

Takeaways from the Texas primary election: the beginning of the 2018 midterm season

Turnout

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 - Democrat turnout was 84% higher than in 2014; Republican turnout increased 14%
 - Republicans still cast more primary ballots than Democrats: 1.54 million to 1.04 million
 - Democratic turnout was highest in metropolitan areas and suburbs

Runoffs

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 - More than 30 elections are headed to a runoff in Texas
 - Races headed to a runoff:
 - Governor (Ds)
 - 2nd district (Rs)
 - 5th district (Rs)
 - 6th district (Rs & Ds)
 - 21st district (Rs & Ds)
 - 27th district (Rs & Ds)

Women

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 - Over 25 women advanced to the runoffs or won outright
 - Texas is on track to elect its first two Latina members of Congress
 - All of the EMILY's List-endorsed candidates won outright or advanced to a runoff

Sources: Gabriel Debenedetti, "Top takeaways from the Texas primary," POLITICO, March 7, 2018. Alex Samuels, The Texas Tribune, March 8, 2017.

2018 election dashboard: Texas gubernatorial

Seat currently held by:

Greg Abbott (R)

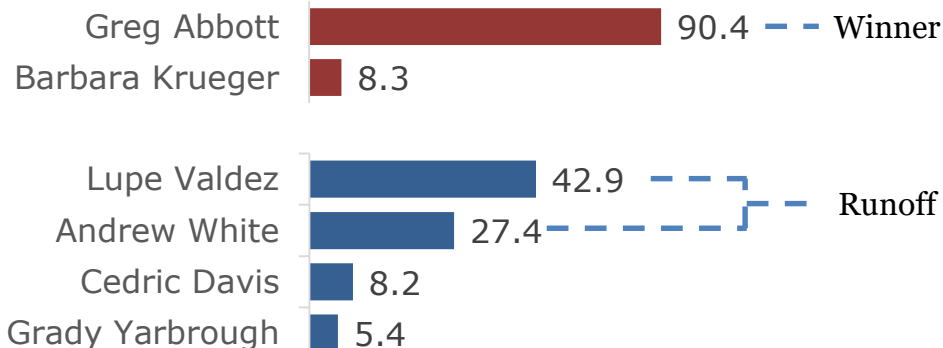


Cook Rating: Solid R

Race details:

Gov. Abbott was first elected in 2014, succeeding Rick Perry (R). He was previously attorney general for 12 years and before that a TX supreme court judge. Texas does not have term limits for governors.

2018 candidates



Election dates

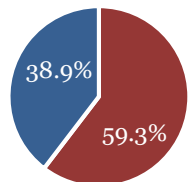
Primary election — March 6, 2018

Runoff election — May 22, 2018

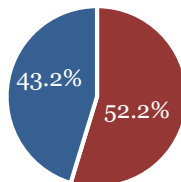
General election — Nov. 6, 2018

Previous elections

2014 gubernatorial election results



2016 presidential election results



2018 total cash on hand



Sources: National Journal Research, 2019; Ballotpedia, 2018; Cook Political Report, 2018. San Antonio Express News, February 27, 2018.

2018 election dashboard: Texas Senate

Seat currently held by:

Ted Cruz (R)

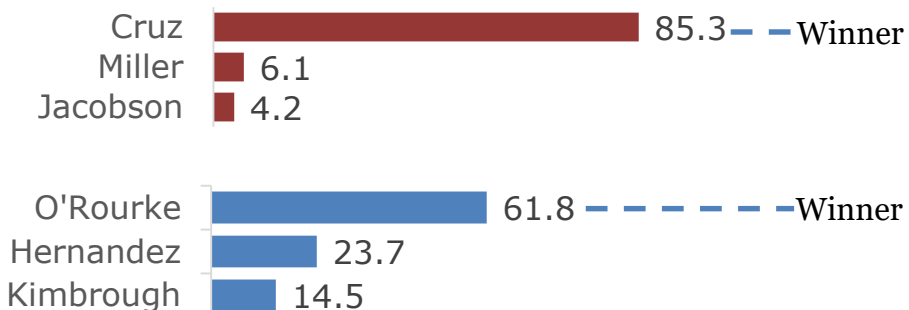
Cook Rating: *Likely R*

Race details:

- Ted Cruz was first elected in 2012 after having practiced private law and served as Texas solicitor general from 2003-2008. Beto O'Rourke currently represents El Paso in the US House.



2018 candidates



Election dates

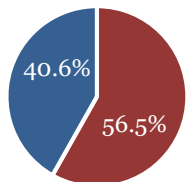
Candidate filing deadline — Dec. 11, 2017

Primary election — March 6, 2018

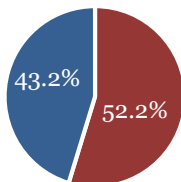
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Previous elections

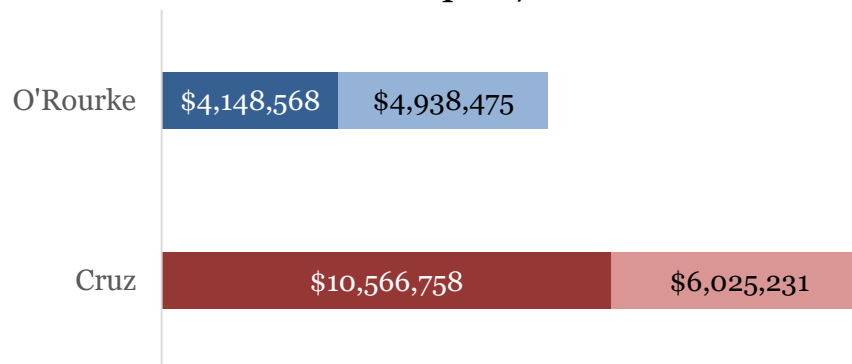
2012 Senate election results



2016 presidential election results



2018 total spent/cash on hand



Sources: National Journal Research, 2019; Ballotpedia, 2018; FEC, 2018; Cook Political Report, 2018.

2018 election dashboard: Texas 7th

Seat currently held by:

John Culberson (R)



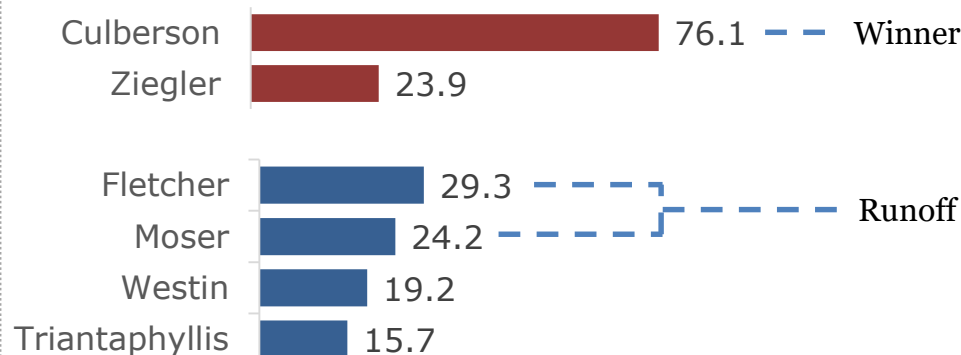
Cook Rating: *Toss-Up*

Cook PVI: *R+7*

Geographic area represented:

- West Houston; Western and Northwestern Houston suburbs; Barker

2018 candidates



Election dates

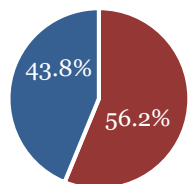
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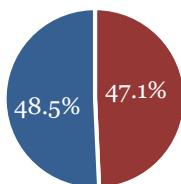
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Previous elections

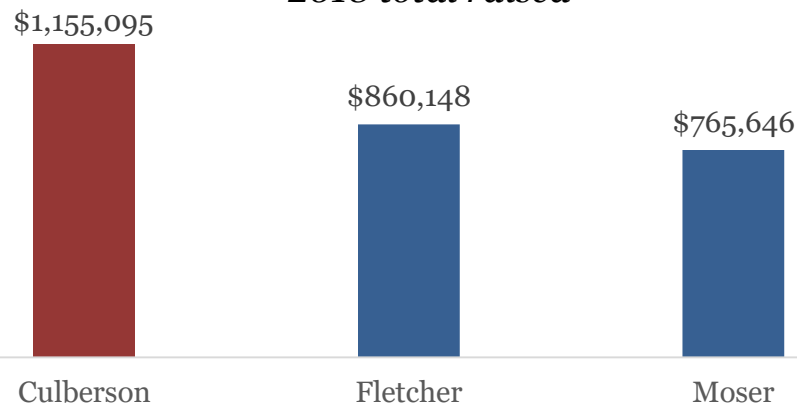
2016 congressional election results



2016 presidential election results



2018 total raised



Sources: National Journal Research, 2019; Ballotpedia, 2018; FEC, 2018; Cook Political Report, 2018. DailyKos, "Presidential election results by congressional district," 2018.