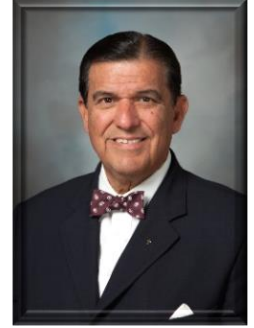




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Senator Lucio Appointed as Vice Chair of the Powerful Senate Budget Writing Committee

Third in seniority, Lucio rejoins Senate Finance after previously serving in this committee under three former Lt. Governors

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AUSTIN, TX – Today, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick appointed Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) to be the vice chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

"In these most trying times, I am truly humbled by the trust Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has shown in me with this most meaningful appointment," Sen. Lucio said. "It is an honor and privilege to be appointed as the vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. As I have repeatedly shared with my constituents, I will continue to use my seniority and earned leadership positions to work tirelessly to ensure that the best interests of southern and coastal communities are well served during the 2021 Legislative Session."

Senator Lucio is the third highest-ranking senator in the Texas Senate, having been elected senator in 1990. The Rio Grande Valley Senator has had the distinct honor to have been appointed to the powerful budget writing committee by three former Lt. Governors. Sen. Lucio was first appointed to this leadership position in 1995 during the 74th Regular Session by-then Lt. Governor Bob Bullock. In 2001, during the 77th Regular Session, then-Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff re-appointed Sen. Lucio to Senate Finance. Most recently, during the 80th Regular Session in 2007, then-Lt. Governor David Dewhurst re-appointed Sen. Lucio to this influential committee.

In announcing Senator Lucio's appointment to the Senate's budget writing committee, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick stated in the press release his office issued today, "I am proud to appoint Sen. Eddie Lucio as vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Sen. Lucio's commitment to principle, his past finance committee experience and his long record of service to the people of Texas make him the right senator to take on the budget challenges of the upcoming session."

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D – Brownsville) represents Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties.