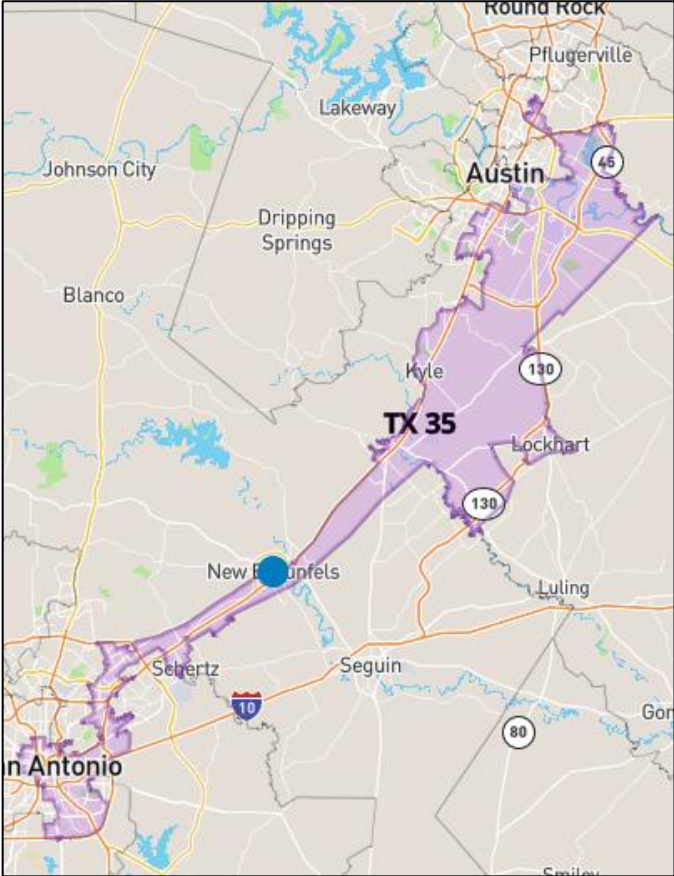


Comal County, Texas  
Candidates 2018 Midterm Elections

Federal Offices

**U.S. Senate**  
Upper chamber of the U.S. Congress.  
Two elected at large from each state.  
[Beto O'Rourke](#)  
[Ted Cruz](#)

**U.S. House of Representatives  
District 35**  
Lower chamber of the U.S. Congress.  
One elected from each of 435 districts  
across the United States.  
[Lloyd Doggett](#)  
[David Smalling](#)



**U.S. House of Representatives  
District 21**  
Lower chamber of the U.S. Congress.  
One elected from each of 435 districts  
across the United States.  
[Joseph Kopser](#)  
[Chip Roy](#)

## Comal County Offices

### Comal County Commissioners Court

Combines elements of judicial, legislative and executive function; the principal power of the court is the “power of the purse”. Some county functions are elected independent of the Court, designed to be independent and adversarial.

County Judge + 4 Commissioners

Precinct 4:

[Dorothy Carroll](#)

[Jen Crownover](#)

### Comal County Clerk

Recordings, vital statistics, county courts at law, elections, support for Commissioners’ Court.

[Gloria Meehan](#)

[Bobbie Koepp](#)

### Local and regional offices for which there is no Democratic candidate

District Judge, 207th Judicial District  
District Judge, 274th Judicial District  
Criminal District Attorney Comal County  
County Judge  
Judge, County Court-at-Law No.1  
District Clerk  
County Treasurer  
County Commissioner Pct.2  
Justice of the Peace Pct.1  
Justice of the Peace Pct.2  
Justice of the Peace Pct.3  
Justice of the Peace Pct.4

## Texas Executive Branch

Most offices of the executive branch of Texas government are elected independently from each other. Texas has a *plural executive system* which means these elected officials answer to the public, not the governor.

### Attorney General

Represents state in civil litigations, serves as legal counsel to agencies and commissions, defends challenges to state laws; some limited law enforcement power.

Justin Nelson  
Ken Paxton

### Agricultural Commissioner

Consumer protection at fuel pumps and in weights & measures; agricultural protections in trade, grants, and policies.

Kim Olson  
Sid Miller

### Land Commissioner

Manages Texas's publicly owned lands, by negotiating and enforcing leases for the use of the land, and sometimes by making sales of public lands.

Miguel Suazo  
George P. Bush

### Governor

Commander-in-chief, approve/veto bills, power to convene legislature; can grant pardons.

Lupe Valdez  
Greg Abbott

### Lieutenant Governor

Controls the Texas Senate, leader of the Legislative Budget Board, establishes standing and special committees, assigns legislation to committee of his choice.

Mike Collier  
Dan Patrick

### Comptroller of Public Accounts

Primary duty is collection of all tax revenue owed to the State (~60 types of tax); distributes local portions of sales tax back to taxing authorities.

Joi Chevalier  
Glenn Hegar

### Railroad Commission

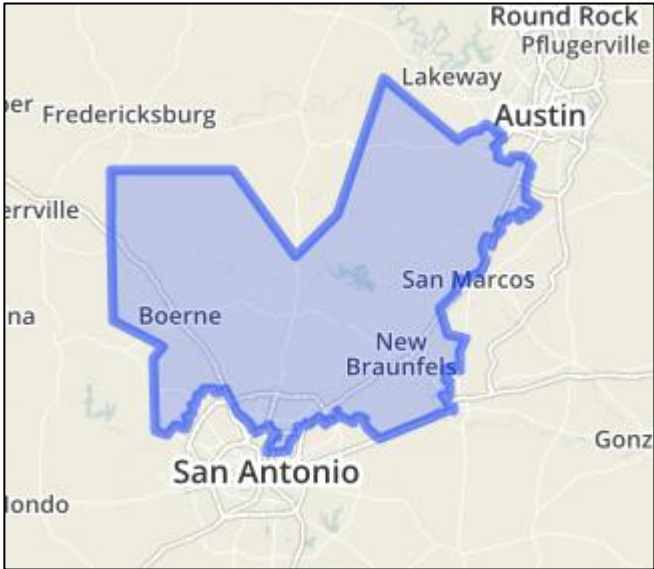
Regulates the oil & gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, surface mining. (Does not regulate railroads.

3 Commissioners

Roman McAllen  
Christi Craddick

Texas Legislative System

**TX State Senate District 25**  
Upper chamber of the Texas legislature.  
There are 31 senate districts.  
Steven Kling  
Donna Campbell



**TX State House District 73**  
Lower chamber of the Texas legislature.  
There are 150 house districts.  
Stephanie Phillips  
Kyle Biedermann



## Texas Judicial System

### Supreme Court

Appellate court of last resort for civil and juvenile cases

Chief Justice + 8 Justices

Place 2: Steven Kirkland  
Jimmy Blocklock

Place 4: R.K. Sandill  
John Devine

Place 6: Kathy Cheng  
Jeff Brown

### Court of Criminal Appeals

Appellate court of last resort for criminal cases

Presiding Judge + 8 Justices

Presiding Judge: Maria T. (Terri) Jackson  
Sharon Keller

Place 7: Ramona Franklin  
Barbara Parker Hervey

Place 8: No Democratic candidate

### Courts of Appeals

Intermediate appellate court for all cases from trial courts

Texas is divided into 14 districts to cover the state. Comal County, together with 23 other counties, forms the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals District.

Place 2: Edward Smith  
Cindy Olson Bourland

Place 3: Chari Kelly  
Scott Field

Place 5: Thomas J. Baker  
David Puryear

Place 6: Gisela D. Triana  
Michael "Mike" Toth