

## The RER Scorecard Average

The RER Score is created by taking the average of six scores a legislator has earned over the last two legislative sessions. RER uses the scores of three, well-respected conservative advocacy groups to calculate the average. The three orgs are: EmpowerTexans (Fiscal Responsibility Index), Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT), and Texas Eagle Forum (TEF).

The Fiscal Responsibility Index only takes into account the fiscal conservativeness of a legislator based on votes dealing with, obviously, money issues.

YCT & TEF scores are based on a more comprehensive evaluation of the votes a legislator records.

If a legislator has completed only one term, their score will reflect only the three scores they earned for that session from the conservative advocacy groups.

In 2011, EmpowerTexans assigned letter scores instead of numeric scores. RER replaced the letter scores with a numeric score. For example: if a legislator earned a D+, RER would replace with the numeric score of 67. An A- would be a 93.

Any legislator that scored an F on the Fiscal Responsibility Index in 2011 was given the generic score of 30. This will result in some scores being elevated (namely Democrat legislators whose scores generally fall below 30), and the lowering of the average of some legislators whose failing grade was actually higher than 30. But, a failing grade, to be sure.

## Legislators RER Scorecard Averages 2013-14

### Texas Senate

Senate Members	Pty	Dist.	ET 2011	ET 2013	YCT 2011	YCT 2013	TEF 2011	TEF 2013	RER SCORE
Birdwell, Brian	R	22	97	100	95	85	96	96	94.8
Campbell, Donna	R	25		76.7		81		86	81.2
Carona, John	R	16	87	60	60	55	56	71	64.8
Davis, Wendy	D	10	30	43.6	24	26	24	33	30.1
Deuell, Bob	R	2	30	53.1	58	55	56	70	53.7
Duncan, Robert	R	28	30	48.8	47	55	52	71	50.6
Ellis, Rodney	D	13	30	42.1	13	31	24	24	27.4

Eltife, Kevin	R	1	77	58.8	55	52	52	71	61
Estes, Craig	R	30	30	77.2	55	86	60	81	64.9
Fraser, Troy	R	24	87	55.4	81	76	64	91	75.7
Garcia, Sylvia	D	6		34.1		14		14	20.7
Hancock, Kelly	R	9		78		76		95	83
Hegar, Glenn	R	18	67	72.8	63	71	72	91	72.8
Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"	D	20	30	54	26	36	24	33	33.8
Huffman, Joan	R	17	97	66.5	67	74	60	81	74.3
Lucio, Eddie	D	27	30	37.2	18	33	36	52	34.4
Nelson, Jane	R	12	87	70.4	79	79	76	86	79.6
Nichols, Robert	R	3	75	58.7	63	64	60	86	67.8
Patrick, Dan	R	7	97	93.9	87	79	84	86	87.8
Paxton, Ken	R	8		100		93		100	97.6
Rodriguez, Jose	D	29	30	38.7	11	14	20	19	22.1
Schwertner, Charles	R	5		63		62		86	70.3
Selinger, Kel	R	31	67	52.3	50	52	60	76	59.6
Taylor, Larry	R	11		72.6		67		81	73.5
Uresti, Carlos	D	19	30	51.6	30	31	36	24	33.8
Van de Putte, Leticia	D	26	30	32.6	16	24	20	24	24.4
Watson, Kirk	D	14	30	34.1	18	17	20	14	22.2
West, Royce	D	23	30	40	18	28	20	25	26.8
Whitmire, John	D	15	30	50.4	37	41	32	25	36
Williams, Tommy	R	4	67	59.8	60	57	50	88	63.6
Zaffirini, Judith	D	21	30	31.5	24	21	20	24	25.1
<b>KEY</b>									
<b>D= Democrat</b>									
<b>R=Republican</b>									
<b>ET = EmpowerTexans</b>									
<b>YCT = Young Conservatives of Texas</b>									
<b>TEF = Texas Eagle Forum</b>									

## Texas House of Representatives

House Members	Pty	Dist	ET 2011	ET 2013	YCT 2011	YCT 2013	TEF 2011	TEF 2013	RER SCORE
Allen, Alma	D	131	30	25.8	21	18	8	10	18.8
Alonzo, Roberto	D	104	30	15.9	16	8	8	3	13.5
Alvarado, Carol	D	145	30	18.1	16	14	8	10	16
Anchia, Rafael	D	103	30	17.7	13	7	12	14	15.6

<b>Anderson, Charles “Doc”</b>	R	56	87	58.9	71	75	48	80	70
<b>Ashby, Trent</b>	R	57		48.9		59		75	61
<b>Aycock, Jimmie Don</b>	R	54	77	36.2	64	53	32	65	54.5
<b>Bell, Cecil</b>	R	3		71.6		70		88	76.5
<b>Bohac, Dwayne</b>	R	138	85	79.4	63	67	33	83	68.4
<b>Bonnen, Dennis</b>	R	25	95	60	81	66	43	87	72
<b>Bonnen, Greg</b>	R	24		82		82		98	87.3
<b>Branch, Dan</b>	R	108	77	58.2	67	68	30	84	64
<b>Burkett, Cindy</b>	R	113	87	65.4	75	73	88	80	78.1
<b>Burnam, Lon</b>	D	90	30	16.7	10	14	8	8	14.5
<b>Button, Angie Chen</b>	R	112	85	75.4	66	71	40	79	69.4
<b>Callegari, Bill</b>	R	132	87	39	65	42	32	58	53.8
<b>Canales, Terry</b>	D	40		12.3		12		5	9.76
<b>Capriglione, Giovanni</b>	R	98		94.4		92		95	93.8
<b>Carter, Stefani</b>	R	102	95	90	73	83	36	92	78.2
<b>Clardy, Travis</b>	R	11		49.3		59		70	59.4
<b>Coleman, Garnet</b>	D	147	30	12	16	12	12	5	14.5
<b>Collier, Nicole</b>	D	95		11.9		12		0	7.9
<b>Cook, Bryon</b>	R	8	67	42	64	44	40	69	54.3
<b>Cortez, Philip</b>	D	117		15.7		13		0	9.5
<b>Craddick, Tom</b>	R	82	87	61.3	64	67	40	78	66.2
<b>Creighton, Brandon</b>	R	16	97	84.3	83	80	44	96	80.7
<b>Crownover, Myra</b>	R	64	75	48.7	66	55	33	74	58.6
<b>Dale, Tony</b>	R	136		64.7		73		78	71.9
<b>Darby, Drew</b>	R	72	75	35.7	63	52	28	68	53.6
<b>Davis, John</b>	R	129	30	29.7	64	40	32	57	42.1
<b>Davis, Sarah</b>	R	134	77	44.7	61	44	36	44	51.1
<b>Davis, Yvonne</b>	D	111	30	21.5	20	12	8	5	16.1
<b>Deshotel, Joe</b>	D	22	30	26.9	32	22	12	18	23.5
<b>Dukes, Dawnna</b>	D	46	30	21.8	16	15	9	13	17.5
<b>Dutton, Harold</b>	D	142	30	19.2	21	16	8	15	18.2
<b>Eiland, Craig</b>	D	23	30	23.5	34	20	12	26	24.3
<b>Elkins, Gary</b>	R	135	95	72.8	79	65	36	83	71.8
<b>Fallon, Pat</b>	R	106		98.3		92		95	95.1
<b>Farias, Joe</b>	D	118	30	17.9	19	12	8	8	15.8
<b>Farney, Marsha</b>	R	20		39.6		53		70	54.2
<b>Farrar, Jessica</b>	D	148	30	18.9	21	12	8	5	15.8
<b>Fletcher, Allen</b>	R	130	87	81	80	78	44	88	75.5
<b>Flynn, Dan</b>	R	2	97	86.3	92	87	86.3	100	91.4
<b>Frank, James</b>	R	69		81.1		80		85	82
<b>Fruzzo, John</b>	R	84	87	62.6	74	63	46	77	68.3

<b>Geren, Charlie</b>	R	99	77	37	73	43	37	70	56.2
<b>Giddings, Helen</b>	D	109	30	15	24	6	8	6	14.8
<b>Goldman, Craig</b>	R	97		93.5		92		98	94.2
<b>Gonzales, Larry</b>	R	52	67	50.5	64	66	36	75	59.8
<b>Gonzalez, Mary</b>	D	75		16.5		10		8	11.5
<b>Gonzalez, Naomi</b>	D	76	30	22.4	18	17	12	13	18.7
<b>Gooden, Lance</b>	R	4	67	89.1	71	82	44	97	75
<b>Guerra, Robert</b>	D	41		16.5		13		13	14.2
<b>Guillen, Ryan</b>	D	31	30	24.9	45	30	16	40	31
<b>Gutierrez, Roland</b>	D	119	30	19.6	16	17	8	3	15.6
<b>Harless, Patricia</b>	R	126	43	50.2	64	53	24	73	51.2
<b>Harper-Brown, Linda</b>	R	105	95	64.8	67	64	43	82	69.3
<b>Hernandez Luna, Ana</b>	D	143	30	15.3	15	11	8	5	14.05
<b>Herrero, Abel</b>	D	34		28.5		27		23	26.2
<b>Hilderbran, Harvey</b>	R	53	77	68.5	75	72	36	84	68.8
<b>Howard, Donna</b>	D	48	30	18.6	9	13	4	13	14.6
<b>Huberty, Dan</b>	R	127	85	49.4	73	58	44	60	61.6
<b>Hughes, Bryan</b>	R	5	97	92.5	89	78	85	90	88.5
<b>Hunter, Todd</b>	R	32	77	51	69	59	40	82	63
<b>Isaac, Jason</b>	R	45	97	88.9	75	72	54	85	78.7
<b>Johnson, Eric</b>	D	100	30	18	26	19	12	14	19.8
<b>Kacal, Kyle</b>	R	12		33.6		47		64	48.2
<b>Keffer, Jim</b>	R	60	67	35.3	72	49	37	64	54.1
<b>King, Ken</b>	R	88		38.6		50		65	51.2
<b>King, Phil</b>	R	61	97	87	82	86	96	90	89.6
<b>King, Susan</b>	R	71	75	46.4	63	52	29	58	53.9
<b>King, Tracy</b>	D	80	30	25	46	27	24	41	32.1
<b>Kleinschmidt, Tim</b>	R	17	77	66.1	71	69	40	85	68
<b>Klick, Stephanie</b>	R	91		99		88		93	93.3
<b>Kolkhorst, Lois</b>	R	13	87	63.3	73	66	44	78	68.6
<b>Krause, Matt</b>	R	93		100		95		100	98.3
<b>Kuempel, John</b>	R	44	75	52.2	67	55	33	71	58.9
<b>Larson, Lyle</b>	R	122	67	39	71	53	36	67	55.5
<b>Laubenberg, Jodie</b>	R	89	96	100	84	91	100	100	95.2
<b>Lavender, George</b>	R	1	85	62.6	79	68	48	85	71.3
<b>Leach, Jeff</b>	R	67		93.7		83		98	91.5
<b>Lewis, Tryon</b>	R	81	77	45.1	64	60	48	73	61.2
<b>Longoria, Oscar</b>	D	35		21.8		16		8	15.3
<b>Lozano, Jose Manuel</b>	R	43	30	32.9	39	36	15	67	36.7
<b>Lucio, Eddie</b>	D	38	30	17.7	21	10	17	10	17.6
<b>Marquez, Marisa</b>	D	77	30	17.4	17	13	8	12	16.2

<b>Martinez, Armando</b>	D	39	30	21.3	36	18	20	20	24.2
<b>Martinez Fischer, Trey</b>	D	116	30	17.9	17	14	8	3	15
<b>McClendon, Ruth Jones</b>	D	120	30	21.5	18	20	12	23	20.8
<b>Menendez, Jose</b>	D	124	30	20.3	32	17	21	11	21.9
<b>Miles, Borris</b>	D	146	30	15.3	23	9	8	5	15.1
<b>Miller, Doug</b>	R	73	77	46.9	67	53	36	71	58.5
<b>Miller, Rick</b>	R	26		77.4		65		88	76.8
<b>Moody, Joe</b>	D	78		21.1		15		18	18
<b>Morrison, Geanie</b>	R	30	87	56.1	68	63	42	75	65.2
<b>Munoz, Sergio</b>	D	36	30	19.8	27	22	20	18	22.8
<b>Murphy, Jim</b>	R	133	87	50.6	70	57	36	73	62.3
<b>Naishtat, Elliott</b>	D	49	30	15	14	8	8	8	12.5
<b>Nevarez, Poncho</b>	D	74		20.6		14		3	12.5
<b>Oliveira, Rene</b>	D	37	30	14.1	22	10	12	16	17.4
<b>Orr, Rob</b>	R	58	87	49.1	80	58	40	85	66.5
<b>Otto, John</b>	R	18	77	35.5	71	41	28	66	53.1
<b>Paddie, Chris</b>	R	9		55.5		62		80	65.8
<b>Parker, Tan</b>	R	63	96	74.9	80	73	96	88	84.7
<b>Patrick, Diane</b>	R	94	32	36.7	63	40	32	65	44.8
<b>Perez, Mary Ann</b>	D	144		17.9		15		13	15.3
<b>Perry, Charles</b>	R	83	97	83.4	80	75	92	93	86.7
<b>Phillips, Larry</b>	R	62	97	75.1	82	75	39	98	77.7
<b>Pickett, Joe</b>	D	79	30	22.4	46	28	29	40	32.6
<b>Pitts, Jim</b>	R	10	57	29.7	62	38	36	61	47.3
<b>Price, Four</b>	R	87	75	41.6	70	50	48	75	59.9
<b>Raney, John</b>	R	14		36.3		47		65	56
<b>Ratliff, Bennett</b>	R	115		41.6		52		65	52.8
<b>Raymond, Richard Pena</b>	D	42	30	25.1	32	22	20	21	25
<b>Reynolds, Ron</b>	D	27	30	18.2	20	10	8	3	14.9
<b>Riddle, Debbie</b>	R	150	87	52.9	79	54	44	80	66.1
<b>Ritter, Allan</b>	R	21	30	37	57	44	28	69	44.2
<b>Rodriguez, Eddie</b>	D	51	30	12.3	13	12	8	0	12.6
<b>Rodriguez, Justin</b>	D	125		15.3		7		0	7.4
<b>Rose, Toni</b>	D	110		19.1		13		3	11.7
<b>Sanford, Scott</b>	R	70		97.6		83		98	92.8
<b>Schaefer, Matt</b>	R	6		100		95		100	98.8
<b>Sheets, Kenneth</b>	R	107	97	68.4	70	69	36	87	71.2
<b>Sheffield, J. D.</b>	R	59		27.5		37		48	37.5
<b>Sheffield, Ralph</b>	R	55	87	52.3	77	68	40	65	64.9
<b>Simmons, Ron</b>	R	65		85.8		82		92	86.6
<b>Simpson, David</b>	R	7	97	94.8	91	88	87	93	91.8

<b>Smith, Wayne</b>	R	128	67	31.4	66	45	40	60	51.6
<b>Smithee, John</b>	R	86	75	66.5	67	74	36	88	67.8
<b>Springer, Drew</b>	R	68		92.9		88		98	92.9
<b>Stephenson, Phil</b>	R	85		39.7		55		73	55.9
<b>Stickland, Jonathan</b>	R	92		100		97		100	99.25
<b>Strama, Mark</b>	D	50	30	11.8	16	13	9	16	16
<b>Straus, Joe</b>	R	50							
<b>Taylor, Van</b>	R	66	95	99	80	92	92	98	92.7
<b>Thompson, Ed</b>	R	29		80		73		98	83.6
<b>Thompson, Senfronia</b>	D	141	30	22.2	13	15	12	10	17
<b>Toth, Steve</b>	R	15		91.5		95		95	95
<b>Turner, Chris</b>	D	101		20.1		8		10	12.7
<b>Turner, E. Scott</b>	R	33		100		90		100	97.5
<b>Turner, Sylvester</b>	D	139	30	14.6	21	16	8	13	17.1
<b>Villalba, Jason</b>	R	114		48.1		58		70	58.7
<b>Villarreal, Mike</b>	D	123	30	48.1	20	15	8	13	22.4
<b>Vo, Hubert</b>	D	149	30	16.7	30	18	8	11	19
<b>Walle, Armando</b>	D	140	30	21.7	17	15	8	5	16.1
<b>White, James</b>	R	19	97	90.8	82	80	92	93	89.1
<b>Workman, Paul</b>	R	47	95	52.9	76	58	40	85	67.8
<b>Wu, Gene</b>	D	137		14		8		10	10.6
<b>Zedler, Bill</b>	R	96	97	100	84	90	100	95	94.3
<b>Zerwas, John</b>	R	28	77	25.3	59	40	36	54	48.6