	62	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	50	32
Joseph Pickett (D)	79	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	88	57
Paula Pierson (D)	93	E	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	76
Jim Pitts (R)	10	E	E	E	-	E	+	E	+	67	38
Chente Quintanilla (D)	75	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	65
Richard Raymond (D)	42	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75	70
Debbie Riddle (R)	150	-	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	13	15
Tara Rios Ybarra (D)	43	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	88
Allan Ritter (D)	21	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	51
Eddie Rodriguez (D)	51	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	90
Patrick Rose (D)	45	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	65
Ralph Sheffield (R)	55	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	38
Mark Shelton (R)	97	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	25
Todd Smith (R)	92	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	50	41
Wayne Smith (R)	128	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63	27
John Smithee (R)	86	+	+	+	+	-	A	-	+	63	42
Burt Solomons (R)	65	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	N	43	30
Mark Strama (D)	50	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	70
Joe Straus (R) (Spkr.)	121	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	--	15
David Swinford (R)	87	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	37
Larry Taylor (R)	24	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	50	27
Kristi Thibaut (D)	133	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75	75
Senfronia Thompson (D)	141	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	76
Vicki Truitt (R)	98	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	24
Chris Turner (D)	96	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	88
Sylvester Turner (D)	139	E	+	+	+	A	+	+	-	71	61
Allen Vaught (D)	107	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	86	73
Marc Veasey (D)	95	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	84
Mike Villarreal (D)	123	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	81
Hubert Vo (D)	149	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88	86
Armando Walle (D)	140	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Randy Weber (R)	29	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38	38
Beverly Woolley (R)	136	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25	19
John Zerwas (R)	28	-	-	+	-	E	+	-	+	43	46