



DON HUFFINES
STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 16

If you're like me and most other Texans, you don't like the idea of people spending their entire careers in elected office. People who do usually have little to no "real world" experience and can easily become disengaged and out of touch with the people they're supposed to be representing. Ridding Austin of "career politicians" is one of the reasons I ran to be your state Senator, and it's the first elected office I've ever held!

I know how important this issue is to Texas voters and to the future of our great state, which is why, during the 84th Legislature (2015), I filed legislation to create term limits for all elected officials in Texas: statewide elected officials, the Texas Legislature, judges, local officials, and even certain appointed state officers. Too many people holding office for too long can lead to stale leadership. Term limits create the opportunity for more people from diverse backgrounds and professions to get involved in public service. This brings new perspectives and fresh ideas for solving old problems.

Some people argue that requiring officials to be re-elected acts as a de facto term limit. The thought process being that constituents who feel their elected representative is out of touch can remove that person from office through the ballot box. This ignores the reality that incumbent candidates can be extremely difficult to unseat. Many people are able to get re-elected based solely on name recognition and the ability to fundraise, both of which are significant advantages enjoyed by incumbents. Term limits take away this advantage and level the playing field, returning power to the voters.

Limited time in office will help keep elected officials focused on the job they were actually elected to do: make and execute good public policy for the people of Texas. Texans deserve elected officials who are more interested in serving their constituents than trading political favors in hopes of getting re-elected. As the next legislative session approaches, I am actively pursuing legislation that would implement term limits for every elected office in Texas, including statewide office holders, state legislators, and even judges. Serving the interests of the people of Senate District 16 is my highest priority, so I will fight hard to make the 85th Legislature (2017) the one that finally brings term limits to Texas!

As your state Senator, it is my job to be your representative in Austin. I work for you-not the government-which is why I refuse to take the Senate salary, healthcare, travel expense reimbursements, or any state pension. Please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my Dallas office at (214) 239-6131 or my Capitol office at (512) 463-0116.

In Liberty and Your Employee,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Huffines".

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Senate District 16



About Don Huffines:

As a fifth generation Texan, my family has a strong legacy of hard work and faith in God. My wife of 28 years, Mary Catherine, and I have raised four sons and one daughter. My family started out in Texas as farmers, working the land by hand. In 1924, my grandfather started an automobile business which he built into a company that my family still owns and operates to this day. My business, Huffines Communities, is one of the largest real-estate land developers in the Dallas/Fort Worth region. My family and I are proud to have rooted ourselves in the Dallas area.

What's on your mind? What issues are you having with State government?

What are your ideas to advance liberty, prosperity, and virtues?

**PLEASE JOIN ME ON THE FIRST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH AT MY DISTRICT OFFICE**

between 8:30 am and 10:30 am to discuss
state government and any policy issue you like.

**I AM YOUR EMPLOYEE IN AUSTIN AND HAVE AN
OPEN-DOOR MEETING POLICY FOR CONSTITUENTS.**

Hearing from you helps me be the best Senator I can be.

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"To fully experience liberty, we must have a virtuous society. Instead of turning to government for answers or solutions, I believe in you and the power of the individual to solve most of our issues. By working together, everything is possible. Texas' greatest days are yet to dawn. Our future is limitless. God bless Texas."

- Senator Don Huffines