



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Texas Candidate Information Subscribers

**FROM:** Dana Chiodo

**DATE:** March 6, 2008

**RE:** Primary Election Results (Final Report)

Following are the results of the March 4, 2008 Texas Primary Elections. Turnout in both primaries was extremely high. In the **Democratic Primary**, there were 2,868,454 (22.49% of registered voters), compared to 533,456 voters (4.19% of registered voters) in 2006, 839,231 in 2004, 1,003,388 in 2002, and 786,890 in 2000. There were 1,380,907 **Republican Primary** voters (10.82% of registered voters), compared to 653,193 (5.13% of registered voters) in 2006, 687,615 in 2004, 620,463 in 2002, and 1,126,757 in 2000.

### STATEWIDE

#### **Republican Primary:**

**President** – Senator **John McCain** got 51.24% of the vote and led Governor Mike Huckabee who received 37.79%. Texas Congressman Ron Paul took 5.05%. Other Republican candidates, whose names were still on the ballot in spite of dropping out of the race included: Rudy Giuliani – 0.44%; Duncan Hunter – 0.59%; Alan Keyes – 0.62%; Mitt Romney – 1.99%; Fred Thompson – 0.85%; Hoa Tran 0.04%; and Hugh Cort 0.06%. 1.27% voted “uncommitted.”

**U.S. Senate** – Senator **John Cornyn** easily defeated his Republican Primary challenger, Mansfield consultant Larry Kilgore 81.48% to 18.51%.

**Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4** – Court of Criminal Appeals Justice **Paul Womack** fought off a challenge from Robert Francis, a State District Judge from Coppell. Womack won with 68.62% of the vote. J.R. Molina, a Fort Worth attorney, who was unopposed in the Democratic Primary will challenge Womack in November.

#### **Democratic Primary:**

**President** – **Hillary Clinton** won the Texas Primary with 50.89% of the vote. Barack Obama came in a close second with 47.36%. Candidates that had withdrawn from the race

but whose names remained on the ballot included: Joe Biden – 0.18%; Christopher Dodd – 0.13%; John Edwards – 1.04%; and Bill Richardson – 0.37%.

**U.S. Senate** – Houston State Representative **Rick Noriega** got 51.01% of the vote to become the Democratic nominee without a run-off over Corpus Christi teacher Ray McMurrey, who got 12.36% of the vote and perennial candidates Gene Kelly of Universal City with 26.87% and Rhett R. Smith (who ran as a Republican for governor in 2006) with 9.74%.

**Railroad Commission** – There will be a run-off to determine who will take on Republican Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams in the November General Election. **Mark Thompson**, an orientation and mobility specialist from Hamilton, who got 48.32% of the vote, will face Austin retiree **Dale Henry**, who received 27.7%. San Antonio attorney Art Hall, came in third with 23.97% of the vote.

**Supreme Court Place 7** – **Sam Houston**, an attorney from Houston will be the Democratic nominee to take on Republican Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright in the General Election. Houston got 55.88% of the vote over Dallas attorney Baltasar D. Cruz.

**Supreme Court Place 8** – **Linda Reyna Yanez**, Justice of the 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals in Edinburg, will be the Democratic nominee taking on Republican Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson in November. Reyna Yanez got 51.45% of the vote to defeat Galveston district judge Susan Criss, who received 48.54%.

## TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL RACES

All 32 members of the Texas congressional delegation are up for re-election, and all 32 are seeking re-election (19 Republicans and 13 Democrats). Three incumbent Members of Congress had Primary Election opposition: Sam Johnson (R-Plano), Ralph Hall (R-Rockwall), and Ron Paul (R-Clute). All three Congressmen prevailed. The other eight congressional primary races involved contests to see who will take on incumbents in the November general elections. There will be run-offs in Congressional district 22 to see who will challenge Congressman Nick Lampson (D-Houston) in the General Election and in Congressional district 32 to see who will take on Congressman Pete Sessions (R-Dallas) in November. *Note: Congressman Silvestre Reyes' opponent in Congressional District 16 dropped out of the race but his name stayed on the ballot. Reyes won big with 80.41% of the vote.*

**Congressional District 3** – Congressman **Sam Johnson** of Plano easily defeated his two Republican Primary challengers with 86.95% of the vote to win without a run-off. Harry Pierce received 8.34% and Wayne Avellant got 4.69%. In the Democratic Primary, McKinney attorney **Tom Daley** defeated Plano retiree Ronald E. (Ron) Minkow 71.62% to 28.37%. This district is 64.47%-Republican.

**Congressional District 4** – Congressman **Ralph Hall** (R-Rockwall) led the field of five Republicans with 73.37% of the vote to win without a run-off. Gene Christensen of Celina received 9.65%, Kevin George of Celina took 5.27%, Joshua Kowert of Sherman received 1.48% and Kathy Seei, former Mayor of Frisco, got 10.2%. In the Democratic Primary, **Glenn Melancon** of Sherman, who ran against Congressman Hall in 2006, will be the

Democratic nominee. He got 57.41% of the vote to defeat VaLinda Hathcox of Sulphur Springs, who ran statewide for Land Commissioner in 2006. This district is 61.88%-Republican.

**Congressional District 6** – **Ludwig Otto**, an English professor at Tarrant County Community College will be the Democratic nominee to take on Congressman Joe Barton (R-Ennis) in the November General Election. Otto defeated Steve Bush, a criminal defense attorney from Fort Worth with 50.82% of the vote in the Democratic Primary. This district is 61.13%-Republican.

**Congressional District 10** – In the Democratic Primary for the honor of taking on Congressman Michael McCaul (R-Austin) in the General Election, **Larry Joe Doherty**, an attorney from Burton defeated Austin foreign policy consultant Dan Grant 61.11% to 38.88%. This district is 58.15%-Republican.

**Congressional District 14** – Congressman **Ron Paul** (R-Surfside) won the Republican Primary with 70.18% of the vote over Friendswood City councilman Chris Peden. There is no Democrat in the race.

**Congressional District 18** – **John Faulk**, a retired CPA from Houston won the Republican Primary with 78.55% of the vote over Houston educator T.J. Baker Holm. Faulk will challenge Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Houston) in November. This district is 74.72%-Democratic.

**Congressional District 19** – Lubbock public affairs consultant **Dwight Fullingim** will be the Democratic nominee contesting Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) in the General Election. Fullingim got 61.68% of the vote to defeat Lubbock Oncologist Rufus Mark. This district is 68.25%-Republican.

**Congressional District 22** – A crowded field of 10 Republicans were battling it out to see who will take on Congressman Nick Lampson (D-Houston) in the General Election. There will be a run-off between Webster dermatologist and short-term (two month) Congresswoman **Shelley Sekula Gibbs** and Sugarland attorney **Pete Olson**, who received 29.72% of the vote and 20.72% respectively. The other eight candidates got: Houston Army Reserve Intelligence Analyst Kevyn Bazy (1.56%); Richmond attorney and State Board of Education member Cynthia Dunbar (3.76%); former mayor of Sugar Land Dean Hrbacek (10.44%); Nassau Bay financial advisor Brian Klock (1.76%); former Mayor of Pasadena John Manlove (14.94%); NASA computer professional Ryan Rowley (0.75%); former District Judge James Squier (1.76%); and Pasadena State Representative Robert Talton (14.54%). Congressman Lampson is a Democrat in this 59.86% Republican district, so this will be one of the hottest contests in the General Election.

**Congressional District 23** – The Republican Primary to determine a challenger to Congressman **Ciro Rodriguez** (D-San Antonio) was another high-dollar hotly-contested Republican Primary. Bexar County Commissioner **Lyle Larson** defeated San Antonio attorney and businessman Quico Canseco 61.54% to 38.45% to be the Republican nominee. District 23 is a 53.3% Republican district, so this will be an important General Election race to watch.

**Congressional District 27 – Willie Vaden** of Ingleside, who was Ortiz' Republican opponent in 2006, will be the Republican nominee again this year to take on Congressman Solomon Ortiz (D-Corpus Christi) in the General Election. Vaden got 56.12% of the vote to defeat Portland physician George Benavidez. This district is 54.12%-Democratic.

**Congressional District 32** – In the Democratic Primary, there will be a run-off between **Stephen L. Love** of Dallas and Dallas attorney **Eric Roberson** who got 33.4% and 44.85% of the vote respectively. Dennis Burns of Dallas came in third with 21.74% of the vote. The winner of the run-off will take on Congressman Pete Sessions (R-Dallas) in the November General Election. This district is 58.6%-Republican.

## TEXAS SENATE

15 of the 31 members of the Texas Senate are up for election this year. All 15 of the incumbent Senators are seeking re-election. The Senate currently has 20 Republicans and 11 Democrats. Two Senators had Primary election contests: Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) and Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls). Both won re-election to the Senate because they are unopposed in the General Election. The other Senate Primary race was to determine who will challenge Senator Mike Jackson (R-LaPorte) in November. *Note: Senator Judith Zaffirini's Democratic primary opponent dropped out of the race. Although both names were still on the ballot, she prevailed overwhelmingly with 78.57% of the vote.*

**Senate District 4** – Senator **Tommy Williams** (R-The Woodlands) defeated former Senator Mike Galloway (R-The Woodlands) 60.49% to 39.5%.

**Senate District 11**– In the Democratic Primary, Galveston attorney **Joe Jaworski** defeated NASA engineer Bryan Hermann with 59.04% of the vote. Jaworski will challenge Senator Mike Jackson (R-La Porte) in the November General Election. This district is 59.8%-Republican.

**Senate District 30** – Senator **Craig Estes** (R-Wichita Falls) was re-elected with 68.86% of the vote. He defeated Denton ISD school board trustee Charles Stafford who got 31.13%.

## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

All 150 members of the House are up for election this year. The House currently has 79 Republicans and 71 Democrats. 8 incumbents are not seeking re-election (that compares to 13 in 2006 and 4 in 2004) including Representatives Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake-District 17); Mike O'Day (R-Pearland-District 29); Mike Krusee (R-Round Rock-District 52); Dianne White Delisi (R-Temple-District 55); Fred Hill (R-Richardson-District 112); Robert Puente (D-San Antonio-District 118); Robert Talton (R-Pasadena-District 144); and Rick Noriega (D-Houston-District 145). There were Primary Election contests in all those districts except District 118. 29 incumbent members of the House had primary opponents.

**8 incumbents were defeated** including Juan Escobar (D-Kingsville in District 43); Nathan Macias (R-Bulverde in District 73); Paul Moreno (D-El Paso in District 77); Pat Haggerty (R-El Paso in District 78); Thomas Latham (R-Sunnyvale in District 101); Corbin Van Arsdale (R-Houston in District 130); Kevin Bailey (D-Houston in District 140); and Borris

Miles (D-Houston in District 146). There will be **run-offs in 5 districts** including: District 52 (the seat being vacated by Mike Krusee); District 55 (the seat being vacated by Dianne White Delisi); District 81, where Representative Buddy West (R-Odessa) is in a run-off with Tryon Lewis (R-Odessa); District 112 (the seat being vacated by Fred Hill); and District 144 (being vacated by Robert Talton (R-Pasadena). *Note: In House District 59, Ernie Casbeer is the Democratic nominee with 60.86% of the vote. Although James N. Vickery dropped out of the race, his name remained on the ballot. Casbeer will face Representative Sid Miller (R-Stephenville) in the General Election.*

**House District 4** – Representative **Betty Brown** (R-Athens) was in a rematch with attorney Wade Gent (R-Forney) in the Republican Primary. In 2006, Gent came within 578 votes of Brown (out of 11,534 votes cast). This time, Brown won with 51.87% of the vote. She won by 635 votes (out of 16,901 votes cast). Crandall teacher Victor Morales, who ran for U.S. Senate against Phil Gramm in 1996 (and ran for Congress in District 28 in 2006), is the Democratic candidate. This district is 63.67% Republican.

**House District 8** – Representative **Byron Cook** (R-Corsicana) got 70.49% of the vote to defeat Bobby Vickery of Frost, environmental manager for Republic Services and former member of the Frost ISD board of trustees. There is no Democrat in the race.

**House District 17** – In the race to replace Representative Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake), Democrat **Donnie Dippel** of La Grange, owner of CHB Consulting, a small business specializing in agriculture consulting, got 64.7% of the vote to defeat Latreese Cooke of Bastrop, founder and executive director of a non-profit organization. The Republican candidate is Tim Kleinschmidt, a Lexington attorney, who ran against Cook in 2006. This district is 54.18%-Republican.

**House District 20** – In the Democratic Primary, **Jim Dillon** of Liberty Hill, who ran for governor as a write-in candidate in 2006 and who lists his occupation as “freedom fighter,” got 68.14% of the vote to defeat Leonard Surratt, a field service technician from Georgetown. Dillon will take on Representative Dan Gattis (R-Georgetown) in the November General Election. This district is 64.38%-Republican.

**House District 26** – Representative **Charlie Howard** (R-Sugar Land) defeated Houston Community College program manager Paula Stansell and Sugar Land student Norm Ley to win without a run-off. Howard got 64.55% of the vote to Stansell’s 31.18% and Ley’s 4.26%. There is no Democrat in the race.

**House District 27** – Representative **Dora Olivo** (D-Missouri City) survived a close challenge from Ronald Reynolds, an attorney from Missouri City who represents the NAACP of Fort Bend County. Olivo got 50.31% of the vote to Reynolds’ 49.68% (Olivo won by 186 votes out of 29,455 votes cast). The Republican candidate is Steve Host, who started Richmond Coffee Station, Host Insurance Agency, and Texas Fidelity Mortgage. This district is 59.73%-Democratic.

**House District 29** – Representative Mike O’Day (R-Pearland) is not seeking re-election. In the Republican Primary, **Randy Weber**, a Pearland businessman and former Pearland city council member got 59.12% of the vote to win without a run-off. Gary Bucek, a real estate partner and chair of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce got 24.2%, and Craig

Kelsay, a Pearland tax consultant and former auditor for the comptroller came in third with 16.66%. The Democratic candidate is Kevin Murphy, a Pearland attorney. The district is 60.75%-Republican.

**House District 36** – Representative **Kino Flores** (D-Mission) survived a tough challenge from Sandra Rodriguez of Mission. She is former trustee for Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD. Flores got 52.16% of the vote (11,173 votes) to Rodriguez' 47.83% (10,245 votes). There is no Republican candidate.

**House District 37** – Representative **Rene Oliveira** (D-Brownsville) defeated Brownsville attorney John "Roca" Shergold 75.76% to 24.23%. There is no Republican in the race.

**House District 40** – Representative **Aaron Pena** (D-Edinburg) defeated his 2004 Democratic challenger, Eddie Saenz of Edinburg, president of J.E. Saenz & Associates, Inc., a civil engineering/surveying/data mapping firm. Pena got 52.89% of the vote (9,839 votes) to Saenz' 47.1% (8,761 votes). There is no Republican candidate in this race.

**House District 43** – Representative Juan Escobar (D-Kingsville) was defeated by **Tara Rios Ybarra**, a South Padre Island Dentist and member of the South Padre Island city council. Escobar got 46.28% of the vote to Rios Ybarra's 53.71%. There is no Republican in this race.

**House District 46** – Representative **Dawna Dukes** (D-Austin) defeated Brian Thompson, an attorney with McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore with 61.3% of the vote to Thompson's 38.69%. There is no Republican in the race.

**House District 48** – In the Republican Primary, Leander school board member **Pam Waggoner** defeated Austin physician Dr. Joseph Donnelly with 61.93% of the vote. Waggoner will challenge Representative Donna Howard (D-Austin) in the General Election. This district is a "swing" district at 51.57%-Republican.

**House District 52** – Representative Mike Krusee (R-Round Rock) is not seeking re-election. In the Republican Primary, **Bryan Daniel**, an insurance executive with Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance is in a run-off with **Dee Hobbs**, Assistant Williamson County Attorney. Daniel received 29.98% of the vote and Hobbs got 31.75%. John B. Gordon, former Williamson County Republican Party chair got 29.18%, and Viv Sullivan, communications coordinator for Mobile Loaves & Fishes and member of the Round Rock ISD board of trustees received 9.06%. The Democrat is Diane Maldonado, an employee of the state comptroller and president of the Round Rock ISD board of trustees. This district is 56.43%-Republican.

**House District 55** – Representative Dianne White Delisi (R-Temple) is not seeking re-election. Four candidates ran in the Republican Primary to succeed her. There will be a run-off between **Ralph Sheffield**, owner of Las Casas Restaurant in Temple and former president of Texas Restaurant Association, who received 31.1% of the vote and **Martha Tyroch**, Temple city council member and mayor pro tempore, who got 36.11%. John Alaniz, president of a property management firm in Temple took 12.37%, and Michael Pearce, founder of MVP Educational Products in Harker Heights got 20.4%. Sam

Murphey of Harker Heights, long-time aide to Congressman Chet Edwards is the Democratic candidate. This district is 65.57%-Republican.

**House District 56** – Representative **Charles “Doc” Anderson** (R-Waco) fought off a challenge in the Republican Primary from Waco attorney Jonathan Sibley, son of former Senator David Sibley (R-Waco). Anderson received 63.54% of the vote to Sibley’s 36.45%. There is no Democrat in the race.

**House District 61** - Representative **Phil King** (R-Weatherford) survived a challenge in the Republican Primary from Joe Tison, Mayor of Weatherford and former Weatherford ISD board of trustees member. King got 65.45% of the vote. The Democrat is Charles William Randolph, a train dispatcher from Decatur. This is a 69.55% Republican district.

**House District 67** – Representative **Jerry Madden** (R-Plano) defeated his Republican Primary challenger – Jon Cole of Plano, marketing director for Total Physician Review 51.74% to 48.25%. Madden won by 257 votes out of 7,365 votes cast. There is no Democrat in the race.

**House District 73** – Representative Nathan Macias (R-Bulverde) was narrowly defeated in the Republican Primary by **Doug Miller** (R-New Braunfels), former mayor of New Braunfels and past president of New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Macias received 49.93% while Miller got 50.06%. Miller won by 38 votes out of 28,324 votes cast. This district is 75.2% Republican, so Democrat Daniel Boone, a psychologist from Canyon Lake, doesn’t have much of a chance, although he does have a good ballot name.

**House District 77** – Representative Paul Moreno (D-El Paso) was defeated by community relations manager for Texas Community Care **Marisa Marquez** by 527 votes out of 16,243 votes cast. Moreno got 48.37% and Marquez received 51.62% of the vote. There is no Republican in the race.

**House District 78** – Representative Pat Haggerty (R-El Paso) was defeated by Republican Primary challenger **Dee Margo**, CEO of JDW Insurance Company and chair of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Haggerty got 43.35% of the vote to Margo’s 56.64%. The district is 50.82%-Republican. In the Democratic Primary, **Joseph Moody**, assistant district attorney and son of 2006 Supreme Court Candidate Bill Moody, got 72.17% of the vote to defeat Louis Irwin, a biology professor at University of Texas at El Paso.

**House District 81** – Representative **Buddy West** (R-Odessa) gave an early indication that he would not seek re-election, but later decided to run. He drew three Republican Primary challengers, and is in a run-off with **Tryon Lewis**, former district judge and former Ector County Republican Party Chair. West got 38.37% of the vote, and Lewis took 43.97%. Jesse Gore, an Odessa insurance agent received 7.73%, and Randy Rivas, member of the Ector ISD board of trustees got 9.9%. There is no Democrat in this race.

**House District 83** – Representative **Delwin Jones** (R-Lubbock) was easily re-elected with 63.18% of the vote over Lubbock Anesthesiologist Joe D. Hnatek. There is no Democrat in the race.

**House District 96** – Representative **Bill Zedler** (R-Arlington) defeated Fort Worth Police officer Lee Jackson 74.03% to 25.96%. The Democratic candidate is Chris Turner of Burleson, former district director for Congressman Chet Edwards. This district is 56.68% Republican.

**House District 97** – In the Republican Primary to determine who will take on the newest member of the Texas House, Representative Dan Barrett (D-Fort Worth), the 2007 Republican run-off candidate Dr. **Mark M. Shelton**, a Fort Worth Pediatrician won the Republican nomination with 58.49% of the vote. Former State Representative Bob Leonard, a Fort Worth Attorney came in second with 32.36%, Benbrook attorney James Dean Schull got 5.38% and Fort Worth businessman Clint L. Roberts got 3.75%. This district is 60.53%-Republican.

**House District 99** – Representative **Charlie Geren** (R-Fort Worth) survived a hard fought challenge from Fort Worth Optometrist Tom Annunziato with 58.06% of the vote. The Democrat is Fort Worth attorney Sheila Ford-Henderson. This district is 63.82%-Republican.

**House District 101** – Representative Thomas Latham (R-Sunnyvale) was defeated in the Republican Primary by **Mike Anderson**, a real estate professional and recent Mayor of Mesquite (resigned in August 2007 to run for state representative). Latham got 45.55% of the vote to Anderson's 54.44%. The Democrat is Robert Miklos of Mesquite, an attorney with Hughes & Luce, specializing in real estate litigation. This district is a swing district that is 54.68%-Republican.

**House District 104** – Representative **Roberto Alonzo** (D-Dallas) easily defeated his Democratic Primary opponent Dallas tax accountant Harry O. Trujillo with 72.58% of the vote. There is no Republican candidate in this district.

**House District 105** – In the Democratic Primary, **Rob Romano**, a retiree from IBM, the 2006 Democratic candidate in this district, got 51.57% of the vote to defeat Irving attorney Jim Rea. Romano will challenge Representative Linda Harper-Brown (R-Irving) in the November General Election. This district is 57.48%-Republican.

**House District 112** – Representative Fred Hill (R-Richardson) is not seeking re-election. In the Republican Primary, there will be a run-off between **Angie Chen Button**, marketing manager for Texas Instruments and member of Dallas Area Rapid Transit board and **Randall Dunning**, software developer for Nortel Networks and former mayor of Garland. Button got 37.92% of the vote, and Dunning received 34.99%. James Shepherd, an attorney and former Richardson city council member and president of Richardson ISD Board of Trustees came in third with 27.07% of the vote. The Democrat is Sandra Phuong VuLe, a Garland attorney. This district is 61.96%-Republican.

**House District 122** – Representative **Frank Corte** (R-San Antonio) survived a Republican Primary challenge with 73.06% of the vote over anti-toll road activist Tony Kosub, a San Antonio teacher. Frances A. "Fran" Carnot, a teacher in San Antonio, is the Democratic candidate. This district is 69.67%-Republican.

**House District 127** – Representative **Joe Crabb** (R-Kingwood) fought off two challengers to win the Republican Primary without a run-off over Kingwood Physician Martin Basaldua and David Davenport. Crabb got 55.35%; Basaldua received 31.51%, and Davenport took 13.12%. Joe A. Montemayor, a small business owner from Crosby is the Democratic candidate. This district is 69.68%-Republican.

**House District 129** – Representative **John Davis** (R-Dallas) easily won the Republican Primary with 64.29% of the vote over Jon R. Keeney. Sherrie Matula (D-Houston, who challenged Davis in 2006 is the Democratic candidate in a rematch with Davis in November. This district is 64.42%-Republican.

**House District 130** – Representative Corbin Van Arsdale (R-Houston) lost a tough contest to Tomball business owner **Allen Fletcher**, chair of the Greater Tomball Chamber of Commerce. Van Arsdale ended up with 47.76% of the vote to Fletcher's 52.23%. There is no Democrat in this race.

**House District 134** – In the Republican Primary to determine the General Election challenger to Representative Ellen Cohen (D-Houston), Dr. **Joe Agris** defeated Carlos Obando with 72.76% of the vote. This district is 53.53%-Republican.

**House District 140** – Representative Kevin Bailey (D-Houston) was defeated in the Democratic Primary by **Armando Walle**, former community liaison for Congressman Gene Green. Bailey received 42.6% of the vote to Walle's 57.39%. There is no Republican in the race.

**House District 144** – Representative Robert Talton (R-Pasadena) is running for Congress in district 22. In the Republican Primary, there will be a run-off between **Ken Legler**, owner and president of Houston Wire Works and **Fred Roberts**, an insurance consultant and member of Pasadena ISD board of trustees. Legler got 45.89% of the vote and Roberts got 39.5%. John Hughey of Houston got 14.59%. Democrat, Joel Redmond, a mortgage broker from Pasadena will meet the winner of the run-off in November. This district is 58.37%-Republican.

**House District 145** – Representative Rick Noriega (D-Houston) is running for U.S. Senate. Houston city council member **Carol Alvarado** won the Democratic Primary overwhelmingly with 69.31% of the vote over Elias De la Garza owner of an insurance agency in Houston. Patricia Rodriguez of Houston is the Republican candidate. This district is 65.45%-Democratic.

**House District 146** – Representative Borris Miles (D-Houston) lost a rematch with former State Representative **Al Edwards** (D-Houston), who Miles defeated in the 2006 Democratic Primary. Miles received 38.91% of the vote to Edwards' 61.08%. There is no Republican candidate in this race.

**House District 147** – Representative **Garnet Coleman** (D-Houston) easily defeated his Democratic Primary opponent LaRonda Torry with 77.8% of the vote. There is not a Republican candidate in this race.

**House District 148** – Representative **Jessica Farrar** (D-Houston) got 72.71% of the vote over her Democratic Primary challenger Jose Medrano. Howard H. Gano, Jr. is the Republican candidate. This district is 63.22%-Democratic.