2013 Texas State Senate Scorecard

Senate Member	Party	District	1. Go Solar Texas	2. Clean Air Funding	3. Fracking	4. Clean Energy	5. Clean Water	6. Clean Air Programs	7. Uranium Mining	8. Public Transportation	2013 Score	Lifetime Score
Brian Birdwell	R	22	+	+	+	-	E	+	-	-	57%	29%
Donna Campbell	R	25	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	25%	25%
John Carona	R	16	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	72%
Wendy Davis	D	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88%	91%
Robert Deuell	R	2	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63%	73%
Robert Duncan	R	28	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	63%	69%
Rodney Ellis	D	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	93%
Kevin Eltife	R	1	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	69%
Craig Estes	R	30	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	62%
Troy Fraser	R	24	+	+	+	-	-	A	-	+	50%	52%
Sylvia Garcia	R	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Kelly Hancock	R	9	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	25%	25%
Glenn Hegar	R	18	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	50%	59%
Juan Hinojosa	D	20	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	76%
Joan Huffman	R	17	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	50%	59%
Eddie Lucio Jr.	D	27	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	75%	83%
Jane Nelson	R	12	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	48%
Robert Nichols	R	3	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	38%	38%
Dan Patrick	R	7	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	50%	38%
Ken Paxton	R	8	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	38%	75%
Jose Rodriguez	D	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	93%
Charles Schwertner	R	5	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	38%	38%
Kel Seliger	R	31	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	63%	69%
Larry Taylor	R	11	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	100%
Carlos Uresti	D	19	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	75%	86%
Leticia Van De Putte	D	26	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	75%	86%
Kirk Watson	D	14	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88%	93%
Royce West	D	23	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	75%	86%
John Whitmire	D	15	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	83%
Tommy Williams	R	4	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	63%	54%
Judith Zaffirini	D	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88%	90%

Scorecard Key

(+) Vote for the environment
(−) Vote against the environment
(P) Present, Not Voting
(E) Excused from vote
(A) Unexcused absence

Environment Texas

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.

Votes In This Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 82nd 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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BILL SUMMARIES

Senate Votes

1. Go solar Texas: Clarify tax incentives for solar energy projects. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. H.B. 2500 clarifies tax law to better support large-scale solar projects.

2. Clean Air: Increase funding for county programs to reduce air pollution. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. HB 2859 increased cap on funding for county-level air pollution programs to $7 million per year.

3. Fracking: Allow Water Districts to Require Permits for Water Use for Oil and Gas Drilling. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. SB 873 allows groundwater districts to issue permits for water used in fracking.

4. Clean energy: Eliminate funding for home weatherization. Pro-environment vote: **NO**. The System Benefit Fund was set up to assist low income Texans in paying their electric bills and to help weatherize their homes, helping save energy. SB 1655 eliminated the program.

5. Clean water: Tie Hands of Environmental Regulators. Pro-environment vote: **NO**. SB 467 would have required unnecessary and duplicative analyses for new environmental and public health protections, likely slowing down or blocking entirely the ability of state officials to act to protect the environment.

6. Clean Air: Increase programs to reduce air pollution. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. SB 1727 expanded the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan programs eligible for funding, including creating a rebate to help Texans purchase electric vehicles.

7. Uranium Mining: Limit Rights of Citizens to Contest Mining Permits. Pro-environment vote: **NO**. HB 1079 limits the rights of Texans to contest permits for uranium mining.

8. Public Transportation: Bus service in conjunction with DART. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. S.B. 1461 allows the city of Arlington to operate a bus service in conjunction with Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART).

House Votes

1. Nuclear subsidies: Make electric companies, not ratepayers, pay to decommission dirty and dangerous nuclear plants. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. Amendment to HB 994 would have limited taxpayer liability for decommissioning nuclear power plants.

2. Save Texas Rivers: Maintain funding for water conservation. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. Motion to maintain provision in HB 4 that at least 20 percent of state water funding go towards water conservation.

3. Stopping Global Warming: Maintain state authority to reduce carbon pollution. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. Amendment to HB 788 to maintain 20 year old statute authorizing the TCEQ to regulate global warming pollution.

4. Restore our Gulf: Save sharks from slaughter. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. HB 852 bans the cruel and dangerous practice of killing sharks for their fins.

5. Go Solar Texas: Clarify tax incentives for solar energy projects. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. H.B. 2500 clarifies tax law to better support large-scale solar projects.

6. Clean Air: Increase funding for county programs to reduce air pollution. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. HB 2859 increased cap on funding for county-level air pollution programs to $7 million per year.

7. Save Texas Rivers: Stop HOAs from blocking use of drought-resistant landscapes. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. SB 198 prohibits homeowners associations from blocking drought-tolerant xeriscapes.

8. Clean Water: Strengthen penalties for environmental violations by pipeline companies. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. SB 900 raises Texas penalties for violations of pipeline safety laws from $10,000 to $200,000 per violation.

9. Clean Air: Increase programs to reduce air pollution. Pro-environment vote: **YES**. SB 1727 expanded the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan program to include other clean air incentives, including a rebate program to help Texans purchase electric vehicles.

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ENVIRONMENT TEXAS

Clean Air. Clean Water. Open Spaces.

2013 Texas State House Scorecard

Vote columns: 1. Nuclear Subsidies · 2. Water Conservation Funding · 3. Reduce Carbon Pollution · 4. Restore Our Gulf · 5. Go Solar Texas · 6. Clean Air Funding · 7. Save Texas Rivers · 8. Clean Water · 9. Clean Air Programs

House Member	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2013 Score	Lifetime Score
Dr. Alma Allen	D	131	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	85%
Roberto Alonzo	D	104	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	89%	92%
Carol Alvarado	D	145	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	96%
Rafael Anchia	D	103	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	92%
Charles "Doc" Anderson	R	56	-	-	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	63%	44%
Trent Ashby	R	57	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	44%	44%
Jimmie Don Aycock	R	54	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	56%	34%
Cecil Bell Jr.	R	3	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	33%	33%
Dwayne Bohac	R	138	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	44%	44%
Dennis Bonnen	R	25	-	+	+	P	P	+	+	+	-	43%	19%
Greg Bonnen	R	24	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	22%	22%
Daniel Branch	R	108	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	E	-	38%	29%
Cindy Burkett	R	113	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	67%	47%
Lon Burnam	D	90	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Angie Chen Button	R	112	-	-	-	+	A	+	-	+	+	33%	33%
Bill Callegari	R	132	-	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	56%	30%
Terry Canales	D	40	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	88%	88%
Giovanni Capriglione	R	98	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%	33%
Stefani Carter	R	102	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	E	+	63%	50%
Travis Clardy	R	11	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	+	38%	38%
Garnet Coleman	D	147	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	78%	92%
Angie Chen Button	R	112	-	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	60%	19%
Nicole Collier	D	95	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Byron Cook	R	8	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	56%	40%
Philip Cortez	D	117	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	89%	89%
Tom Craddick	R	82	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	33%	26%
Brandon Creighton	R	16	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%	33%
Myra Crownover	R	64	-	-	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	44%	36%
Tony Dale	R	136	-	-	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	56%	56%
Drew Darby	R	72	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	56%	39%
John Davis	R	129	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	48%
Sarah Davis	R	134	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	58%
Yvonne Davis	D	111	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	89%	93%
Joe Deshotel	D	22	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	75%
Dawnna Dukes	D	46	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	90%
Harold Dutton Jr.	D	142	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	89%	85%
Craig Eiland	D	23	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%	75%
Gary Elkins	R	135	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	+	33%	25%
Pat Fallon	R	106	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	E	-	25%	25%
Joe Farias	D	118	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	91%
Marsha Farney	R	20	-	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	67%	67%
Jessica Farrar	D	148	+	+	E	A	+	+	+	+	+	88%	87%
Allen Fletcher	R	130	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	56%	30%
Dan Flynn	R	2	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%	20%
James Frank	R	69	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	56%	56%
John Frullo	R	84	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	44%	37%
Charlie Geren	R	99	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	75%	32%
Helen Giddings	D	109	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	100%	81%
Craig Goldman	R	97	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	33%	33%
Larry Gonzales	R	52	-	-	-	+	A	+	-	A	+	44%	42%
Mary González	D	75	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	100%	100%
Naomi Gonzalez	D	76	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%
Lance Gooden	R	4	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%	21%
Bobby Guerra	D	41	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	88%	88%
Ryan Guillen	D	31	-	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%	64%
Roland Gutierrez	D	119	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
Patricia Harless	R	126	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	56%	40%
Linda Harper-Brown	R	105	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	56%	28%
Ana Hernandez Luna	D	143	A	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	88%	88%
Abel Herrero	D	34	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Harvey Hilderbran	R	53	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	44%	38%
Donna Howard	D	48	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	90%
Dan Huberty	R	127	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	56%	42%
Bryan Hughes	R	5	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	33%	30%
Todd Hunter	R	32	-	+	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	33%	38%
Jason Issac	R	45	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	67%	53%
Eric Johnson	D	100	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	A	+	88%	83%
Kyle Kacal	R	12	-	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%	88%
James Keffer	R	60	-	+	-	A	A	+	+	+	+	56%	44%
Ken King	R	88	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	56%	56%
Phil King	R	61	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	63%	37%
Susan King	R	71	-	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	50%	39%
Tracy King	D	80	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	67%	45%
Tim Kleinschmidt	R	17	A	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	56%	33%
Stephanie Klick	R	91	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	22%	22%
Lois Kolkhorst	R	13	-	-	+	+	+	E	A	+	+	38%	23%
Matt Krause	R	93	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	33%	33%
John Kuempel	R	44	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	33%	25%
Lyle Larson	R	122	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	53%
Jodie Laubenberg	R	89	-	-	-	A	+	+	-	+	-	22%	18%
George Lavender	R	1	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	33%	32%
Jeff Leach	R	67	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	33%	33%
Tryon Lewis	R	81	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	56%	42%
Oscar Longoria	D	35	-	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	+	75%	75%
J.M. Lozano	R	43	-	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	56%	61%
Eddie Lucio III	D	38	-	E	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	86%	84%
Marisa Marquez	D	77	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	P	+	100%	90%
Armando Martinez	D	39	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	89%	90%
Trey Martinez Fischer	D	116	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	90%
Ruth Jones McClendon	D	120	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	83%
Jose Menendez	D	124	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	80%
Borris Miles	D	146	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	89%	92%
Rick Miller	R	26	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	22%	22%
Doug Miller	R	73	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	44%	37%
Joe Moody	D	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Geanie Morrison	R	30	-	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	67%	40%
Sergio Munoz Jr.	D	36	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	84%
Jim Murphy	R	133	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	67%	40%
Elliott Naishat	D	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	98%
Poncho Nevarez	D	74	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Rene Oliveira	D	37	E	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	81%
Rob Orr	R	58	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	48%
John Otto	R	18	-	-	+	-	E	-	+	+	+	63%	46%
Chris Paddie	R	9	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	44%	44%
Tan Parker	R	63	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	33%	27%
Diane Patrick	R	94	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	44%
Mary Ann Perez	D	144	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	89%
Charles Perry	R	83	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	22%	26%
Larry Phillips	R	62	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	22%	28%
Joe Pickett	D	79	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	69%
Jim Pitts	R	10	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	40%
Four Price	R	87	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	56%	56%
John Raney	R	14	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	67%	67%
Bennett Ratliff	R	115	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	56%	56%
Richard Peña Raymond	D	42	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	80%
Ron Reynolds	D	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Debbie Riddle	R	150	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	44%	23%
Allan Ritter	R	21	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	56%	50%
Eddie Rodriguez	D	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	95%
Justin Rodriguez	D	125	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Toni Rose	D	110	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	89%
Scott Sanford	R	70	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	22%	22%
Matt Schaefer	R	6	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	22%	22%
Kenneth Sheets	R	107	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	56%	47%
J.D. Sheffield	R	59	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	67%	67%
Ralph Sheffield	R	55	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	44%	37%
Ron Simmons	R	65	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	22%	22%
David Simpson	R	7	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	33%	26%
Wayne Smith	R	128	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	38%
John Smithee	R	86	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	33%	40%
Drew Springer	R	68	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	22%	22%
Phil Stephenson	R	85	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	56%	56%
Jonathan Stickland	R	92	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	13%	13%
Mark Strama	D	50	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	88%	79%
Joe Straus	R	121	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	—	15%
Van Taylor	R	66	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	22%	21%
Ed Thompson	R	29	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	56%	56%
Senfronia Thompson	D	141	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	90%
Steve Toth	R	15	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	22%	22%
Chris Turner	D	101	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	88%
Scott Turner	R	33	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	22%	22%
Sylvester Turner	D	139	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	89%	79%
Jason Villalba	R	114	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	56%	56%
Mike Villareal	D	123	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	88%	79%
Hubert Vo	D	149	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	90%
Armando Walle	D	140	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	96%
James White	R	19	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	33%	26%
Paul Workman	R	47	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	78%	53%
Gene Wu	D	137	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%	89%
Bill Zedler	R	96	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	22%	16%
John Zerwas	R	28	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%	48%