

# Incumbent Texas Lawmakers Hoard \$21 Million In War Chests

- Statewide Officeholders Sit On \$10 Million Stockpile

**Austin:** The 179 incumbent state legislators reported that they had stockpiled \$21,295,147 in their political war chests at year's end. The six top statewide elected officials collectively reported holding another \$8,373,886 in reserve. Under a 2003 reform, Texas politicians and political committees had to report this "cash on hand" for the first time on January 15, 2004. While all six major statewide candidates met the deadline to comply with the new disclosure law, 31 lawmakers failed to do so.

"The chief advantage wielded by incumbent politicians is their ability to raise money from special interests," said Texans for Public Justice Director Craig McDonald. "Until now, the precise value of this advantage was shrouded in secrecy. This new disclosure gives the public yet another portal into the murky waters of Texas' money and politics."

The new disclosures reveal that:

- Governor Rick Perry had the fattest campaign bank account (\$3,306,720), followed by potential future rival Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (\$2,770,387).
- The four lawmakers who banked more than \$1 million apiece are: Sen. John Whitmire (\$2,102,633); House Speaker Tom Craddick (\$1,973,830); Sen. Rodney Ellis (\$1,186,582); and retiring Rep. Steve Wolens (\$1,141,088).
- 27 incumbent Senators reported a total of \$10,329,712 in the bank, with an average Senate war chest of \$382,582. Senators Bob Deuell and Jon Lindsay failed to report cash on hand.
- 121 House members reported \$10,965,435 in the bank, with an average House war chest of \$90,623. Another 29 House members failed to comply with this disclosure requirement.

State law prohibits politicians from tapping their political funds for "personal use." Yet they can spend these funds on a broad range of expenses related to their official activities.

The tables below list the cash on hand reported by the campaigns of every state legislator and statewide official. These amounts, reported by January 15, 2004, reflect bank balances on December 31, 2003.

## Statewide Officeholders

Office	Candidate	Name	Cash on Hand 12/31/2003	Faces '04 Election?
Governor	Rick	Perry	\$3,306,720	
Lt. Governor	David H.	Dewhurst	\$ 411,974	
Attorney General	Greg	Abbott	\$1,334,334	
Comptroller	Carole	Strayhorn	\$2,770,387	
Land Commissioner	Jerry E.	Patterson	\$142,897	
Agricultural Comm.	Susan	Combs	\$407,574	
Railroad Commissioner	Michael L.	Williams	\$64,340	
Railroad Commissioner	Charles	Matthews	\$191,280	
Railroad Commissioner	Victor	Carrillo	\$502,354	Yes
Supreme Court	Thomas R.	Phillips	\$17	
Supreme Court	Jesse W.	Wainwright	\$73,134	
Supreme Court	Michael H.	Schneider	\$110,216	
Supreme Court	Steven W.	Smith	\$32,187	Yes
Supreme Court	Wallace B.	Jefferson	\$49,145	
Supreme Court	Harriet	O'Neill	\$232,750	Yes
Supreme Court	Priscilla	Owen	\$56,557	
Supreme Court	Nathan	Hecht	\$42,006	
Supreme Court	Scott	Brister	\$153,282	Yes
Criminal Appeals Court	Sharon	Keller	Not Reported/\$0*	
Criminal Appeals Court	Cathy	Cochran	Not Reported/\$0*	
Criminal Appeals Court	Paul	Womack	Not Reported/\$0*	
Criminal Appeals Court	Lawrence	Meyers	\$7,125	Yes
Criminal Appeals Court	Tom	Price	Not Reported/\$0*	
Criminal Appeals Court	Cheryl	Johnson	\$4,664	Yes
Criminal Appeals Court	Michael	Keasler	\$45	Yes
Criminal Appeals Court	Barbara	Hervey	Not Reported/\$0*	
Criminal Appeals Court	Charles	Holcomb	Not Reported/\$0*	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$9,892,988</b>	<b>7</b>

\*For court positions, Texas Ethics Commission software defaults to a "\$0" listing, thereby obscuring if these campaigns reported "\$0" cash on hand or simply failed to report this information at all.

## Texas Senate

<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Cash on Hand 12/31/2003</b>	<b>Faces '04 Election?</b>
1	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	NA	
2	Bob	Deuell	Did not file*	
3	Todd	Staples	\$460,729	
4	Tommy	Williams	\$132,828	Yes
5	Stephen E.	Ogden	\$381,181	
6	Mario	Gallegos, Jr.	\$86,215	Yes
7	Jon	Lindsay	Did not file*	
8	Florence	Shapiro	\$422,489	
9	Chris	Harris	\$234,218	Yes
10	Kenneth	Brimer	\$287,280	Yes
11	James M.	Jackson	\$678,157	Yes
12	Jane	Nelson	\$624,254	
13	Rodney G.	Ellis	\$1,186,582	
14	Gonzalo	Barrientos	\$31,989	
15	John	Whitmire	\$2,102,633	
16	John J.	Carona	\$210,571	Yes
17	Kyle L.	Janek	\$139,628	
18	Kenneth	Armbrister	\$736,012	
19	Frank	Madla	\$142,470	
20	Juan	Hinojosa	\$493,671	Yes
21	Judith	Zaffirini	\$226,169	Yes
22	Kip	Averitt	\$254,301	
23	Royce	West	\$326,950	Yes
24	Troy	Fraser	\$746,595	Yes
25	Jeff	Wentworth	\$71,772	
26	Leticia	Van De Putte	\$36,653	Yes
27	Eduardo A.	Lucio	\$22,488	Yes
28	Robert L.	Duncan	\$269,058	Yes
29	Eliot	Shapleigh	\$13,141	
30	Craig	Estes	\$11,678	Yes

31    *Vacant*    *Vacant*    NA

**Total reported**    **\$10,329,712**    **14**

**Average reported amount**    **\$382,582**

\*Campaign did not file any part of the campaign disclosure report.

## Texas House of Representatives

Dist.	Candidate	Name	Cash on Hand 12/31/2003
1	Barry B.	Telford	\$124,838
2	Dan	Flynn	\$9,561
3	Mark	Homer	\$48,811
4	Betty J.	Brown	\$19,193
5	D. Bryan	Hughes	\$30,847
6	Leo	Berman	\$5,898
7	Thomas C.	Merritt	\$32,992
8	Byron Curtis	Cook	\$17,838
9	Walter W.	Christian	\$6,328
10	James R.	Pitts	\$240,431
11	Charles L.	Hopson	\$125,790
12	James M.	McReynolds	\$80,088
13	Lois W.	Kolkhorst	\$43,251
14	Frederick H.	Brown	Not Reported†
15	W. Robert	Eissler	\$22,198
16	Ruben	Hope	\$8,168
17	Robert L.	Cook	Not Reported†
18	Dan	Ellis	Not Reported†
19	Michael W.	Hamilton	\$29,639
20	Dan	Gattis	\$19,724
21	Allan B.	Ritter	Not Reported†
22	Joseph D.	Deshotel	\$15,569
23	Craig	Eliand	Not Reported†
24	Larry W.	Taylor	\$18,083
25	Dennis H.	Bonnen	\$74,603
26	Charles F.	Howard	\$175,317
27	Dora F.	Olivo	\$5,276

28	Glenn A.	Hegar	\$37,206
29	Glenda L.	Dawson	\$17,945
30	Geanie W.	Morrison	\$86,365
31	Ryan	Guillen	\$39,052
32	Eugene J.	Seaman	\$87,344
33	Vilma	Luna	Not Reported†
34	Jaime L.	Capelo	Not Reported†
35	Gabi	Canales	Not Reported†
36	Kino	Flores	Not Reported†
37	Rene	Oliveira	Not Reported†
38	Jim	Solis	\$2,211
39	Miguel D.	Wise	\$21,245
40	Aaron	Pena	\$0
41	Roberto	Gutierrez	Not Reported†
42	Richard E.	Raymond	\$96,487
43	Juan	Escobar	\$781
44	Edmund P.	Kuempel	Not Reported†
45	Patrick M.	Rose	\$225,213
46	Dawanna	Dukes	\$5,026
47	Terrence M.	Keel	\$128,446
48	Todd A.	Baxter	\$48,132
49	Elliott	Naishtat	\$191,810
50	Jack	Stick	\$52,615
51	Eduardo R.	Rodriguez	Not Reported†
52	Michael	Krusee	\$114,950
53	Harvey R.	Hilderbran	\$194,211
54	Suzanna G.	Hupp	\$20,219
55	Dianne W.	Delisi	\$132,075
56	John P.	Mabry	\$17,180
57	James R.	Dunnam	\$1,048
58	Arlene	Wohlgemuth	\$29,093
59	Sidney C.	Miller	\$10,059
60	James L.	Keffer	Not Reported†
61	Phillip S.	King	\$92,908
62	Larry	Phillips	\$21,357
63	Mary	Denny	\$18,534

64	Myra E.	Crownover	\$86,917
65	Burt	Solomons	\$285,211
66	James B.	McCall	\$253,325
67	Jerry A.	Madden	Not Reported†
68	Richard L.	Hardcastle	Not Reported†
69	David L.	Farabee	\$60,433
70	W. Kenneth	Paxton	\$85,978
71	Robert D.	Hunter	\$14,188
72	Scott E.	Campbell	\$13,229
73	Carter	Casteel	\$19,399
74	Pete P.	Gallego	\$13,236
75	Chente	Quintanilla	Did not file*
76	Norma P.	Chavez	Not Reported†
77	Paul	Moreno	\$4,776
78	Patrick B.	Haggerty	\$146,290
79	Joseph C.	Pickett	\$84,786
80	Timoteo	Garza	Not Reported†
81	G. E.	West	\$24,240
82	Tom	Craddick	\$1,973,830
83	Delwin	Jones	\$10,514
84	Carl H.	Isett	\$150
85	James E.	Laney	\$935,844
86	John T.	Smithee	\$73,017
87	David A.	Swinford	\$31,227
88	Warren D.	Chisum	\$274,972
89	Jodie A.	Laubenberg	\$35,239
90	Lon	Burnam	\$61,254
91	Bob E.	Griggs	\$42,146
92	Todd	Smith	\$40,715
93	Toby	Goodman	\$19,675
94	Kent	Grusendorf	\$71,465
95	Glenn O.	Lewis	\$11,955
96	William W.	Zedler	\$18,177
97	Anna	Mowery	Not Reported†
98	Vicki	Truitt	\$79,880
99	Charles L.	Geren	\$140,026

100	Gladys E.	Hodge	\$2,000
101	Elvira	Reyna	Not Reported†
102	James Tony	Goolsby	\$291,478
103	Steven D.	Wolens	\$1,141,088
104	Roberto R.	Alonzo	\$12,263
105	Linda	Harper-Brown	\$5,731
106	Robert R.	Allen	\$691
107	William R.	Keffer	\$505
108	Daniel H.	Branch	\$125,031
109	Helen	Giddings	\$58,934
110	Jesse W.	Jones	Not Reported†
111	Yvonne	Davis	Did not file*
112	Fred	Hill	\$128,030
113	Joe	Driver	Not Reported†
114	Will	Hartnett	\$7,129
115	Kenny E.	Marchant	\$110,535
116	Trey	Martinez Fischer	\$45,824
117	Kenneth B.	Mercer	\$31,064
118	Carlos I.	Uresti	\$15,574
119	Robert R.	Puente	\$39,613
120	Ruth J.	McClendon	\$25,529
121	Elizabeth A.	Jones	\$164,814
122	Frank J.	Corte	\$31,706
123	Michael U.	Villarreal	\$12,913
124	Jose	Menendez	\$47,913
125	Joaquin	Castro	\$4,362
126	Peggy	Hamric	\$26,028
127	Joe F.	Crabb	\$16,199
128	Richard W.	Smith	\$37,996
129	John E.	Davis	Not Reported†
130	J. Corbin	Van Arsdale	\$20,485
131	Ron	Wilson	Filing Error‡
132	William A.	Callegari	\$43,176
133	Joe	Nixon	\$180,110
134	Martha J.	Wong	\$43,486
135	Gary	Elkins	\$94,815

136	Beverly	Woolley	\$111,682
137	Lindsey S.	Hochberg	\$8,223
138	Dwayne A.	Bohac	\$7,082
139	Sylvester	Turner	Did not file*
140	Kevin E.	Bailey	\$3,122
141	Senfronia	Thompson	\$97,292
142	Harold	Dutton, Jr.	Not Reported†
143	Joe E.	Moreno	\$5,062
144	Robert E.	Talton	\$5,601
145	Richard J.	Noriega	\$31,743
146	Al	Edwards	Not Reported†
147	Garnet F.	Coleman	\$23,595
148	Jessica	Farrar	\$81
149	Talmadge	Heflin	\$140,130
150	Deborah	Riddle	\$8,751
		<b>Total reported:</b>	<b>\$10,965,435</b>
		<b>Average reported amount:</b>	<b>\$90,623</b>

\*Campaign did not file any part of the campaign disclosure report.

†Campaign filed disclosure report without reporting cash on hand.

‡Campaign's reported cash-on-hand is a nonsensical typo.

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