

# 2015 Texas State Senate Scorecard

Senate Member	Party	District	1. Protecting Rivers	2. Illegal Dumping	3. Citizen Rights	4. Pollution Penalties	5. Chemical Safety	6. Fracking Regulation	7(s). Parks Funding	8(s). Renewable Energy Repeal	2015 %	Lifetime %
Paul Bettencourt	R	7	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25	25
Brian Birdwell	R	22	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	32
Konni Burton	R	10	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
Donna Campbell	R	25	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	31
Brandon Creighton	R	4	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25	25
Rodney Ellis	D	13	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	100	94
Kevin Eltife	R	1	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	63	68
Craig Estes	R	30	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	57
Troy Fraser	R	24	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	49
Sylvia Garcia	D	6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Bob Hall	R	2	-	-	-	-	+	-	E	-	14	14
Kelly Hancock	R	9	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	31
Juan Hinojosa	D	20	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	63	73
Don Huffines	R	16	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	38
Joan Huffman	R	17	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	59
Lois Kolkhorst	R	18	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	38
Eddie Lucio Jr.	D	27	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	78
José Menéndez	D	26	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88	88
Jane Nelson	R	12	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	63	51
Robert Nichols	R	3	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	41
Charles Perry	R	28	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	38
José Rodríguez	D	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	96
Charles Schwertner	R	5	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	44
Kel Selinger	R	31	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	65
Larry Taylor	R	11	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	38	50
Van Taylor	R	8	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	50	50
Carlos Uresti	D	19	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	63	81
Kirk Watson	D	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	95
Royce West	D	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	86
John Whitmire	D	15	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	88	84
Judith Zaffirini	D	21	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	88	89

## Environment Texas

Environment Texas is a nonpartisan organization that combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Texas' environment. We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate Texas citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

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## Votes In This Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 84th Legislature, we identified a few key votes that will have the greatest impact on Texas' environment and public health. Short descriptions of each bill can be found below, and more details are available on our website.  
<http://www.EnvironmentTexas.org>

Not sure who represents you?  
 Go to <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/> to learn the names of your representative and senator.

### 1. HB1016: Protecting Rivers

Pro-environment Vote: YES

HB1016 designates parts of the Nueces, Frio, Sabinal, San Marcos, and Comal Rivers as being of 'unique ecological value' to protect them from reservoir development.

Outcome: **Enacted**

### 2. HB274: Illegal Dumping

Pro-environment Vote: YES

HB274 increases the maximum fines for illegal dumping from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Outcome: **Enacted**

### 3. SB709: Citizen rights

Pro-environment Vote: NO

SB709 makes it easier for polluters to get permits from the state by placing assumption that draft permit meets legal and technical requirements and adequately protects the environment. Now, when a citizen or group challenges a pollution permit, the burden falls on them to prove otherwise.

Outcome: **Enacted**

### 4. HB1794: Pollution Penalties

Pro-environment Vote: NO

HB1794 limits the civil penalty for certain environmental violations in a suit brought by a local government. As a result, cities will likely be forced to bring fewer lawsuits against polluters.

Outcome: **Enacted**

### 5. HB942: Chemical Safety

Pro-environment Vote: YES

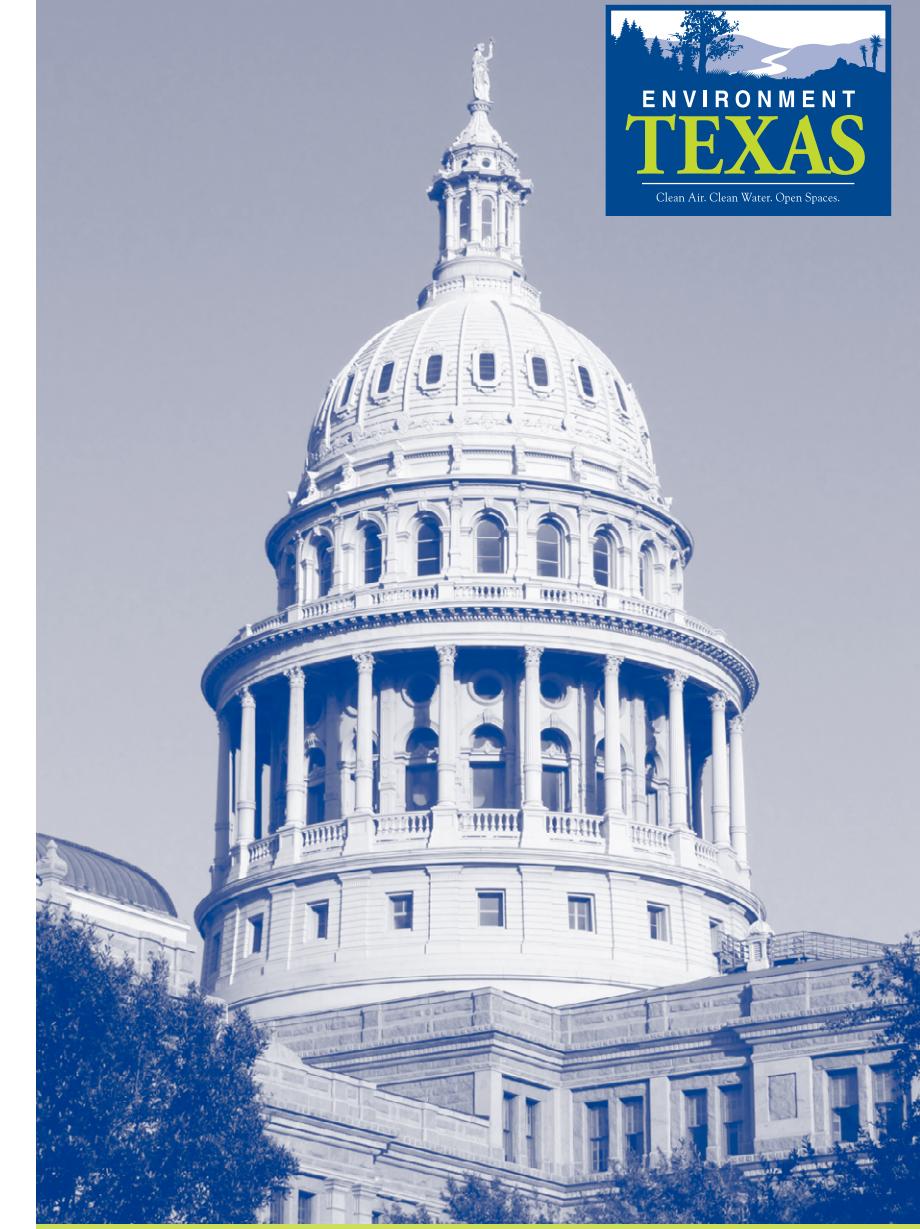
The explosion of a fertilizer plant in West in 2013 highlighted the dangers of ammonium nitrate. HB942 requires the owner or operator of facilities with ammonium nitrate to allow reasonable fire marshal safety inspections and implements new safety requirements.

Outcome: **Enacted**

### Scorecard Key

(+) Vote for the environment  
 (-) Vote against the environment

(P) Present, Not Voting  
 (E) Excused from Vote  
 (A) Unexcused Absence from Vote



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# 2015 Texas State House Scorecard

House Member	Party	District	2015 Scorecard										2015 %	Lifetime %	
			1. Protecting Rivers	2. Illegal Dumping	3. Citizen Rights	4. Pollution Penalties	5. Chemical Safety	6. Fracking Regulation	7(h). Hurricane Safety	8(h). Climate Planning	9. Clean Air	Lifetime %			
Alma Allen	D	131	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	92		
Roberto Alonzo	D	104	+	+	E	+	+	+	E	+	+	100	93		
Carol Alvarado	D	145	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	94		
Rafael Anchia	D	103	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+		100	91		
Charles "Doc" Anderson	R	56	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	36		
Rodney Anderson	R	105	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	33	21		
Trent Ashby	R	57	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Jimmie Don Aycock	R	54	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	39		
Cecil Bell	R	3	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	56	44		
Diego Bernal	D	123	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	89		
César Blanco	D	76	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Dwayne Bohac	R	138	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Dennis Bonnen	R	25	P	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	38	22		
Greg Bonnen	R	24	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	33		
Cindy Burkett	R	113	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	46		
DeWayne Burns	R	58	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Dustin Burrows	R	83	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	E	38	38		
Angie Chen Button	R	112	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	36		
Terry Canales	D	40	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	100	93		
Giovanni Capriglione	R	98	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	E	50	50		
Travis Clardy	R	11	+	+	E	-	+	-	-	-	+	50	44		
Garnet Coleman	D	147	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	92		
Nicole Collier	D	95	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Byron Cook	R	8	+	+	E	-	+	-	A	E	+	57	43		
Tom Craddick	R	82	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	30		
Myra Crownover	R	64	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	35		
John Cyrer	R	17	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	56	56		
Tony Dale	R	136	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	E	38	47		
Drew Darby	R	72	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	43		
Sarah Davis	R	134	+	+	E	+	+	-	-	-	+	63	59		
Yvonne Davis	D	111	+	A	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	67	88		
Joe Deshotel	D	22	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	67	73		
Dawnya Dukes	D	46	+	A	A	A	A	+	+	E	+	50	83		
Harold Dutton Jr.	D	142	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	86		
Gary Elkins	R	135	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	29		
Wayne Faircloth	R	23	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Pat Fallon	R	106	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	E	+	50	38		
Joe Farias	D	118	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	94		
Marsha Farney	R	20	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	56		
Jessica Farrar	D	148	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	89		
Allen Fletcher	R	130	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	56	36		
Dan Flynn	R	2	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	24		
James Frank	R	69	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	50		
John Frullo	R	84	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	39		
Rick Galindo	R	117	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Charlie Geren	R	99	+	P	-	-	+	-	-	-	E	29	31		
Helen Giddings	D	109	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	84		
Craig Goldman	R	97	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	39		
Mary González	D	75	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Larry Gonzales	R	52	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	E	38	41		
Bobby Guerra	D	41	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	88		
Ryan Guillen	D	31	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	56	63		
Roland Gutierrez	D	119	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	89	94		
Patricia Harless	R	126	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	39		
Ana Hernandez	D	143	+	E	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	86	87		
Abel Herrero	D	34	+	+	-	+	+	E	E	E	+	83	97		
Donna Howard	D	48	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	90		
Dan Huberty	R	127	+	+	E	E	+	-	-	-	+	57	46		
Bryan Hughes	R	5	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	33		
Todd Hunter	R	32	+	+	E	-	+	-	A	-	+	50	38		
Jason Isaac	R	45	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	56	54		
Celia Israel	D	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Eric Johnson	D	100	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	100	88		
Kyle Kacal	R	12	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	65		
James "Jim" Keffer	R	60	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	33	43		
Mark Keough	R	15	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	33	33		
Ken King	R	88	+	+	E	-	+	-	-	E	+	57	56		
Phil King	R	61	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	E	+	50	39		
Susan Lewis King	R	71	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	40		
Tracy King	D	80	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	56	47		
Stephanie Klick	R	91	-	+	A	-	+	-	-	-	+	33	28		
Linda Koop	R	102	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Matt Krause	R	93	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	22	28		
John Kuempel	R	44	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	P	+	50	41		
Brooks Landgraf	R	81	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Lyle Larson	R	122	+	+	E	-	+	-	-	+	+	63	56		
Jodie Laubenberg	R	89	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	E	+	50	23		
Jeff Leach	R	67	+	+	-	-	+	-	E	-	-	38	35		
Oscar Longoria	D	35	+	+	E	-	+	-	+	E	+	71	73		
J M Lozano	R	43	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	56		
Eddie Lucio III	D	38	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	+	E	86	84		
Marisa Márquez	D	77	+	E	+	+	E	-	E	E	+	80	88		
Trey Martinez Fischer	D	116	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	92		
Armando Martinez	D	39	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	78	85		
Ruth Jones McClendon	D	120	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	86		
Will Metcalf	R	16	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	56	56		
Morgan Meyer	R	108	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	44		
Borris Miles	D	146	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	E	+	100	94		
Doug Miller	R	73	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	39		
Rick Miller	R	26	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	33		
Ina Minjarez	D	124	NA	+	-	NA	+	NA	NA	+	+	80	80		
Joe Moody	D	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Geanie Morrison	R	30	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	56	41		
Sergio Muñoz Jr.	D	36	+	E	E	E	-	+	+	+	+	80	80		
Jim Murphy	R	133	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	44	43		
Andrew Murr	R	53	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	56	56		
Elliott Naishtat	D	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	98		
Poncho Nevárez	D	74	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89	94		
René Oliveira	D	37	+	+	-	A	+	-	+	+	+	67	78		
John Otto	R	18	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	E	E	43	45		
Chris Paddie	R	9	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	44	44		
Tan Parker	R	63	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	67	36		
Dennis Paul	R	129	+	-	-	-	-</td								