



TEXAS MARIJUANA POLICY

★ 2016 GENERAL ELECTION ★

VOTER GUIDE

Election Day: November 8, 2016

Early Voting: October 24, 2016

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 11, 2016

We surveyed candidates seeking the Democratic and Republican nominations for the Texas House and Senate. These are the candidates who want to represent you at the Capitol in Austin. Answers provided have been unedited.

This Voters' Guide was compiled, published, and funded by members of **Texans for Responsible Marijuana Policy**, a broad coalition of organizations, activists, and community leaders dedicated to 1) enacting a comprehensive and compassionate medical marijuana law; 2) removing penalties for adults' possession of marijuana for personal use; and/or 3) replacing the illicit market for cannabis with a safe, legal, and accountable market. **Texas NORML** originated the guide in 2012, and we'd like to thank them for helping to put this year's guide together. Our goal is to help voters make educated decisions when they go to the polls to vote in the Democratic or Republican Primary.



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Texas is one of the 27 states where voters cannot collect signatures and place a measure on the ballot to change state law. Instead, Texans must rely on our state representatives and state senators to set marijuana policies. With primary election day just around the corner, it's the perfect time to take a close look at candidates' stances. If you're not sure what state House or state Senate district you live in, you can look it up at <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>.

Here are the five questions we asked the all Republican and Democratic candidates for state senator and state representative:

- 1) Do you support or oppose changing state law to allow residents with debilitating medical conditions (e.g. cancer, multiple sclerosis, PTSD) to **access whole plant medical marijuana with a physician's certification**?
- 2) Under current Texas laws, individuals found in possession of less than one ounce of marijuana can be arrested and given a criminal record, and they face up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. Do you Support or Oppose changing state law to make **possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a civil offense punishable by a fine and no time in jail**?
- 3) Do you support or oppose changing state law to allow adults 21 and older to possess limited amounts of marijuana and establishing a system in which **marijuana is regulated and taxed similarly to alcohol**? Under such a system, it would remain illegal to consume marijuana in public or drive under the influence of marijuana.
- 4) Industrial hemp is genetically similar to marijuana but contains less than 0.3% of the psychoactive chemical in marijuana (THC). Although it is illegal to grow in the U.S., it is cultivated around the world for its seed and fiber, which are used in many legal products, such as paper, textiles, construction materials, and fuel. **Do you support or oppose changing state law to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp**?
- 5) Do you agree or disagree that states should be able to carry out their own marijuana policies without interference from the federal government?

(Key: Support/Agree or Oppose/Disagree)

Thank you for your interest in reforming marijuana laws in Texas!
Please feel free to share this voter guide far and wide.



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If a candidate running in your district resonates with your views, please consider contacting them to see how you can assist with their campaign.

If a candidate in your district does not have a very informed opinion, please contact them to educate them.

When reaching out to the candidates running in your district, please be sure to mention that you found them through the Marijuana Policy Voter Guide 2016.



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Office Sought	Candidate Information	Penalty Reduction	Medical Marijuana Access	Legal Market for Adults	Hemp Cultivation	States' Rights
House District 011	Name: Stephen J. Wright Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 013	Name: Cecil R. Webster Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: Reference the last question pertaining to state vs federal, there are obvious situations where federal rules prevail (e.g., federal land within states, use of federal dollars by states for activities prohibited by federal statutes).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 019	Name: James White Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Comments: As a Republican elected official, the State Party Platform is expressly against the legalization of any illicit drug. therefore, I am supportive of realigning offenses for small levels of possession to a Class C non-arrest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 029	Name: John T Floyd Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 046	<p>Name: Kevin Ludlow Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Throughout the years I have consistently held the position that nobody should be locked in a cage for anything, legal or illegal, that is non-violent and without a victim.</p> <p>The fact that we continue to demonize consumers of marijuana and other drugs and threaten people with imprisonment and enormous fines, that we threaten to remove them from their children, and that we treat them as criminals in general is reprehensible.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 046	<p>Name: Gabriel Nila Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 047	<p>Name: Scott G. McKinlay Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 048	<p>Name: Ben Easton Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: While I support each of the above "partial" fixes, I advocate RE-legalizing marijuana for adults, regardless of the purpose, regardless of the amount. This drug should be regulated and taxed exactly on par with alcohol.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 049	<p>Name: Gina Hinojosa Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: I support changing laws on marijuana incrementally as other states have done, starting with a change to the medical marijuana laws and the decriminalization of possession for less than one ounce. This would allow time to learn from the experience, give us the opportunity to create a framework within which to regulate and legalize marijuana, and ensure that public safety issues are addressed.</p> <p>What is most important to me on this issue is that under the current system, too many youth, especially youth of color, end up with a criminal conviction on their record for possession of small amounts of marijuana that stays with them for life. As a result, youth will face additional barriers to education and employment for the rest of their lives.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 053	<p>Name: Stephanie Lochte Ertel Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: We have the benefit of studying the success of other states that have adopted rational regulatory regimes for marijuana production and distribution, for medical and other uses, thereby improving the health of their residents, the futures of their young people, their tax revenues and their law enforcement budgets. .</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 053	<p>Name: Brian Holk Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Marijuana should be no more regulated than tomatoes or dandelions. It is a natural God given herb for crying out loud. 100 years of lies and propaganda is enough already.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 054	<p>Name: Sandra Blankenship Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: I am a nurse and as a nurse I firmly believe that many would benefit by having access to the medicinal properties of the cannabis plant.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 055	<p>Name: Hugh D. Shine Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 056	<p>Name: Clif Deuvall Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: The current cannabis laws of Texas are incongruent society's need. The process of reform is not acceptable for the public good. Texas has continuously used bureaucracy to block the needs of Texans; over incarceration for minor possession continues, the medical needs of patients, veterans and children are discussed, but have not seen fruition, and responsible adult use is dismissed. this must change for the betterment of Texas. The utility of cannabis cannot continue to be ignored, Texans deserve better.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 064	<p>Name: Connor Flanagan Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: This is a no-brainer. No argument could be made for this outdated law anymore. What we are doing in this country when it comes to marijuana will be looked at in the future like we look at prohibition now, unreasonable and inexcusable.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 066	Name: Gnase Nelson Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 066	Name: Shawn W. Jones Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Hemp/Marijuana is the most versatile plant on the planet. I am committed to full legalization and will advocate that we utilize industrial hemp to usher in a new era of environmentally friendly industries such as fuel, textiles and building technologies. We can creating countless new jobs and innovations!	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 067	Name: Ray Brewer Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 070	Name: John Bryant Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 071	<p>Name: Pierce LoPachin Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: Legalizing and taxing Cannabis/Hemp is quite frankly the right thing to do. Furthermore, we need to use the tax revenue from Cannabis and put it in our "Rainy Day Fund" which helps fund our State Infrastructure, specifically our Schools. Our "Rainy Day Fund" here in Texas is tied directly to the price of oil per barrel. Because of my experience in the oil industry I know that it's dangerous to let our "Rainy Day Fund" be tied to a commodity that's: volatile and non-renewable. Cannabis/Hemp is not volatile, completely safe, and renewable. there's never been a better time to legalize Cannabis. If Colorado reaped nearly a billion dollars in tax revenue by legalizing Cannabis, Texas can do even better.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 077	<p>Name: Evelina "Lina" Ortega Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: Our local Congressman, Beto O'Rourke has strongly supported overhauling our country's drug laws and in a very responsible way control the sale of marijuana. Last session, Joe Moody introduced a bill that removed criminal penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana and replace the criminal penalties with civil fines. It is time to revisit in the current marijuana penalties and have a serious discussion on decriminalizing for many different reasons.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 078	Name: Joe Moody Party: Democrat Incumbent: Yes Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 089	Name: Bob Worthington Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: I am for full de-regulation of marijuana.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 092	Name: Kim K. Leach Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 092	Name: Travis Christal, CPA Party: Green Incumbent: No Comments: I support full legal, a complete end to the disastrous experiment withcannibis prohibition. Short of that, I support any measures that decriminalize marijuana.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 092	<p>Name: Leah Sees Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Actually, some of the legislative examples I still oppose, because they are still too restrictive, but I believe they are still better than what we have now and I do realize baby steps is the best approach to this issue.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 093	<p>Name: Nancy Bean Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: If prescribed it should be regulated by FDA as other medicinal herbs. If used recreationally it should be regulated as tobacco and alcohol. But Federal prosecutors should not be involved in legal state commerce.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 094	<p>Name: Jessica Pallett Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 095	<p>Name: Albert G. McDaniel Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments: Always favor State's Rights. I am friends with Michael Henning, who is the director of the movie "Hempsters: Plant the Seed" Watch it free online. I am so sick of lawyers and their self-funding laws. They have created a government with all the swords, resulting in no rights left for the individual. I really will favor less government if I get elected.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 096	<p>Name: Sandra D. Lee Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: Legalizing marijuana will bring much needed revenue to Texas. It will also reduce our incarceration rate.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 098	<p>Name: Maricela Sanchez Chibli Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 102	<p>Name: Laura Irvin Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 106	Name: Rodney Caston Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 109	Name: Dr. A. Denise Russell Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House District 111	Name: Chad O. Jackson Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 112	Name: Jack Blackshear Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: I believe the Federal Government should control the use and establish Federal Law to make the habit forming drug to be accessible to just ANYONE.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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House District 114	<p>Name: Anthony Holan Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: The current system or "War on Drugs" has proven itself to be ineffective and an extreme waste of money. Just as the Volstead Act did, the current laws prohibiting drugs have given rise to organized crime rings and the Mexican Drug Cartel. By abolishing these antiquated laws and statutes we could build an extra revenue stream for the state, decrease the amount of people incarcerated, and reduce crime.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 115	<p>Name: Dorothea M. Ocker Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: I think marijuana should be legal, and Texas farmers should be the ones growing it. I've never smoked marijuana in my life, but even I can see that the laws are being enforced differently for white, middle-class Texans (like myself) and minority Texans. We need to stop making marijuana consumption and production a crime, and start letting our own Texas farmers grow it, our own Texas business owners sell it, and our own Texas patients use it for medicinal purposes.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 118	<p>Name: Tomas Uresti Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments: I would first further review the pros and cons of this item.</p> <p>If I was to support it, it would be only if State and Federal guidelines were set forth.</p> <p>In order for marijuana to be allowed for 21 and older they should not be driving by the influence. I support that driving by the influence should be illegal and punishable.</p> <p>I would support changing state law to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp, if federal and state guide lines were set out. this would also weaken outside groups from other countries that are smuggling marijuana into our country at a very high THC level.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 127	<p>Name: Scott Ford Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Voters can find our more information regarding my thoughts on drug legalization here: http://thelibertarianprofessor.online/north-korea-nuclear-program-nuclear-weapons-explained-drug-legalization/ The second half of the show focuses on this topic.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 128	<p>Name: Ken Loweder Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: If it ain't hurting anybody leave them alone. Limited home grown without taxing should be treated just like home brewed beer and wine.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 131	<p>Name: Alma A. Allen Party: Democrat Incumbent: Yes Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 134	<p>Name: Gilberto "Gil" Velasquez Jr. Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: I believe fully that Marijuana as a whole is less dangerous than alcohol, and it is not a "gateway" drug any more than booze is. I also see the medical benefits of marijuana as far exceeding any issues of it being used recreationally. Likewise, the industrial uses of hemp far outweigh any argument against it being farmed for fear of being used as a narcotic.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 135	<p>Name: Jesse A. Ybanez Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 137	<p>Name: Kendall L. Baker Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments: With the support of the use of marijuana for cancer, and etc. as well as supporting the de-criminalization of possessing less than one ounce , I maintain that such changes should also include strict guidelines including and not limited to close monitoring of care-providers and penalties for repeat offenders. In other words, being vigilant for those who yet find loop holes to break the law.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 144	<p>Name: Gilbert Pena Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Comments: I am state representative Gilbert Pena from HD144 and I started out against any legalization of marijuana. But, I think it's time to look at the benefits of legalizing marijuana.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 147	<p>Name: Brian M. Harrison Party: Green Incumbent: No Comments: I support a complete end to the failed war on drugs. Marijuana should be legalized and regulated like alcohol or tobacco. "Harder" drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine, and opiates should be decriminalized so that we can treat drug addiction as a medical problem and engage in harm reduction tactics. While marijuana legalization enjoys greater public support than wider decriminalization, we must push forward on both fronts to create a sane and humane drug policy.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 147	<p>Name: Matt Murphy Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments: I am a member of Republicans Against Marijuana Prohibition (RAMP). www.rampgop.org</p> <p>I am not a marijuana user, but I am for the decriminalization of marijuana use on a state level without the interference of the federal government. I don't think that marijuana should be classified as a Schedule I drug by the DEA. this classification has caused excessive imprisonment of non-violent offenders, broken up families, and wasted billions of dollars of taxpayer dollars to fund and unsuccessful war on drugs.</p> <p>I also believe we should also get rid of the stigma of marijuana and investigate the further use for medical needs.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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House District 149	Name: Bryan Chu Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House District 150	Name: Michael Shawn Kelly Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 004	Name: Jenn West Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: I support NO regulation against plants or the people who choose to use plants as they desire and I am against any government interference. The fact that the government has made something illegal and forced it to be removed from all the states just to have the states to claim to have the right to regulate it appears to be a bait and switch. The people have always had the right to do as they please as far as marijuana goes as well as grow it, smoke it, cook it, eat it, create withit, etc. A state can not claim a right after it was stolen from the people by a bigger state.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 012	Name: Rod Wingo Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments: Stop the war on drugs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Senate District 019	<p>Name: Peter P. Flores Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments: As a Peace Officer , I oppose any use of illegal narcotics , including marijuana.</p> <p>Texas law currently allows the use of non whole plant medicinal marijuana when prescribed by a physician for Texans with debilitating conditions.</p> <p>whole plant opens presents to much opportunity for abuse.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 019	<p>Name: Maximilian Martin Party: Libertarian Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 019	<p>Name: Carlos I. Uresti Party: Democrat Incumbent: Yes Comments: I voted in support of Senate Bill 339 which allowed the medical use of low-THC cannabis.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 020	<p>Name: Velma A. Arellano Party: Republican Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Senate District 022	<p>Name: Michael Collins Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 026	<p>Name: Scott Pusich Party: Green Incumbent: No Comments: If marijuana, and specifically THC and its equivalents, are determined to be of medical use, then it should be listed in Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act (analogous to Marinol) rather than in Schedule I.</p> <p>If the current federal determination (that it has no legitimate medical use) remains, then marijuana should be removed altogether from the CSA and legally placed on a par with alcohol and tobacco under 26 U.S. Code Subtitle E.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate District 029	<p>Name: Jose Rodriguez Party: Democrat Incumbent: No Comments:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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If the candidates in your district(s) are not listed, it's because they declined to respond to our survey. Please consider reaching out to them via email which can be found with our online voter guide: <http://www.texasmarijuanapolicy.org/>.

REMEMBER: Be courteous in your contact. Sample email:

"Hello, my name is _____. I'm a voter in your district and I'd like to know where you stand on marijuana policy reform. This is an issue that's very important to me because

_____.

If elected, can I count on you to support legislation that reduces penalties for low-level possession and allows Texans with serious medical conditions to access medical marijuana?

I look forward to your response and will cast my vote accordingly on March 1st.

Respectfully,

[NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[ADDRESS]

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The Texas Legislature considered nearly a dozen marijuana-related bills in 2015. Of these proposals, both chambers of the Legislature voted on only one. Below you can find voting records for the House and the Senate and see who authored/sponsored the proposals.

Civil Penalties (HB 507) – Championed by Rep. Joe Moody, sought to eliminated the arrest, jail time, and criminal record associated with the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana — replacing them with a fine.

Amendment: PTSD Study – Offered in support of veterans, Rep. David Simpson proposed an amendment to HB 3404 seeking to study “the benefits of providing integrated care to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.”

Compassionate Use Act (SB 339) – This restrictive program allows Texans with intractable epilepsy to access low-THC cannabis products. Most patients are left behind and the law contains flawed language that may prevent access for even those with epilepsy.

Medical Marijuana (HB 3785) – Rep. Marisa Marquez stood strong for patients with this bill aimed to bring Texans suffering from debilitating conditions safe/legal access to medical marijuana. Unfortunately, there was no vote taken on this bill.

Texas House of Representatives

House District	Name	Party	Civil Penalties	Amendment: PTSD Study	Compassionate Use Act	Medical Marijuana
1	Gary Van Deaver	R	n/a	AE	Yes	
2	Dan Flynn	R	n/a	No	No	
3	Cecil Bell	R	n/a	No	No	
6	Schaefer, Matt	R	n/a	No	Yes	
8	Byron Cook	R	n/a	No	Yes	
9	Chris Paddie	R	n/a	No	No	
10	John Wray	R	n/a	No	No	
11	Travis Clardy	R	n/a	A	Yes	
12	Kyle Kacal	R	n/a	No	Yes	
13	Leighton Schubert	R	n/a	No	No	
14	John Raney	R	n/a	No	Yes	
15	Mark Keough	R	n/a	No	No	
16	Will Metcalf	R	n/a	No	No	
17	John Cyrier	R	n/a	No	No	
19	James White	R	n/a	Yes	Yes	
21	Dade Phelan	R	n/a	No	Yes	
22	Joe Deshotel	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
23	Wayne Faircloth	R	n/a	No	Yes	
24	Greg Bonnen	R	n/a	No	No	
25	Dennis Bonnen	R	n/a	No	No	
26	D.F. "Rick" Miller	R	n/a	No	Yes	
27	Ron Reynolds	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
28	John Zerwas	R	n/a	No	Yes	



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29	Ed Thompson	R	n/a	No	No	
30	Geanie Morrison	R	n/a	Yes	Yes	
31	Ryan Guillen	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
32	Todd Hunter	R	n/a	AE	Yes	
34	Abel Herrero	D	Chair/yes	Yes	Yes	
35	Oscar Longoria	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
36	Sergio Munoz	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
37	Rene Oliveira	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
38	Eddie Lucio III	D	Joint author	Yes	Yes	
39	Armando Martinez	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
40	Terry Canales	D	Sponsor/yes	Yes	Yes	
41	Bobby Guerra	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
42	Richard Raymond	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
43	JM Lozano	R	n/a	No	Yes	
44	John Kuempel	R	n/a	PNV	Yes	
45	Jason Isaac	R	n/a	Yes	Yes	
46	Dawna Dukes	D	n/a	A	A	
47	Paul Workman	R	n/a	No	Yes	
48	Donna Howard	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
50	Celia Israel	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
51	Eddie Rodriguez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
52	Larry Gonzales	R	n/a	AE	Yes	
53	Andrew Murr	R	n/a	No	No	
56	Charles "Doc" Anderson	R	n/a	No	Yes	
57	Trent Ashby	R	n/a	No	No	
58	DeWayne Burns	R	n/a	No	No	
59	J.D. Sheffield	R	n/a	Yes	Yes	
61	Phil King	R	n/a	No	No	
62	Larry Phillips	R	n/a	No	No	
63	Tan Parker	R	n/a	No	Yes	
65	Ron Simmons	R	n/a	No	Yes	
66	Matt Shaheen	R	n/a	A	No	
67	Jeff Leach	R	n/a	No	No	
68	Drew Springer	R	n/a	No	Yes	
69	James Frank	R	n/a	No	Yes	
70	Scott Sanford	R	n/a	No	Yes	
72	Drew Darby	R	n/a	No	No	
74	Poncho Nevarez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
75	Mary Gonzalez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
76	Cesar Blanco	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
78	Joe Moody	D	Author/yes	Yes	Yes	Joint author



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79	Joe Pickett	D	Sponsor	No	Yes	
80	Tracy King	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
81	Brooks Landgraf	R	n/a	No	No	
82	Tom Craddock	R	n/a	No	No	
83	Dustin Burrows	R	n/a	No	Yes	
84	John Frullo	R	n/a	No	Yes	
85	Phil Stephenson	R	n/a	No	Yes	
86	John Smithee	R	n/a	No	No	
87	Four Price	R	n/a	No	No	
88	Ken King	R	n/a	No	Yes	
89	Jodie Laubenberg	R	n/a	No	No	
90	Ramon Romero Jr.	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
91	Stephanie Klick	R	n/a	No	Yes	
92	Jonathan Stickland	R	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
93	Matt Krause	R	n/a	No	Yes	
94	Tony Tinderholt	R	n/a	No	Yes	
95	Nicole Collier	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
96	Bill Zedler	R	n/a	No	Yes	
97	Craig Goldman	R	n/a	No	Yes	
98	Giovanni Capriglione	R	n/a	No	Yes	
99	Charlie Geren	R	n/a	No	Yes	
100	Eric Johnson	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
101	Chris Turner	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	Joint author
102	Linda Koop	R	n/a	No	No	
103	Rafael Anchia	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
104	Roberto Alonzo	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
105	Rodney Anderson	R	n/a	No	No	
106	Pat Fallon	R	n/a	No	Yes	
107	Kenneth Sheets	R	n/a	No	Yes	
108	Morgan Meyer	R	n/a	No	No	
109	Helen Giddings	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
110	Toni Rose	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
111	Yvonne Davis	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
112	Angie Chen Button	R	n/a	No	Yes	
113	Cindy Burkett	R	n/a	No	No	
114	Jason Villalba	R	n/a	No	Yes	
115	Matt Rinaldi	R	n/a	No	Yes	
117	Rick Galindo	R	n/a	No	Yes	
119	Roland Gutierrez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
121	Joe Straus	R	n/a	PNV	PNV	
122	Lyle Larson	R	n/a	No	No	



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123	Diego Bernal	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
124	Ina Minjarez	D	n/a	Yes	Yes	
125	Justin Rodriguez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
127	Dan Huberty	R	n/a	No	Yes	
129	Dennis Paul	R	n/a	No	No	
131	Alma Allen	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
132	Mike Schofield	R	n/a	A	Yes	
133	Jim Murphy	R	n/a	No	Yes	
134	Sarah Davis	R	n/a	No	Yes	
135	Gary Elkins	R	n/a	No	No	
136	Tony Dale	R	n/a	No	No	
137	Gene Wu	D	Joint author	Yes	Yes	
138	Dwayne Bohac	R	n/a	A	Yes	
140	Armando Walle	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
141	Senfronia Thompson	D	Sponsor	A	Yes	
142	Harold Dutton Jr.	D	Joint author	Yes	Yes	
143	Ana Hernandez	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
144	Gilbert Pena	R	n/a	Yes	Yes	
145	Carol Alvarado	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
146	Borris Miles	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
147	Garnet Coleman	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	Joint author
148	Jessica Farrar	D	Sponsor	Yes	Yes	
149	Hubert Vo	D	n/a	Yes	No	

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Texas Senate

Senate District	Name	Party	Compassionate Use Act
4	Brandon Creighton	R	No
6	Sylvia Garcia	D	Yes
11	Larry Taylor	R	Yes
12	Jane Nelson	R	Yes
13	Rodney Ellis	D	Yes, co-author
18	Lois Kolkhorst	R	Yes
19	Carlos Uresti	D	Yes
20	Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa	D	Yes
21	Judith Zaffirini	D	Yes
22	Brian Birdwell	R	No



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26	Jose Menendez	D	Yes
27	Eddie Lucio Jr.	D	Yes
28	Charles Perry	R	Yes
29	Jose Rodriguez	D	Yes, co-author

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