

In 1999, the Texas Legislature enacted a campaign disclosure law requiring most political candidates and PACs to file contribution and expenditure reports in an electronic format beginning in 2000. These data are subsequently posted on the Internet, making them vastly more accessible than previous paper filings. However, the law contained two major loopholes. Candidates filing affidavits claiming they did not intend to raise or spend more that \$20,000 per year, or claiming they or their agents did not track donors on computers were exempt from the electronic filing requirement. Using these loopholes, 234 candidates and PACs avoided electronic disclosure of nearly \$8 million dollars in political contributions between January 2001 and July 2002. TPJ explored these loopholes more fully in our October, 2002 report entitled "Luddite PACs & Candidates."*

Texas' 2002 Luddite Political Money Through July 2002

Filer Type	No. of Filers	Non-E-Disclosed Money Raised Jan '01 - July '02	Average Amount Raised
Statewide candidates Legislative candidates	2 131	\$1,806 \$3,264,156	\$903 \$24,917
Judicial candidates	20	\$373,723	\$18,686
Board of Education candidates	15	\$130,681	\$8,712
Large PACs (raising >\$20,000)	66	\$4,041,306	\$61,232
TOTALS:	234	\$7,811,672	\$33,383

Top 20 Luddites, Jan. 01- July 02

Candidate	Party	Office	Dist.	Primary Outcome	Non-E-Disclosed Money Raised Jan. '01 – July '02
Gary L. Walker Ruben Hope	R R	House House	83 16	Lost Won	\$138,205 \$115,390
W. Kenneth Paxton	R	House	70	Won	\$113,360
Walter Warren Fair	R	House	56	Lost	\$113,224
Eugene J. Seaman	R	House	32	Won	\$94,866
Joe Crabb	R	House	127	Won	\$87,021
Eva Guzman	R	Appeals Court	14	Won	\$86,425
Steve Munisteri	R	House	134	Lost	\$83,803
Mario V. Gallegos	D	Senate	6	Won	\$80,618
Rene O. Oliveira	D	House	37	Won	\$75,635
Joseph C. Pickett	D	House	79	Won	\$72,861
James R. Pitts	R	House	10	Won	\$71,625
Delwin Jones	R	House	83	Won	\$69,519
Scott E. Campbell	R	House	72	Won	\$65,589
Judy Strickland	R	House	85	Won	\$61,680
Paul Moreno	D	House	77	Won	\$61,330
Talmadge L. Heflin	R	House	149	Won	\$60,609
Ruth J. McClendon	D	House	120	Won	\$59,328
Kevin E. Bailey	D	House	140	Won	\$59,189
Robert C. Rankins	R	House	70	Lost	\$58,736

^{*}This report is available online at: http://www.tpj.org/publication_view.jsp?pubid=6

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SELF-FINANCED CANDIDATES

Led by failed gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez, 47 candidates partially financed their own campaigns in amounts ranging from \$100 to almost \$57 million.

Candidates Contributing At Least \$5,000 To Their Own Campaigns

Recipient	Total contributions to self	Party	Office	Won/Lost
Sanchez, Tony	\$56,674,817	D	Governor	L
Dewhurst, David	\$11,337,972	R	Lt. Governor	W
Taft, Timothy G.	\$22,000	R	Court of Crim App	L
English, Gary Lee	\$15,772	D	House-1	L
Quackenbush, Jesse L.	\$12,767	D	House-87	L
Flores, Maria L.	\$10,000	D	House-51	L
Jefferson, Wallace	\$7,650	R	Supreme Court	W
Ingle, Dale P.	\$7,600	R	House-12	L
Ray, George Farrell	\$5,900	R	House-108	L
Mabry, John P.	\$5,750	D	House-56	W
Knolle, Henry Pearson	\$5,343	D	House-35	L
Ramsay, Thomas D.	\$5,000	D	Agric. Comm.	L
Eiland, Craig	\$5,000	D	House-23	W
Total for these 13: Total for all self-financers:	\$68,115,572 \$68,153,225			

TEXAS CANDIDATES BORROWED \$47 MILLION IN 2002

Tony Sanchez (\$22.3 million) and David Dewhurst (\$13 million) borrowed 75% of all the money loaned to political campaigns in the 2002 cycle. Eighty-two percent of all political loans (\$38.6 million) were financed by the candidates themselves, often with a candidate's personal property used as collateral.

With Sanchez/Dewhurst

Status	Count	Total Loans	Self-financed Loans	Outside Loans
Winners	36	\$16,233,432	\$8,983,172	\$7,250,260
Losers	63	\$30,691,514	\$29,664,030	\$1,027,484
Total:	99	\$46,924,946	\$38,647,202	\$8,277,744

Without Sanchez/Dewhurst

Status	Count	Total Loans	Self-financed Loans	Outside Loans
Winners	35	\$3,233,432	\$1,569,285	\$1,664,147
Losers	62	\$8,429,852	\$7,402,368	\$1,027,484
Total:	97	\$11,663,284	\$8,971,653	\$2,691,631



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Winning Loans: All Indebted Candidates Who Won Office In 2002

Winning Candidate	Party	Status	Office Won	Total Loans	Self-Financed Loans	Outside Loans
David Dewhurst	R	0	Lt. Governor	\$13,000,000	\$7,413,887	\$5,586,113
Greg Abbott	R	0	Attorney General	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Juan Hinojosa	D	0	S-20	\$512,200	\$196,000	\$316,200
Craig Estes	R	I	S-30	\$290,000	\$290,000	\$0
Timoteo Garza	D	C	H-80	\$235,000	\$235,000	\$0
Linda Harper-Brown	R	0	H-105	\$149,927	\$71,800	\$78,126
Aaron Pena	D	0	H-40	\$115,320	\$115,320	\$0
Richard Raymond	D	I	H-42	\$110,000	\$65,000	\$45,000
Glenn A. Hegar	R	0	H-28	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$0
Kyle Janek	R	0	S-17	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Jerry E. Patterson	R	0	Land Com.	\$64,264	\$64,264	\$0
Richard Wayne Smith	R	0	H-128	\$59,000	\$49,000	\$10,000
Michael Williams	R	I	Railroad Com.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Jack Stick	R	0	H-50	\$37,190	\$29,220	\$7,969
Eduardo Lucio	D	I	S-27	\$34,500	\$34,500	\$0
D. Bryan Hughes	R	С	H-5	\$30,400	\$30,400	\$0
Jodie Laubenberg	R	0	H-89	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0
Tommy Williams	R	0	S-4	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Jim Solis	D	I	H-38	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
William Zedler	R	0	H-96	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$0
Kenneth Mercer	R	0	H-117	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Michael Hamilton	R	0	H-19	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Larry Taylor	R	0	H-24	\$14,650	\$14,650	\$0
Carlos Uresti	D	I	H-118	\$13,313	\$13,313	\$0
Glenda Dawson	R	С	H-29	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Byron Curtis Cook	D	0	H-8	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Norma P. Chavez	D	I	H-76	\$9,200	\$9,200	\$0
Michael Villarreal	D	I	H-123	\$8,451	\$8,451	\$0
Toby Goodman	R	Ι	H-93	\$7,918	\$7,918	\$0
Eduardo Rodriguez	D	0	H-51	\$6,850	\$0	\$6,850
Dora F. Olivo	D	I	H-27	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Robert R. Allen	R	Ι	H-106	\$5,675	\$5,675	\$0
Carter Casteel	R	0	H-73	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Richard Hardcastle	R	I	H-68	\$3,071	\$3,071	\$0
Jerry A. Madden	R	I	H-67	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Sidney C. Miller	R	I	H-59	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
			TOTALS:	\$16,593,029	\$9,207,769	\$7,385,258

Note: 0 = Open Seat; I = Incumbent; C = Challenger.