

T E X A S S E N A T O R

Donna Campbell

Highlights of the 89th Legislature



My Fellow Texans,

It is a true blessing and privilege to serve the people of Senate District 25 in the Texas Senate, and I remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to represent your values, your families, and your future at our State Capitol.

The 89th Legislative Session was a defining moment for Texas. We met big challenges head-on and advanced meaningful, conservative solutions. It was also an honor to return for two Special Sessions, where I had the opportunity to defend the priorities that matter most to our district. These sessions remind us that by staying rooted in our principles, we will continue delivering lasting results for Texans in the years ahead.

We made historic investments in water infrastructure and took bold steps to protect Texas farmland and strategic assets from growing foreign threats. We passed sweeping reforms to public education and school finance to ensure that every child in Texas has access to the tools they need to succeed. We strengthened the reliability of our power grid to protect Texas' energy independence. As Chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee, I confirmed key appointments. I was proud to carry legislation like Senate Bill 33, which ensures taxpayer dollars will not fund abortion travel or logistical services.

As always, the best ideas often come from you. Whether it's a policy concern, a suggestion, or a story about how legislation affects your family, your voice is essential to the work we do in Austin. I'm honored to represent our district and to defend the principles that keep Texas strong, safe, and free. Together, we'll continue to build a future that honors our past and secures the blessings of liberty for the next generation. After all, "we don't have another Texas to move to."

God bless you and God bless Texas,



Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
Senate District 25

SENATOR CAMPBELL'S COMMITTEES:

- ★ NOMINATIONS (CHAIR)
- ★ EDUCATION (VICE-CHAIR)
- ★ BUSINESS & COMMERCE
- ★ FINANCE
- ★ DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
& FLOODING, SELECT

Your Voice in Action

115,662 calls, emails, and letters from Texans across the district.
42,709 responses helped shape votes on various legislation.
4483 record votes on the Senate floor taken
91 committee hearings attended to ask questions and push policy forward.

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Senator Campbell joins fellow senators for a press conference on key legislative priorities.

INVESTING IN TEXAS WATER SECURITY

Texas is facing a projected long-term water shortfall that threatens jobs, economic growth, and even the state’s power grid. To ensure Texas is prepared for future drought and population growth, SB 7 creates the Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee and establishes a permanent, constitutionally dedicated source of water infrastructure funding. The bill prioritizes new water supply projects, protects aquifers, expands access to state water financing, and ensures rural communities and flood infrastructure projects receive critical support.

STRENGTHENING BORDER SECURITY

Securing the Texas-Mexico border remains one of the state’s top priorities. To ensure better cooperation between local and federal law enforcement, SB 8 requires all Texas sheriffs operating jails to pursue 287(g) agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. These agreements allow local jails to identify and detain individuals who are in the country illegally. The bill also establishes a state grant program to help cover the costs of implementation.

In addition, SB 36 creates a new Homeland Security Division within the Texas Department of Public Safety. This division will coordinate statewide efforts to counter border-related threats and improve surveillance operations, including programs like Operation Drawbridge. By centralizing these efforts, Texas can respond more effectively to evolving security challenges.

SECURING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Texas must remain vigilant about who has access to our energy infrastructure. Foreign-controlled companies from adversarial nations like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea have attempted to gain access to our power grid and other sensitive infrastructure. To prevent this, I filed and passed SB 2368 which strengthens the Lone Star Infrastructure Protection Act by requiring companies to disclose any foreign ties, authorizing ERCOT to investigate suspicious activity, and increasing penalties for violations. The law also improves employee screening practices to ensure only trusted individuals serve in critical roles.

To further protect Texas from foreign influence, I signed onto SB 17, which prohibits hostile foreign governments, companies, and affiliates from purchasing land in Texas. The bill responds to growing concerns about espionage, surveillance, and foreign interference by blocking land ownership from entities connected to adversarial nations. This action helps safeguard both state security and the rights of Texans.

HONORING THE ALAMO

The Alamo is one of Texas’ most sacred landmarks. To ensure its proper care, I filed SB 3059, which creates a dedicated Alamo Commission and transfers oversight from the General Land Office. The new commission will manage restoration, maintenance, and long-term planning to preserve this symbol of Texas independence for generations to come.

PROTECTING LIFE AND DEFENDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Texans have made it clear they do not want their hard-earned tax dollars used to fund or support abortion. Unfortunately, some cities have tried to work around existing laws by funneling money through third-party groups that assist with abortion services. To stop this, I passed SB 33, which closes that loophole and ensures that no government entity in Texas can fund, contract with, or otherwise support any organization involved in facilitating abortions or providing logistical support.

Additionally, I coauthored SB 31, which brings clarity to Texas law surrounding emergency medical care. The bill confirms that physicians may take action to protect a woman’s life or prevent serious health complications without having to wait until the situation becomes life-threatening. This ensures that women receive timely care while preserving Texas’ strong pro-life protections.



Senator Campbell welcomes the Boerne Little League Baseball Team to the Senate Gallery.

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN TEXAS

Religious liberty is a cornerstone of our state and nation. To ensure fair treatment in public spaces, SB 2986 was filed, which guarantees that religious organizations have equal access to rent facilities at public schools and universities, just like any other nonprofit. This protects constitutional rights while helping local communities make full use of public spaces.

I supported SB 11, which provides school districts and charter schools with clear legal guidance on voluntary religious expression. The bill allows schools to adopt policies that permit voluntary religious activity with safeguards in place, including written consent forms, protection against coercion, and limits to ensure instruction is not disrupted.

Additionally, SB 10 would require Texas public elementary and secondary schools to display the Ten Commandments in each classroom. For two hundred years, the Ten Commandments were commonly displayed in public buildings and classrooms across America as a foundation of law and tradition. SB 10 aims to restore this practice in Texas schools and remind students of the enduring importance of the Ten Commandments to American and Texas law.

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH BAIL REFORM

Texans deserve a justice system that keeps dangerous individuals off the streets. SB 9 strengthens the state’s bail process by improving bail-setting procedures, expanding access to public safety data for magistrates, and protecting the rights of victims. This legislation builds on prior reforms by closing dangerous loopholes and keeping communities safe.

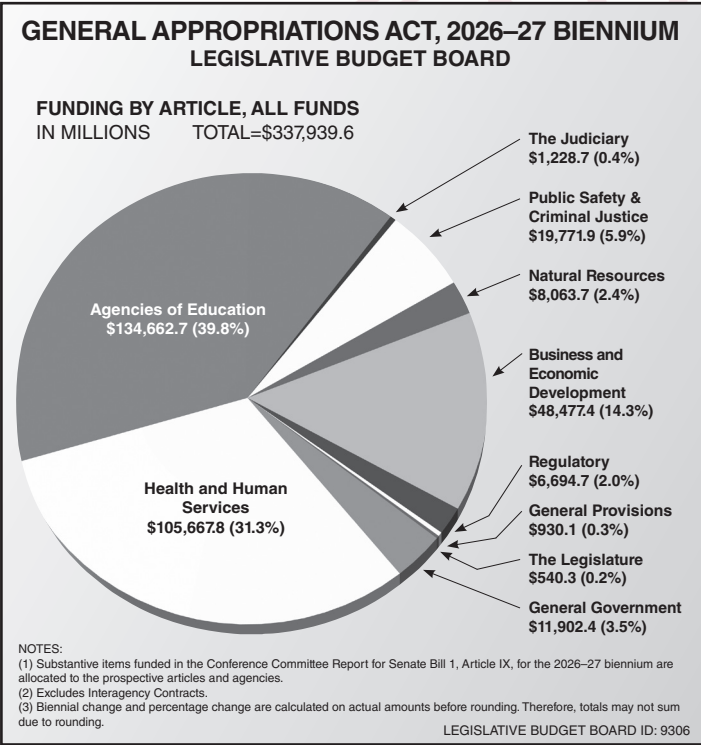
LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Senator Campbell signals her no vote on the Senate floor while speaking on behalf of her constituents.

THE TEXAS BUDGET

With over \$338 billion in total funding for the 2026–27 biennium, the Texas state budget makes record investments in education, property tax relief, and public safety—all while maintaining fiscal discipline and planning for the future.



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

This session, the Legislature approved \$51 billion in property tax relief, which is more than double the amount allocated in the previous budget.

- The state is investing \$3 billion to compress school property tax rates, lowering the rate by 6.8 cents per \$100 of valuation.
- The homestead exemption for most homeowners will increase to \$140,000, pending voter approval.
- Seniors and individuals with disabilities will see their homestead exemption rise to \$200,000, offering greater relief to those on fixed incomes.
- The exemption for business personal property is increasing from \$2,500 to \$125,000.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Legislature approved \$8.5 billion in new public education investments. This represents the largest single increase in Texas history.

- A new \$1.3 billion ABC Allotment will help districts manage rising insurance costs, utilities, and teacher retirement.
- Schools will receive an additional \$1,600 per student over the biennium.
- The Basic Allotment will now grow automatically with property values, guaranteeing predictable future funding.
- \$430 million has been set aside for campus safety, and \$300 million is dedicated to supporting small and mid-sized schools.
- Funding for schools using the Additional Days School Year program will increase by 50 percent.
- The state is also providing \$200 million to expand charter school facilities.

MORE KEY INVESTMENT

The 89th Legislature made strategic investments to meet long-term infrastructure, public safety, energy, and healthcare needs.

- The budget includes \$1.7 billion in new funding for water infrastructure.
- Over \$600 million has been allocated to improve wildfire preparedness and response.
- The state is investing \$100 million to plug abandoned oil and gas wells.
- \$350 million will support the development of advanced nuclear energy.
- \$300 million has been set aside for aerospace innovation through the Space Exploration and Aeronautics Research Fund.
- \$1 billion will help shore up state pension systems and reduce future interest costs.
- The state fully funded the Texas All-Payor Claims Database with \$9 million, improving transparency in healthcare pricing.
- \$135 million will establish a new Texas Cyber Command to protect critical state systems from cyberattacks.
- Nearly \$60 million will replace outdated technology systems at the Department of Family and Protective Services.
- Over \$5 million will be used to modernize workforce data and improve how the state measures employment outcomes.



Senator Campbell was author/sponsor of legislation or similar

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING TEACHERS AND STRENGTHENING EDUCATION WORKFORCE

The Legislature approved a historic \$4.2 billion in permanent teacher pay raises. Every eligible teacher will receive a raise, with enhanced base pay for those with more than three years of experience and larger increases beginning in year five. Teachers in rural schools may also qualify for an additional \$8,000. The Teacher Incentive Allotment was reformed to expand performance-based pay and include more educators. The budget also provides free pre-kindergarten for the children of Texas teachers.

To strengthen the teacher pipeline, the state invested \$135 million in preparation and certification programs. Student teachers will now be paid during classroom training, and certification exam fees are waived for bilingual and special education teachers. Schools can offer “grow your own” programs to help paraprofessionals become certified, and experienced teachers may receive a \$3,000 mentorship stipend. The state will phase out uncertified teachers by 2030.

 I also sponsored House Bill 1178, which creates a fast-track certification pathway for qualified out-of-state teachers. This allows temporary certificates to be issued while full certification is completed, helping schools quickly fill classrooms with experienced educators. As a coauthor of House Bill 120, I supported expanding career and technical education, including new investments in the P-TECH program, Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP), and the creation of college, career, and military readiness initiatives to better prepare students for high-wage, high-demand jobs.



Senator Campbell advocating for legislation that protects Texas values.

CLARIFYING LAW FOR HOMEOWNERS

 Legal confusion over foreclosure rules has led to uncertainty for property owners and mortgage lenders alike. It is unspecified whether corporations or entities can serve as trustees during a foreclosure, or if the role is limited to individual people. SB 372 clears this up by explicitly stating that both individuals and legal entities may serve as trustees under Texas foreclosure law. This clarification helps prevent unnecessary lawsuits and makes the foreclosure process more transparent and predictable.

CUTTING RED TAPE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

 Texas is a national leader in business creation, but outdated rules and excessive regulations still burden entrepreneurs. To promote growth and innovation, I supported SB 14, which creates the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office to identify and eliminate unnecessary rules and streamline regulatory processes. The bill also reforms the Texas Administrative Procedure Act to ensure plain language, accurate impact statements, and less judicial deference to unelected bureaucrats.



Senator Campbell leads the confirmation process in the Nominations Committee.

STRENGTHENING CIVIC EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

 Understanding the horrors of communism is essential to preserving freedom and learning from the mistakes of the past. At the same time, polling shows a concerning trend of younger generations growing more favorable toward these failed ideologies. To address this, I authored SB 24, which requires Texas schools to teach students about the history and atrocities of communist governments. This law helps ensure future generations understand what makes our country free—and what can happen when freedom is lost.

I also coauthored SB 12, which strengthens parental rights in Texas public education by codifying parents’ authority over their child’s education, health, and moral upbringing. The bill imposes new requirements for transparency, consent, and reporting on school districts to ensure parents stay informed and involved in critical decisions affecting their children.

MAKING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SAFER AND STRONGER

 Health care workers should never fear for their safety while doing their jobs. In 2023, the Legislature passed a law requiring hospitals and certain health care facilities to adopt workplace violence prevention plans. SB 463 expands the law to cover more home and community support agencies, ensuring more frontline workers are protected on the job.

 Breast cancer detection is another critical area of care. Texas law already requires patients to be informed if they have dense breast tissue, which can increase cancer risk. With new federal standards taking effect, SB 1084 updates Henda’s Law to keep Texas in compliance and ensure patients receive clear, consistent information. These updates help save lives through early detection.

I supported SB 25, a proactive effort to improve long-term health outcomes across the state. The bill strengthens food labeling laws, expands nutrition education for college students, and improves training for health professionals. By equipping Texans with better information and resources, this legislation helps prevent chronic illnesses before they start.

To increase safety in medical spas, I sponsored HB 3749. This bill allows physicians to delegate the prescribing, ordering, or administering of elective intravenous therapy to qualified medical professionals under proper supervision. It responds to serious incidents, including the death of a patient in Wortham and HIV transmissions linked to cosmetic procedures in other states, by ensuring these services are provided with appropriate medical oversight.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

This November, you will have the opportunity to vote on several proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Each proposition was passed by the Legislature and now heads to the ballot for final approval by you with your vote.

Proposition 1

Creates two permanent funds in the state treasury to support infrastructure and workforce training at Texas technical colleges. Intended to support career education and economic development.

Proposition 2

Prohibits the state from imposing a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of individuals, families, estates, or trusts. Would prevent the future adoption of a state-level capital gains tax.

Proposition 3

Allows judges to deny bail to individuals accused of certain violent or sexual felony offenses. Aims to give courts more discretion in pretrial detention decisions.

Proposition 4

Allocates up to \$1 billion annually in surplus sales tax revenue to the state water fund. Designed to support long-term water supply and infrastructure projects.

Proposition 5

Provides a property tax exemption for animal feed held for retail sale. Applies to property owners in the agricultural supply industry.

Proposition 6

Prohibits future state laws from imposing business taxes on securities transactions and related financial activities. Intended to maintain current tax policy related to financial services.

Proposition 7

Establishes a property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a veteran who died from a service-connected illness. Would extend an existing benefit to more surviving spouses.

Proposition 8

Prevents the Legislature from enacting an estate or inheritance tax on a deceased person's property. Would limit future changes to the state tax structure regarding inherited assets.

Proposition 9

Authorizes the Legislature to exempt up to \$125,000 of personal tangible property used for income production from property taxes. Intended to reduce the tax burden on small businesses.

Proposition 10

Allows a temporary homestead exemption for property owners rebuilding after a home is destroyed by fire. Designed to offer short-term tax relief.

Proposition 11

Increases the homestead exemption for elderly or disabled individuals from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Aims to provide additional tax relief to qualifying homeowners.

Proposition 12

Revises the structure and procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, including changes to membership and the creation of a temporary review tribunal. Intended to update oversight of judicial conduct.

Proposition 13

Raises the general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000. Would increase the amount of a home's value exempt from property taxes.

Proposition 14

Establishes the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and allocates \$3 billion to fund research and treatment. Focuses on advancing understanding and care for Alzheimer's and related conditions.

Proposition 15

Adds language to the Constitution affirming that parents have the right to make decisions about the upbringing, care, and custody of their children. Intended to clarify parental rights under state law.

Proposition 16

Amends the Constitution to specify that only United States citizens may vote in Texas elections. Aims to codify existing voting eligibility requirements.

Proposition 17

Creates a property tax exemption for land used to build border security infrastructure in counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Designed to support local participation.

Useful State Government Toll-free Numbers

Office of the Governor
Information and Referral Hotline :
1-800-843-5789

Office of Attorney General
Child Support: 1-800-252-8014
Consumer Protection Hotline:1-800-621-0508
Crime Victims Compensation: 1-800-983-9933

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner
Consumer Helpline: 1-800-538-1579
Public Utility Commission of Texas
Consumer Protection Division:
1-888-782-8477

Division of Worker's Compensation
Injured Worker Hotline 1-866-393-6432
Safety Violations Hotline 1-800-452-9595

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Hotline 1-888-368-4689

Texas Workforce Commission
Hotline: 512-463-2222

Texas Health & Human Services Commission
WIC: 1-800-942-3678
Office of the Ombudsman: 1-800-252-8154
Substance Abuse Services: 1-866-378-8440
Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP):
1-877-543-7669
Disaster Assistance: 1-800-582-5233
Medicaid Hotline: 1-800-252-8263

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Victim Services Division: 1-800-848-4284
Offender Status Line: 1-800-535-0283
Offender Parole Review Status Line:
1-844-512-0461
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Hotline: 1-888-777-3186
Texas Department of Insurance
Consumer Help Line: 1-800-252-3439

Texas Medical Board
Consumer Complaint Hotline: 1-800-201-9353
Texas Veterans Land Board Veterans Hotline:
1-800-252-8387

Texas Department of Public Safety
Driver License Customer Service: 512-424-2600
Regulatory Services Division: 512-424-7293
Emergency Roadside Assistance:
1-800-525-5555
Texas Crime Stoppers Hotline: 1-800-252-8477

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Hotline 1-888-368-4689

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services

Texas Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 1-800-252-5400
Texas Youth Hotline: 1-800-989-6884

Office of Internal Affairs Hotline: 1-800-720-7777
Family and Community SVC: 1-800-422-2956
Foster Care & Adoption Inquiry Hotline: 1-800-233-3405

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

State Agency Assistance

Cutting through the red tape of a government agency can be a challenge. If you need help contacting or interacting with a State of Texas agency, we are available to assist you. Please contact our District office at (830) 626-0065 for immediate assistance or to learn about our upcoming Mobile Office hours near you.

Visiting Austin

Everything is bigger in Texas! - including our State Capitol. If your friends or family are planning a visit to Austin and would like a tour of the capitol building, please call the State Preservation Board's Tour office at (512) 463-0063. be sure to stop by your State Senate Office for District 25 (room 3E.18) to say hello!

Page Program

During the legislative session, students, between 6 and 18 years of age are encouraged to apply for a shift as a "Page for a Day" in the Texas Senate. This program is managed by the office of the Sergeant- at- Arms and provides a firsthand look at government in action. For more information, please call our Capitol Office at (512) 463-0125

We are currently accepting applications for internship opportunities in both our capitol office in Austin, Texas and District offices. Students have the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in public policy research and analysis, communications, community relations, constituent services, and public affairs.

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Please don't hesitate to contact my office with your comments or feedback. I am here to work for you and look forward to hearing the issues that you feel are most important. In addition to our Capitol office, you may contact or visit my District Office in New Braunfels. Together let's keep Texas strong for our children and grandchildren!

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU