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The State of Texas
House of Representatives



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Friends,

It is officially spring in North Texas!

Redistricting and the Texas Primary Election

This week, the Federal District Court in San Antonio officially entered redistricting plans for Texas for U.S. Congress, the Texas Senate, and the Texas House of Representatives for the 2012 election cycle. The court also made changes to the dates of the primary elections.

Voter registration cards are automatically renewed by your voter registrar. There is no need to apply for a voter registration card unless you have changed your name or address, in which case you will need to contact your local voter registrar.

The following dates are of importance:

- **March 20, 2012:** County Commissioners Court will need to submit redistricting plans for precinct boundaries.
- **March 30, 2012:** First day for a voter to submit an application for an early ballot by mail.
- **April 14, 2012:** The early voting clerk for the county will mail primary ballots to the individuals subject to the MOVE Act requirements.
- **April 25, 2012:** Deadline for the registrar to issue a voter registration card to registered voters in the county
- **Tuesday, May 29, 2012:** Primary election date
- **July 31, 2012:** Run-off election date for primaries

Around the District

February has been an exciting month around the district. I enjoyed attending the National Center for Policy Analysis luncheon featuring former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. He discussed the importance of high expectations, school accountability, and using technology to customize student learning. Senator John Cornyn gave an excellent speech at the Dallas Regional Chamber's State of the Senate luncheon where he stressed that we must remain globally competitive keeping in mind taxation and regulatory policy. There were many fine police officers honored at the Richardson Police Department's annual awards banquet. It was exciting hearing about the achievements Garland has made in the past year at the Garland Chamber of Commerce's State of the City luncheon with Mayor Ron Jones. I was also very pleased to meet with the Sachse Chamber of Commerce, and I am eager to start building a relationship with such a wonderful city. Earlier this week, I attended the Texas Association of School Boards Region 10 Legislator and SBOE Meeting and Dinner. It was an informative event where many great educators and legislators discussed the education needs of our region. Below are some photos of other events I have attended around the district.



Here I am at the US 75 Task Force meeting last month. To my left are Garland Mayor Ron Jones and McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller. To my right are Representative Larry Phillips and Irving Mayor Pro Tem Rick Stopfer. Speakers at the meeting discussed the possibility of enlarging the US 75/US 69 Corridor in preparation for the increased freight traffic coming from Houston as a result of the widening of the Panama Canal.



I had a meeting at the Garland ISD Administration Building to discuss how to incorporate and implement work force programs into our public education system. To my right: Texas Work Force Commissioner, Tom Pauken, State Representative Cindy Burkett, and Garland City Councilman Larry Jeffus. To my left: GISD Superintendent, Dr. Curtis Culwell, Ms. Joyce Howard, and my husband, Darcy Button



I visited with the great people of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce. To my right is my District Coordinator, Rachael Grimes. To my left are Chamber Chairman Barry Young, Chamber President Diane Lemmons, Chamber Membership Services Director Carol Prano, City of Rowlett Economic Development Director, Jim Grabenhorst, and Chamber Past Chair Mark Garcia.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Angie Chen Button

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