



# The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator Pete Flores

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## **Senator Pete Flores (SD-24) Named Incoming Chair of Criminal Justice Committee**

*Lt. Governor Dan Patrick named Sen. Flores as the forthcoming Chair ahead of Sen. Whitmire (SD-15) resignation*

AUSTIN, TX – Today, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick named Senator Pete Flores as the next Chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, effective January 2024. When asked about the new leadership role, Senator Pete Flores issued the following statement;

**“I am truly humbled to be named the next Chair of Criminal Justice,”** said Flores. **“First and foremost, I must thank Lt. Governor Patrick for his leadership and trusting me with this important work. I certainly have big shoes to fill succeeding Chairman Whitmire. His 30 years of leadership on the committee have been instrumental in shaping the law enforcement landscape in Texas.**

**“During the 88<sup>th</sup> session, we accomplished great work in the Committee on Criminal Justice. As Vice-Chairman, I authored several bills which have since become law, making it known Texas is tough on crime, and we will fully support our law enforcement officers to ensure they have the resources they need to protect and serve our communities and the great State of Texas.**

**“As Chairman, my priority will be to ensure Texas remains a well protected, safe State. We cannot, and will not be soft on crime here in Texas.”**

In his announcement of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick issued the following statement;

**“I am proud to announce that Sen. Pete Flores, a man of utmost integrity and former Game Warden Colonel for nearly 3 decades, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice,”** said Patrick. **“The former Criminal Justice Committee Chair, Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, has been elected Mayor of Houston. Sen. Flores will assume his duties as chairman in January 2024.**

**“Sen. Pete Flores brings a lifetime of experience in law enforcement, and he understands how state agencies operate in Texas. He is well-respected by his colleagues and the entire Texas law enforcement community.**

**“Since Sen. Flores is currently the Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, I am naming Sen. Phil King, R-Weatherford, as his replacement as Vice Chair, also effective January of 2024.”**

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