

Votes In This Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 85th Legislature, we identified a few key votes that will have the greatest impact on Texas’ environment and public health. Short descriptions of each bill can be found below, and more details are available on our website.
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1. Tire Dumping: SB 570

Pro-environment Vote: **YES**
SB570 provides a civil penalty for the illegal dumping of tires.
Outcome: **PASSED**

2. Wind Energy: SB 277

Pro-environment Vote: **NO**
SB277 eliminates state tax incentives for wind farms near military bases.
Outcome: **PASSED**

3. Bee Protection: SB 1172

Pro-environment Vote: **NO**
SB 1172 preempts local governments from protecting bees by regulating seeds treated with neonicotinoids, a class of insecticide known to kill bees and other pollinating insects.
Outcome: **PASSED**

4. Clean Air: SB 1045

Pro-environment Vote: **NO**
SB1045 reduces the rights of citizens in air pollution permitting cases.
Outcome: **PASSED**

5. Pollution Lawsuits: HB 2533

Pro Environment vote: **NO**
HB 2533 makes it more difficult for local governments and citizens to file civil suits that seek penalties for illegal pollution.
Outcome: **PASSED**

6. Green Infrastructure: HB 1536, SB 2026

Pro-environment Vote: **YES**
The bills direct the state to study green stormwater management strategies such as green roofs and rainwater harvesting.
Outcome: **FAILED IN HOUSE (HB 1536), PASSED IN SENATE (SB 2026)**

7. (s) Electric Cars: SB 26

Pro-environment Vote: **YES**
SB 26 reauthorizes the state clean air program and provides incentives for purchasing electric vehicles.
Outcome: **PASSED**

7. (h) Fracking Penalties: HB 1818 Amd 10 (h.1)

Pro-environment Vote: **NO on the motion to table**
Amendment 10 increases penalties for oil and gas companies in violation of state environmental laws. The vote was on a motion to table the amendment.
Outcome: **Amendment tabled**

8. (s) Fracking Enforcement: HB 1818 Amd 1

Pro-environment Vote: **YES**
Amendment 1 directs state oil and gas regulators to post information about their enforcement activity online.
Outcome: **Amendment failed**

8. (h) Fracking Waste: HB1818 Amd 13 (h.2)

Pro-environment Vote: **NO on the motion to table**
Amendment 13 requires state oil and gas regulators to hold public hearings for proposed new fracking waste injection sites. The vote was on a motion to table the amendment.
Outcome: **Amendment tabled**

2017 Texas State Senate Scorecard

Senate Member	Party	District	1. Tire Dumping	2. Wind Energy	3. Bee Protection	4. Clean Air	5. Pollution Lawsuits	6. Green Infrastructure	7. Electric Cars	8. Fracking Enforcement	2017 %	Lifetime %
Paul Bettencourt	R	7	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	25
Brian Birdwell	R	22	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	50	37
Dawn Buckingham	R	24	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	25
Konni Burton	R	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	13
Donna Campbell	R	25	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	29
Brandon Creighton	R	4	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	25
Craig Estes	R	30	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	38	53
Sylvia Garcia	D	6	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88	96
Bob Hall	R	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	7
Kelly Hancock	R	9	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	29
Juan Hinojosa	D	20	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	63	69
Don Huffines	R	16	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	38	38
Joan Huffman	R	17	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	38	53
Bryan Hughes	R	1	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	30
Lois Kolkhorst	R	18	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	31
Eddie Lucio Jr.	D	27	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	63	75
José Menéndez	D	26	+	-	-	+	E	+	+	+	71	80
Borris Miles	D	13	+	-	-	E	+	+	+	+	71	90
Jane Nelson	R	12	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	38	50
Robert Nichols	R	3	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	38	40
Charles Perry	R	28	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	50	30
José Rodríguez	D	29	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	87
Charles Schwertner	R	5	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	25	38
Kel Seliger	R	31	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	50	62
Larry Taylor	R	11	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	38	46
Van Taylor	R	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25
Carlos Uresti	D	19	+	+	-	+	P	+	+	+	71	80
Kirk Watson	D	14	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	96
Royce West	D	23	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	50	80
John Whitmire	D	15	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	50	78
Judith Zaffirini	D	21	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	75	87

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Environment Texas is a nonpartisan organization that combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Texas’s environment. We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate Texas citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

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2017 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Scorecard Key

- (+) Vote for the environment
- (-) Vote against the environment
- (P) Present, Not Voting
- (E) Excused from Vote
- (A) Unexcused Absence from Vote

2017 Texas State House Scorecard

House Member	Party	District	1. Tire Dumping	2. Wind Energy	3. Bee Protection	4. Clean Air	5. Pollution Lawsuits	6. Infrastructure	7. Fracking Penalties	8. Fracking Waste	2017 %	Lifetime %	House Member	Party	District	1. Tire Dumping	2. Wind Energy	3. Bee Protection	4. Clean Air	5. Pollution Lawsuits	6. Infrastructure	7. Fracking Penalties	8. Fracking Waste	2017 %	Lifetime %	House Member	Party	District	1. Tire Dumping	2. Wind Energy	3. Bee Protection	4. Clean Air	5. Pollution Lawsuits	6. Infrastructure	7. Fracking Penalties	8. Fracking Waste	2017 %	Lifetime %	
Alma Allen	D	131	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75	89	Larry Gonzales	R	52	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	34	Evelina Ortega	D	77	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	63
Roberto Alonzo	D	104	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	50	87	Mary González	D	75	+	A	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	50	84	Chris Paddie	R	9	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	38	42
Carol Alvarado	D	145	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63	88	Lance Gooden	R	4	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	38	26	Tan Parker	R	63	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	32
Rafael Anchia	D	103	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	+	75	89	Bobby Guerra	D	41	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	76	Dennis Paul	R	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18
Charles “Doc” Anderson	R	56	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	25	34	Ryan Guillen	D	31	+	+	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	38	59	Mary Ann Perez	D	144	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	63	76
Rodney Anderson	R	105	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	25	22	Roland Gutierrez	D	119	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	63	88	Dade Phelan	R	21	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	41
Diana Arévalo	D	116	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	63	Cole Hefner	R	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Larry Phillips	R	62	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	13	29	
Trent Ashby	R	57	+	+	-	-	-	E	-	-	29	40	Ana Hernandez	D	143	A	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	50	81	Joe Pickett	D	79	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	50	66
Ernest Bailes	R	18	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	Abel Herrero	D	34	+	E	E	E	-	+	+	+	-	80	95	Four Price	R	87	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	48
Cecil Bell, JR.	R	3	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25	38	Gina Hinojosa	D	49	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	88	88	John Raney	R	14	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	46
Diego Bernal	D	123	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	88	Justin Holland	R	33	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	Richard Peña Raymond	D	42	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	38	74
Kyle Biedermann	R	73	-	E	+	E	-	-	-	-	17	17	Donna Howard	D	48	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100	92	Ron Reynolds	D	27	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	88	94
César Blanco	D	76	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	94	Dan Huberty	R	127	+	+	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	33	44	Matt Rinaldi	R	115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Dwayne Bohac	R	138	+	-	-	+	-	E	-	-	29	42	Todd Hunter	R	32	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	33	Kevin Roberts	R	126	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
Dennis Bonnen	R	25	+	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	14	21	Jason Isaac	R	45	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	44	Eddie Rodriguez	D	51	+	-	-	+	+	+	A	+	63	91
Greg Bonnen	R	24	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	27	Celia Israel	D	50	E	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	71	88	Justin Rodriguez	D	125	+	E	-	+	-	+	+	+	71	92
Cindy Burkett	R	113	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	39	Eric Johnson	D	100	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	75	85	Ramon Romero Jr.	D	90	+	+	-	A	-	+	-	+	50	71
DeWayne Burns	R	58	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25	Jarvis Johnson	D	139	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	38	Toni Rose	D	110	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	88	88
Dustin Burrows	R	83	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	25	Kyle Kacal	R	12	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	38	56	Scott Sanford	R	70	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	0	21
Angie Chen Button	R	112	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	32	Mark Keough	R	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	0	20	Matt Schaefer	R	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	12
Briscoe Cain	R	128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Ken King	R	88	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	46	Mike Schofield	R	132	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	24
Terry Canales	D	40	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	83	Phil King	R	61	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25	37	Leighton Schubert	R	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	24
Giovanni Capriglione	R	98	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	31	Tracy King	D	80	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	38	45	Matt Shaheen	R	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	18
Travis Clardy	R	11	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	38	Stephanie Klick	R	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	0	21	J.D. Sheffield	R	59	+	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	38	50
Garnet Coleman	D	147	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	88	Linda Koop	R	102	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	29	Hugh Shine	R	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Nicole Collier	D	95	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	88	Matt Krause	R	93	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	0	20	Ron Simmons	R	65	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	27
Byron Cook	R	8	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	38	John Kuempel	R	44	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	32	John Smithee	R	86	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	38	43
Philip Cortez	D	117	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	63	76	Stan Lambert	R	71	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	Drew Springer	R	68	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	19
Scott Cosper	R	54	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	Brooks Landgraf	R	81	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	29	Phil Stephenson	R	85	-	+	-	-	-	E	-	-	14	40
Tom Craddick	R	82	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	29	Mike Lang	R	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Jonathan Stickland	R	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4
John Cyrier	R	17	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	25	41	Lyle Larson	R	122	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	38	51	Joe Straus III	R	121	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	18
Tony Dale	R	136	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	40	Jodie Laubenberg	R	89	+	-	-	+	E	-	-	-	-	29	24	Lynn Stucky	R	64	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
Drew Darby	R	72	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	38	42	Jeff Leach	R	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	24	Valoree Swanson	R	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Sarah Davis	R	134	A	+	-	-	E	E	-	-	17	52	Oscar Longoria	D	35	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	38	61	Shawn Thierry	D	146	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75	75
Yvonne Davis	D	111	+	+	P	+	-	E	-	A	50	84	J M Lozano	R	43	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	25	49	Ed Thompson	R	29	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	44
Jay Dean	R	7	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	Eddie Lucio III	D	38	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	75	83	Senfronia Thompson	D	141	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	A	38	80
Joe Deshotel	D	22	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75	74	Armando Martinez	D	39	+	-	-	+	E	+	+	+	-	71	83	Tony Tinderholt	R	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
Dawna Dukes	D	46	+	+	-	+	+	+	A	+	75	82	Will Metcalf	R	16	-	E	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	0	36	Chris Turner	D	101	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75	87
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