

TEXAS

Governor

Name: Rick Perry
Affiliation: Republican
Term: Four Year Term, ending 2010

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Assumed Office as Governor - 2001
- First Elected Governor - 2002
- Former Lieutenant Governor - 1998-2001
- Former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture - 1990-1998
- Former Member - House of Representatives - 1985-1991
- Veteran - U.S. Air Force

College/Degrees:

- Texas A&M University

Hometown: Tarrytown

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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Insurance Regulator

Title: Insurance Commissioner

Name: Mike Geeslin

Elected: Appointed by the Governor

Term: Serves at the pleasure of the Governor

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Appointed Commissioner - 2005
- Former Deputy Commissioner for Policy - TDI
- Former Budget and Policy Advisor/Governor Rick Perry - 2003-2005

College/Degrees:

- Texas A&M University - B.S.

Commissioner's address and telephone:

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LEGISLATURE**Senate:**

19 Republicans, 12 Democrats

President Pro Tem

Name: Robert Duncan
Affiliation: Republican
Term: Four Year Term, ending 2012
Occupation: Attorney
County: Lubbock

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to Senate - 1997
- First Elected President Pro Tem - 2009
- Former Member - House of Representatives - 1993-1996

Committee Assignments:

- State Affairs Committee - Chair
- Finance Committee
- Higher Education Committee
- Jurisprudence Committee
- Natural Resources Committee

College/Degrees:

- Tech University - B.S., J.D.

Birthdate: August 5, 1953

Hometown: Lubbock

President Pro Tem's address and telephone:

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President Pro Tem's staff:**Chief of Staff:**

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Secretary of the Senate

512-463-0100

Bill Status:

Legislative Library

512-463-2182

Document Procurement:

Senate Bill Distribution

512-463-0252

Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

Chair

Name: Troy Fraser

Affiliation: Republican

Term: Four Year Term, ending 2010

Occupation: Businessman/Investor

County: Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, San Saba, Taylor

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to Senate - 1996
- Former Member - House of Representatives - 1987-1992

Committee Assignments:

- International Relations & Trade Committee
- State Affairs Committee

College/Degrees:

- Angelo State University
- University of Texas, Arlington

Birthdate: August 10, 1949

Hometown: Horseshoe Bay

Vice Chair

Name: Chris Harris

Affiliation: Republican

Term: Four Year Term, ending 2010

Occupation: Attorney

County: Dallas, Denton, Tarrant

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to Senate - 1990
- Former Member - House of Representatives - 1985-1990

Committee Assignments:

- Economic Development Committee - Chair
- Finance Committee
- Judiciary Committee
- State Affairs Committee

College/Degrees:

- Texas Christian University - B.A.
- Brylor Law School - J.D.

Hometown: Arlington

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House of Representatives:

76 Republicans, 74 Democrats

House Majority

Speaker

Name: Joe Straus

Affiliation: Republican

Term: Two Year Term, ending 2010

Occupation: Legislator

County: Bexar (portion)

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to House - 2005

- First Elected Speaker - 2009

College/Degrees:

- Vanderbilt University - B.A.

Birthdate: September 1, 1959

Hometown: San Antonio

Speaker's address and telephone:

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Speaker Pro Tem

Name: Craig Eiland
Affiliation: Democrat
Term: Two Year Term, ending 2011
Occupation: Attorney
County: Chambers (portion), Galveston (portion)
Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to House - 1994
- First Appointed Speaker Pro Tem - 2009

Committee Assignments:

- Appropriations Committee
- Insurance Committee

College/Degrees:

- Baylor University, B.B.A.
- Baylor School of Law, J.D.

Birthdate: April 1962

Hometown: Galveston

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and telephone:**

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Bill Status:

Legislative Library

512-463-2182

Document Procurement:

House Document Distribution

512-463-1144

General Fax Number:

512-475-4626 (Legislative Library)

House Insurance Committee

Chair

Name: John T. Smithee
Affiliation: Republican
Term: Two Year Term, ending 2010
Occupation: Attorney

County: Armstrong, Dalham, Deaf Smith, Randall

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to House - 1984

Committee Assignments:

- Regulated Industries Committee

College/Degrees:

- West Texas State University
- Texas Tech School of Law - J.D.

Birthdate: September 7, 1951

Hometown: Amarillo

Vice Chair

Name: Trey Martinez Fischer

Affiliation: Republican

Term: Two Year Term, ending 2010

Occupation: Attorney

County: Bexar (portion)

Accomplishments/Past Service:

- First Elected to House - 2002

Committee Assignments:

- Civil Practices Committee
- Urban Affairs Committee

College/Degrees:

- University of Texas, San Antonio - B.A.
- Baruch College of Public Affairs - MPA
- University of Texas School of Law - J.D.

Hometown: San Antonio

Committee address and telephone:

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Key Legislative Dates:

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