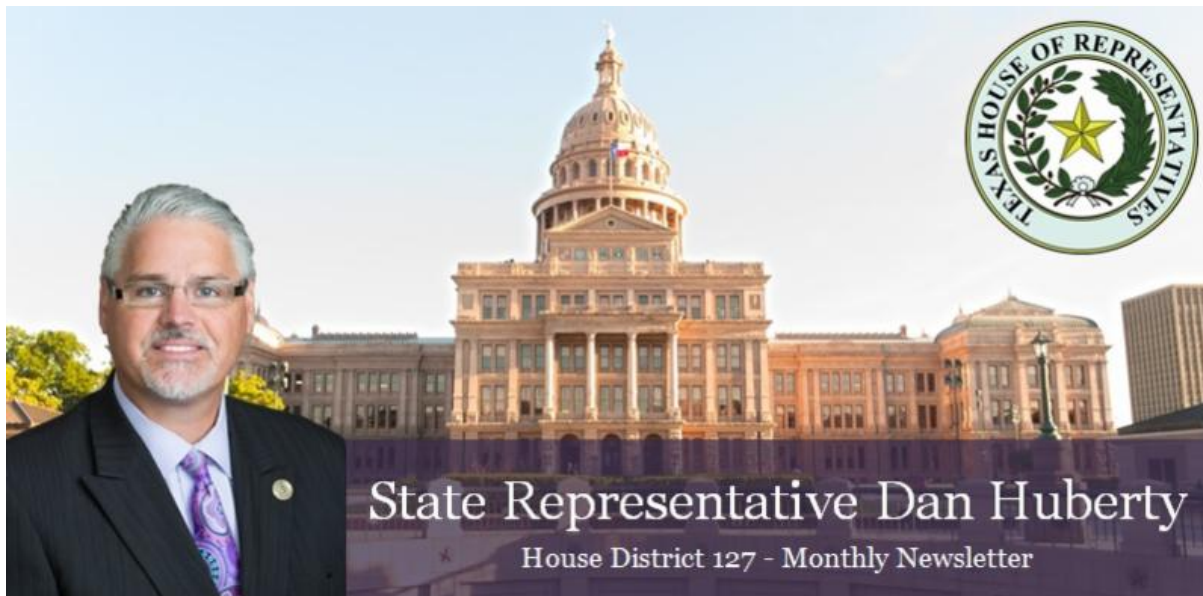


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December 1, 2015,

Dear Fellow Texan,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Janet and I enjoyed the holiday with our family and friends in House District 127. Spending time with family and giving thanks were just what we needed during this difficult time for our country and our allies across the world.

In this month's edition of my newsletter, will outline what was going on in Austin and HD 127 this past month, policy focus on implementation of House Bill 4, and our new calendar feature. Additionally, this month, the House Committee on State Affairs will be convening to discuss the topic of **sanctuary cities and illegal immigration**. While the oral testimony for his hearing is only for those invited by the committee, I would appreciate hearing what you think about these topics. [Click here to find out how to contact us.](#)

**Please note that my offices will be closed December 23, 2015 through January 4, 2016 to allow my staff to spend time with their families during the holiday season.**

If you have questions about other specific policy areas, or need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff. You can find my staff and my contact information at the bottom of this email. We're always happy to help you.

I hope you and your family have a happy holiday season. We will see you again in January.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty

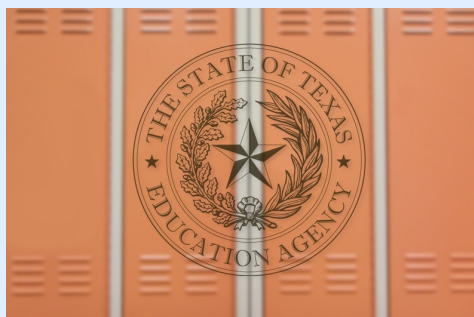


## What's Going on in Austin?

### Who Will Be the Next Texas Education Chief?

Governor Greg Abbott is expected to appoint a new commissioner of the Texas Education Agency. While rumors swirl, the Texas Tribune outlines the benefits of some of the potential hires.

[Read More on the Texas Tribune!](#)



### Rep. Huberty Explains the Importance of A-F School Assessment

On November 19, 2015,



Pictured L to R: Bill Hammond (TAB), Rep. Marsha Farney, Rep. Dan Huberty, Sarah Powell

Representative Huberty was joined by fellow House Committee on Public Education member and State Representative Marsha Farney and Sarah Powell, from the UT-Austin Department of Special Education, to discuss the assessment of schools. House Bill (HB) 2804, authored by Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock

was an bill that overhauled the assessments of schools, and proposed an evaluation standard that will hold schools more accountable. The new law would require the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency to assign a rating of A, B, C, D, or F to schools districts, as well as individual campuses for each of the areas outlined in the bill, beginning September 1, 2016.

As a supporter of this legislation, Rep. Huberty explained the benefits to the attendees at Texas Association of Business's "New School Accountability" Conference.

"The current 'thumbs up/thumbs down' evaluation system for schools and districts isn't the best option. By having a pass/fail system, we're unable to address the peripheral problems that could be contributing to a school's failure," Rep. Huberty stated. "With this new system, we are able to more adequately assess schools, and make sure that our students are getting the education they deserve."

You can read more about HB 2804 and what it means for your schools [in this document compiled by the House Research Organization.](#)

## November 3, 2015 Elections - Statewide Propositions

During November, the voters in our state decided to pass the seven statewide propositions that Rep. Huberty, along with his colleagues, approved in the Legislature. With voter support, Texas has seven new Constitutional Amendments. For a refresher, the new amendments are outlined below. Rep. Huberty would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Texas Legislature and their desires to pass meaningful legislation for all Texans:

1. The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.
2. The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.
3. The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.
4. The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.
5. The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.
6. The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.
7. The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.

## Rep. Huberty Awarded *Champion of Free Enterprise*

On November 12, Rep. Huberty was honored to accept the Free Enterprise Champion award from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas for his service during the 84th Legislative Session.



If you would like to learn more about the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas, [please visit their website.](#)

## Rep. Huberty Named *2015 Effective Conservative Lawmaker*

The Conservative Roundtable of Texas has recognized State Representative Dan Huberty as a 2015 Effective Conservative Lawmaker.

The voter index can be viewed online at [TxCRIndex.com](http://TxCRIndex.com).

The 2015 Conservative Effectiveness Index, TxCR's third biennial assessment of the Texas Legislature, considers over 50 substantive bills across 7 key policy areas. TxCR emphasizes conservative economic solutions, free market principles, reasonable and limited regulations, adequate and reliable infrastructure, low taxation and efficient government.

The selection as a 2015 Effective Conservative Lawmaker is the result of Rep. Huberty's efforts and votes during the 84th Legislative Session to advance conservative solutions and ensure Texas remains a leader in job creation, economic growth and quality of life.

## Policy Focus

### TEA Public Hearing for Implementation of Rep. Huberty's HB 4

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will hold a public hearing beginning at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015**, to solicit input from the public related to the development of Commissioner's rules for the High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Program authorized under House Bill 4, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015. The hearing will take place in Room 1-111, William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701.

Individuals who wish to testify at the hearing should sign in at the hearing site; no prior registration is necessary. Testimony will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Speakers are encouraged, but are not required, to provide written copies of their testimony. Individuals who wish to provide written testimony may do so at the time of the meeting.

[You can find more information about the schedule for stakeholder input on TEA's Website.](#)

## House District 127 November Events

### November 10, 2015

Rep. Huberty attended the Wildcat Salute to Veterans at Humble High School. Principal Dr. Charles Ned and LTC Robert Rohm laid a wreath and Capt. James W. Mehrmann (RET) served as the guest speaker.



## November 12, 2015

Rep. Huberty is seen here speaking to the Houston Apartment Association about the Texas Legislature's last session and about Senate Bill 267, or the "Source of Income" Ordinance legislation, which he sponsored in the House.

Rep. Huberty was also surprised with a **Distinguished Service Award** for his service during the 84th Legislative Session.



## November 18, 2015



Photo Courtesy of David Escobar.



### **Above:**

Rep. Huberty with Harris County Constable Mark Herman's Precinct 4 team at the Kingwood Area Republican Women's Veterans Day Luncheon.

**Right:** Rep. Huberty Leading the attendees in the pledges to our United States and Texas flags.

**Below:** The HD 127 Veterans that were honored at the luncheon.



## Family Focus



## November 8, 2015

Rep. Huberty with his family participating in Addi's Faith Fundraiser to wipe out Childhood Cancer. Teague Cox, in the boxing gloves, is currently fighting his battle against childhood cancer.

*Go Team Teague!*

## November 27, 2015



Rep. Huberty and his family celebrating Thanksgiving.

**From top clockwise:** Rep. Huberty, cousin Tom Huberty and his wife Audi Huberty, Dylan Huberty, Brianna Huberty, Ryan Huberty, cousin Dan Arnold and his father Brian Arnold.

**Photographer:** Janet Huberty

## November 28, 2015

The Huberty Family went to support Atascocita High School in their game versus Rowlett at the new McLane Stadium at Baylor University.

Atascocita High won the game 31-24!

Dylan, a football star himself, is seen here with a life-size portrait of LaQuan McGown of the Baylor Football team.

**Atascocita High School will be facing Westlake in the UIL Football Tournament this weekend, December 5th.**

You can see our calendar for more information.

**GO EAGLES!!**



# Upcoming Events

## December 2015

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under each link, you can find R.S.V.P. information, exact times, locations, and much more.

This color box indicates an event in or near House District 127.

This color box indicates an event in Austin, Texas.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	<a href="#">Public Hearing on HB 4</a> <a href="#">City of Humble Parade of Lights</a>	<a href="#">FUNraisers Fabulous Las Vegas Night benefiting HAAM</a> <b>EARLY VOTING BEGINS</b>	<a href="#">BizCom - Kingwood</a>	4	<a href="#">UIL High School Football Tournament- Atascocita High vs. Westlake</a>
6	7	<a href="#">Elected Officials Reception</a> <b>EARLY VOTING ENDS</b>	9	<a href="#">BizCom-Summer Creek</a> <a href="#">House Committee on State Affairs Meeting</a>	11	<a href="#">Toys for Tots Toy Drive</a> <b>HARRIS COUNTY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Hanukkah Ends					

20	21	22	23 <i>Rep. Huberty's Offices Close for Christmas</i>	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	1	2

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