



TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Cecil Bell, Jr.

District 3



Reps. Bell & Toth at a local chamber meeting

Dear Friends of House District 3,

A big thank you to all of you who did your civic duty and voted early or voted yesterday in the election! With your help, every proposed constitutional amendment passed! As a result of yesterday's elections, the State of Texas will have funds to assist in the financing of our State Water Plan, home-rule cities will have greater local control in determining how to fill vacant elected seats, and surviving spouses of service members will receive much needed property-tax exemptions.

Montgomery County Election Results:

http://www.mctx.org/election/results/2013_November_Joint_Cumulative_Report.pdf?ts=83206

Waller County Election Results (will be posted shortly):

<http://www.wallercountyelections.com/home.php>

GOD BLESS TEXAS!

Update on House Bill 2, relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities

On October 28th, District Judge Lee Yeakel, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, ruled House Bill 2, the special session abortion bill, unconstitutional. Specifically citing requirements for doctors who perform an abortion to have admitting privileges at area hospitals, Judge Yeakel held that the provision in the bill violates the rights of abortion doctors to do what they think is best for their patients and would unreasonably restrict a woman's access to abortion clinics.

Three days later, on October 31st, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed part of Judge Yeakel's ruling, meaning those provisions of H.B. 2 can now take effect immediately. The appellate court lifted the permanent injunction placed on the abortion regulations by the lower court, arguing that the state was likely to succeed in its legal arguments.

In the state's request for a stay of Yeakel's Monday ruling, attorneys wrote that the district court took an "extraordinary step" by ruling that the provisions caused an undue burden on women seeking abortion, as 90 percent of patients would still be able to receive an abortion within 100 miles of their residence. The state called the move "so aggressive that it ignores those concessions and sweeps more broadly than even the plaintiffs were willing to argue."

The Attorney General's office will continue its appeal, arguing that the provision will protect the life of the unborn, as well as all women throughout the state. My office will continue to closely follow these events as they proceed along the appellate procedure.

Attention: Waller County Residents

In November of last year, Electro Purification filed an application with Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District to drill 7 wells in Waller County.

A preliminary hearing was held in the Electro Purification case on October 28 to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, and establish a procedural schedule. My office attended this hearing and will make our best effort to attend all subsequent hearings.

Parties were preliminary established during this hearing, but the administrative law judge is leaving the record open until at least November 20 so that parties have time to submit proper resolutions.

Need more information? Call my office or use BGCD as a resource:

<http://www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org/applications-forms/proposedapps/proposed-application-electro-purification-llc/>

Meet your new district director!

Carolyn Bruton was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She graduated from The University of Tulsa with a degree in elementary education and taught for several years in the Tulsa public school system. Previously the district coordinator for former-Representative Rob Eissler, Carolyn has served as an officer for her local PTO, PTA, National Charity League and Junior League chapters. A proud resident of the State of Texas and Montgomery County for over thirty years, she also served as the chair of the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery County. She and her husband, Randy, are the parents of two adult daughters and one grandson.

LOCAL EVENT THIS WEEKEND

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is coming to Magnolia!

Where: Grounds between the First Baptist Church of Magnolia and the Magnolia Apostolic Church
18525 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77355

When: Opening ceremony is Friday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Visiting through the weekend and on Veterans Day, November 11, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.