



DFW NORML 2014 Primary Voters Guide

Historically, only 6-8% of voters participate in the Texas primary elections. The primary elections determine who will represent the Democratic and Republican parties when they face off in the November 4 general elections. By voting in the primaries, you have enormous influence over who will be chosen to represent your interests in the next legislative session in 2015.

DFW NORML volunteers contacted each of the Republican and Democratic primary candidates in Tarrant and Dallas Counties, and asked their stance on marijuana legalization. We asked how candidates felt about medical marijuana, decriminalization, full legalization, and industrial hemp.

Our findings are below:

Name:	Party:	Running for:	Stance on reform:
Cornyn, John	Republican	U.S. Senator	Against marijuana law reform
Mapp, Chris	Republican	U.S. Senator	For medical marijuana and decriminalization; open to full legalization
Reasor, Reid	Republican	U.S. Senator	Against marijuana law reform except for industrialized hemp
Fjetland, Michael	Democrat	U.S. Senator	For legalization
Paddock, Rebecca	Libertarian	U.S. Senator	For legalization
Roland, Jon	Libertarian	U.S. Senator	For legalization
Paruchuri, Tanuja	Libertarian	U.S. Senator	For legalization
Abbott, Greg	Republican	Governor	Against marijuana law reform
Martinez, Miriam	Republican	Governor	For medical marijuana

Davis, Wendy	Democrat	Governor	Open to medical marijuana and decriminalization if it's something Texans support
Bell, Robert J.	Libertarian	Governor	For legalization
Garrett, Robert Lynn	Libertarian	Governor	For legalization
Glass, Kathie	Libertarian	Governor	For legalization
Locke, Star	Libertarian	Governor	For legalization
Dewhurst, David	Republican	Lieutenant Governor	Against marijuana law reform
Patterson, Jerry	Republican	Lieutenant Governor	For medical marijuana
Staples, Todd	Republican	Lieutenant Governor	Against marijuana law reform
Patrick, Dan	Republican	Lieutenant Governor	Against marijuana law reform
De Hoyos, Brandon	Libertarian	Lieutenant Governor	For legalization
Paxton, Ken	Republican	Attorney General	Against marijuana law reform
Balagia, Jamie	Libertarian	Attorney General	For legalization
Glass, Thomas	Libertarian	Attorney General	For legalization
Friedman, Richard "Kinky"	Democrat	Commissioner of Agriculture	For legalization
Donaldson, Rick	Libertarian	Commissioner of Agriculture	For legalization
Palmquist, David (Rocky)	Libertarian	Commissioner of Agriculture	For legalization

Bates, Don	Libertarian	TX Senate District 2	For legalization
Taylor, Van	Republican	TX Senate District 8	Open to medical marijuana
Jameson, Scott	Libertarian	TX Senate District 8	For legalization
Wallace, Nicholas	Libertarian	TX Senate District 9	For legalization
Carona, John	Republican	TX Senate District 16	Against marijuana law reform
Dooling, Michael	Libertarian	TX Senate District 16	For legalization
Erhardt, Jonathan F.	Libertarian	TX Senate District 23	For legalization
Burnam, Lon	Democrat	TX Representative District 30	For medical marijuana, decriminalization, and industrial hemp; open to legalization
Chen, Stacy	Republican	TX Representative District 66	For legalization
Stickland, Jonathan	Republican	TX Representative District 92	Open to medical marijuana and decriminalization
McDaniel, Albert	Republican	TX Representative District 95	For industrial hemp, open to medical marijuana and decriminalization, would like to hear more facts about full legalization
Chapman, Brian	Libertarian	TX Representative District 100	For legalization
Spiller, W. Carl	Libertarian	TX Representative District 105	For legalization

Bailey, Leigh	Democrat	TX Representative District 108	For legalization
Crenshaw, Sandra	Democrat	TX Representative District 110	For legalization
Binkley, Michael	Libertarian	TX Representative 112	For legalization
Griffing, Thomas	Libertarian	TX Representative District 114	For legalization

These results were based on our in person and email contacts to each candidate's campaign. Sometimes, our information was drawn from recent public statements made by the candidate. As you can see, many did not respond to our requests for information, or simply declined to answer.

Take this guide to the polls with you on March 4 when you vote in the primary elections. There are many opportunities for your vote to have a massive impact on policy. For instance, there are four candidates for U.S. Senator on our list. Our U.S. Senator represents Texas's interests in Washington. There are three candidates for Texas Governor on our list. Our Governor has the power to pass or veto a bill that has been passed in the state House and Senate, so electing a Governor who is pro-reform is essential to legalizing marijuana in Texas.

DFW NORML is not endorsing any candidate; we simply asked Texas primary candidates how they feel about marijuana legalization, and this guide displays the views of those politicians who answered our inquiry. We do not want to tell you who to vote for, or even to vote for a candidate just because they may support marijuana law reform. Remember, each of these candidates has a larger political message, and we encourage you to research each individual so that you may be fully informed, and to make sure you vote for someone who really represents what you believe in.

DFW NORML is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to changing marijuana laws in Texas. We support legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes, for responsible adult use, and for industrialized hemp. We are currently lobbying elected officials in preparation for the 2015 legislative session. Visit www.DFWNORML.org to find out how you can legalize Texas!

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