



Pictured above, Congressman John Culberson (R-TX-7) tours the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) during a November 2015 visit to the Texas A&M campus.

Election Races

The Texas primary elections are fast upon us—March 1 to be exact. Even though the presidential election generates most of the political news attention; the state and federal elections have great significance.

Here's an overview and observations:

Texas State Senate Races—Senate terms are for 4 years; each election, half the senate is up for election. In 2016, 16 seats are in play. Only 2 senators are not returning.

- 9 seats (29%) are unopposed (primary and general election)
- 3 seats have a primary challenger only
- 2 seats have a general election challenger only
- 2 seats have both a primary and general election challenger

Texas State House Races—House terms are up every 2 years—so all 150 House seats are up in 2016. 16 current House members (11%) are not seeking re-election.

- 61 seats (40%) are unopposed
- 38 seats (25%) have a primary challenger only
- 30 Seats (20%) have a general election challenger only
- 21 seats (14%) have both a primary and general election challenger

For those wonks that would like more detailed information or to discuss in greater detail, feel free to call us and we would be glad wonk out together.