



Our Mission

Texas Public Interest Research Group (TexPIRG) is an advocate for the public interest. When consumers are cheated, or our natural environment is threatened, or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists, TexPIRG speaks up and takes action. Using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposés, grassroots organizing and direct advocacy, we uncover threats to the public interest and seek to end them. TexPIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented activism that protects the environment, encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government.

We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate Texas citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

State House Votes 78th Legislature (2003)

House Member & Party Affiliation	Credit Scoring	Insurance Rates	Environment	Nuclear Waste	Insurance Rates	Consumer Rights	Clean Elections	Consumer Rights	Score
Roberto Alonzo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ray Allen (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Kevin Bailey (D)	E	A	-	-	+	+	+	+	57%
Todd Baxter (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Leo Berman (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Dennis Bonnen (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Dwayne Bohac (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Dan Branch (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Betty Brown (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Fred Brown (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Lon Burnam (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
William "Bill" Callegari (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Scott Campbell (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Gabi Canales (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jaime Capelo (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50%
Carter Casteel (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Joaquin Castro (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Norma Chavez (D)	+	+	A	+	A	+	-	-	50%
Warren Chisum (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Wayne Christian (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Garnet Coleman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Byron Cook (R)	+	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	14%
Robert Cook (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50%
Frank L. Corte, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Joe Crabb (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Tom Craddick (R)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Myra Crownover (R)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
John Davis (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Yvonne Davis (D)	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	88%
Glenda Dawson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Dianne White Delisi (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Mary Denny (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Joe Deshotel (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	75%
Joe Driver (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Dawna Dukes (D)	E	E	+	+	E	+	A	+	80%
Jim Dunnam (D)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63%
Harold Dutton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Al Edwards (D)	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	63%
Craig Eiland (D)	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	38%
Rob Eissler (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Gary Elkins (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
Dan Ellis (D)	E	A	-	-	+	+	-	-	29%
Juan Escobar (D)	+	+	N/A	N/A	+	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
David Farabee (D)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	25%
Jessica Farrar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ismael "Kino" Flores (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50%
Dan Flynn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Pete Gallego, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Timoteo Garza (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	75%
Dan Gattis (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Charlie Geren (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Helen Giddings (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	75%
Toby Goodman (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Tony Goolsby (R)	+	+	+	E	+	-	-	-	57%
Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Bob Griggs (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Kent Grusendorf (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	0%
Ryan Guillen (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%
Roberto Gutierrez (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	E	+	57%
Patrick "Pat" Haggerty (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Peggy Hamric (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rick Hardcastle (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	A	-	25%
Linda Harper-Brown (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Will Hartnett (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Talmadge Heflin (R)	E	E	-	-	E	-	-	-	0%
Glenn Hegar, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Harvey Hilderbran (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Fred Hill (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Scott Hochberg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Terri Hodge (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mark Homer (D)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50%
Ruben Hope, Jr. (R)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25%
Chuck Hopson (D)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	63%
Charlie Howard (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	13%
Bryan Hughes (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bob Hunter (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Carlos F. Isett (R)	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	0%
Delwin Jones (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Elizabeth Ames Jones (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%

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Jesse Jones (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	88%
Terry Keel (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Bill Keffer (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Jim Keffer (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Phil King (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Mike Krusee (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Lois Kolkhorst (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	50%
Edmund Kuempel (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	38%
James "Pete" Laney (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%
Jodie Laubenberg (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Glenn Lewis (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	75%
Wilma Luna (D)	+	E	+	-	E	-	+	+	67%
John Mabry, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jerry Madden (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Kenny Marchant (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Trey Martinez Fischer (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%
Brian McCall (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38%
Ruth Jones McClendon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jim McReynolds (D)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	63%
Jose Menendez (D)	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	88%
Ken Mercer (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Tommy Merritt (R)	+	+	E	-	-	-	+	-	43%
Sid Miller (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Joe Moreno (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Paul Moreno (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Geanie Morrison (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Anna Mowery (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Elliott Naishtat (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Joe Nixon (R)	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rick Noriega (D)	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	88%
Rene Oliveira (D)	+	+	E	+	+	A	E	+	83%
Dora Olivo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ken Paxton, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Aaron Pena (D)	E	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	71%
Larry Phillips (R)	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	25%
Joe Pickett (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%
Jim Pitts (R)	E	E	-	-	E	-	-	-	0%
Robert Puente (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chente Quintanilla (D)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	75%
Richard Raymond (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Elvira Reyna (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Debbie Riddle (R)	E	E	-	+	E	-	-	-	20%
Allan Ritter (D)	+	+	E	-	+	-	-	-	43%
Eddie Rodriguez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Patrick Rose (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	75%
Gene Seaman (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Todd Smith (R)	+	-	-	-	+	-	P	-	25%
Wayne Smith (R)	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	0%
John Smithee (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Jim Solis (D)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%
Burt Solomons (R)	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Jack Stick (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
David Swinford (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Robert Talton (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	13%
Larry Taylor (R)	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	0%
Barry Telford (D)	E	E	-	A	E	+	+	+	40%
Senfronia Thompson (D)	A	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	63%
Vicki Truitt (R)	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	38%
Sylvester Turner (D)	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	100%
Carlos F. Uresti (D)	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75%
Corbin Van Arsdale (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	13%
Michael "Mike" Villarreal (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	75%
G.E. "Buddy" West (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	38%
Ron Wilson (D)	+	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	86%
Miguel "Mike" Wise (D)	+	+	+	-	+	A	+	E	71%
Arlene Wohlgenuth (R)	-	E	-	-	E	-	-	-	0%
Steven Wolens (D)	+	+	+	-	+	P	-	+	63%
Martha Wong (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Beverly Woolley (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
William "Bill" Zedler (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%

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- (E) Excused from vote
- (NA) Not in office at time of vote
- (A) Absent (counted as a vote against the public interest)
- (P) Abstained from vote
- * Note: Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, votes at his discretion.

State Senate Votes 78th Legislature (2003)

Senate Member & Party Affiliation	Issue							Score
	Credit Scoring	Insurance Rate Rollback	Nuclear Waste	Clean Energy	Consumer Rights	Consumer Rights	River Preservation	
Ken Armbrister (D)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Kip Averitt (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	29%
Gonzalo Barrientos (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Teel Bivins (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Kim Brimer (R)	-	-	E	+	-	-	-	17%
John Carona (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	29%
Bob Deull (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Robert Duncan (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	29%
Rodney Ellis (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	71%
Craig Estes (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Troy Fraser (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Mario Gallegos, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	86%
Chris Harris (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Juan Hinojosa (D)	+	+	-	A	-	+	A	43%
Mike Jackson (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	14%
Kyle Janek (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Jon Lindsay (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	29%
Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	71%
Frank Madla (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	71%
Jane Nelson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%

Senate Member & Party Affiliation	Issue							Score
	Credit Scoring	Insurance Rate Rollback	Nuclear Waste	Clean Energy	Consumer Rights	Consumer Rights	River Preservation	
Steve Ogden (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bill Ratliff (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Florence Shapiro (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Eliot Shapleigh (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Todd Staples (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Leticia Van de Putte (D)	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	57%
Jeff Wentworth (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%
Royce West (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	71%
John Whitmire (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	71%
Tommy Williams (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14%
Judith Zaffirini (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	71%

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