Greetings!

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Fresh Faces of the Texas Legislature

Twenty-nine Texans who weren’t in the state Legislature last session will take their seats as new members of the Texas House and Senate in January. All but three of them are Republicans. Some of them are filling seats left vacant by representatives and senators who pursued statewide offices in one of the most open fields Texas has seen in years, and others are replacing people they challenged in either the primaries or the general election.

Explore the list of fresh faces below to learn about the new lawmakers. In addition to the newbies listed here, the Texas Senate will include three members who served last session in the Texas House - Van Taylor, Brandon Creighton and Charles Perry.

Senate

Paul Bennencourt (The Taxman)(R) SD-7
Houston
CEO, Bettencourt Tax Advisors

Konni Burthon (R) SD-10
Colleyville
TEA Party Activist

Bob Hall (R) SD-2
Edgewood
Retired Consultant

Don Huffines (R) SD-16
Dallas
Owner of Huffine Communities

House

Rodney Anderson (R) HD-105
Grand Prairie
Realtor

Cesar Blanco, (D) HD-76
El Paso
Consultant

DeWayne Burns (R) HD-58
Cleburn
Business Investment Management

Dustin Burrows (R) HD-83
Lubbock
Attorney

Wayne Fairchild (R) HD-23
Dickenson
Insurance Agent

Rick Galindo (R) HD-117
San Antonio
Risk Manager

Celia Israel (D) HD-50
Austin
Owner, Mission Resources

Mark Keough (R) HD-15
The Woodlands
Pastor

Linda Koop (R) HD-102
Dallas
Former Business Woman

Brooks Landgraf (R) HD-81
Odessa
Attorney

Will Metcalf (R) HD-16
Conroe
Banker

Morgan Meyer (R) HD-108
Dallas
Attorney

Andrew Murr (R) HD-53
Junction
Attorney/Rancher/Owner Title Company

Dennis Paul (R) HD-129
Clear Lake City
Engineer

Gilbert Pena (R) HD-144
Pasadena
Retired

Dade Phelan (R) HD-21
Beaumont
Senior Partner and Broker at Phealn Investments

Matt Renaldi (R) HD-115
Irving
Attorney

Ramon Romero (D) HD-90
Ft. Worth
Owner-Stone Mason Supply

Mike Shoffield (R) HD-132
Katy
Attorney

Matt Shaheen (R) HD-66
Plano
Technology and Management Consultant

Stuart Spitzer (R) HD-4
Athens
Surgeon

Tony Tinderholt (R) HD-94
Arlington
Director of Training and Recruiting for Eliot Management Group

Gary Vandeaver (R) HD-1
Gary Vandeaver (R) HD-1
Clarksville
Retiring Public School Superintendent

Molly White (R) HD-55
Belton
Director-Women for Life International

John Wray (R) HD-10
Waxahachie
Attorney

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