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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



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NEWSLETTER

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Friends,

Happy New Year! My family and I wish you all a safe and prosperous 2022.

Holiday events in HD 137 were a big success!

Free tax preparation is being offered in Southwest Houston.

COVID-19 tests are available to be delivered to your home for free.

The Gulfton Superneighborhood Council holds monthly meetings for our Gulfton community.

As a result of the census and redistricting process, HD 137 has expanded its borders!

If you would like to have an announcement featured in our newsletter, please contact us at district137.wu@house.texas.gov for information on submissions and deadlines.

It is an honor to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,



Gene and family wishing you a Happy New Year!

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Holiday Events

This past holiday season saw a lot of need from many families in House District 137.

Fortunately, our district is home to many dedicated public servants, businesses, and volunteers who routinely go above and beyond to provide for our community.

My office reached out to many of you looking for donations and support for these events, to which the response was overwhelming.

I would like to thank you all and offer my deep appreciation for the kindness, compassion, and service that your donations and time provided to our neighbors in need.



Santa joined officers at the Gulfton HPD Storefront for a toy giveaway and a game of musical chairs. A special thanks to our officers and community partners that helped to put on this great event!



Team Wu with staff from the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center setting up a Christmas lunch for residents consisting of authentic Chinese food from HD 137.



Gene and Principal Reyes of Gabriela Mistral Early Education Center with donations for our Pre-K students and families.

Free Tax Preparation from Neighborhood Tax Centers

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will begin accepting federal tax returns for 2021 beginning on January 24, 2022.

The BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus and the Chinese Community Center located in HD 137 have Neighborhood Tax Centers offering **free tax preparation**, including free Child Tax Credit assistance, until mid-April. There are multiple tax center locations located throughout the greater Houston area, as listed in the flier below. No appointment needed, walk-ins only.

Please contact my office if you would like a copy of this flier to share in Spanish, Vietnamese, or Chinese. We also have information for those interested in volunteering at a tax center this tax season!



NEIGHBORHOOD TAX CENTERS

FREE Tax Preparation

FREE Child Tax Credit Assistance | FREE ITIN applications and renewals

Families and individuals earning up to \$58,000 are eligible.
No appointments (walk-ins ONLY).

Tax Centers are open Mid-January through April 18, 2022

ITIN APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS PROVIDED AT THESE SITES

- A** BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus
6500 Rookin St., Houston, TX 77074
Jan. - April, M - F 9-7; Sat. 9-3; Sun 12-5
Closed April 17
- B** BakerRipley Ripley House
4410 Navigation Blvd, Houston, TX 77011
Jan. / Feb. / April, M - F 9-7; Sat. 9-2
March M - Th 9-7; F 9-4; Sat. 9-2
- C** Memorial Assistance Ministries
1625 Blalock Rd, Houston, TX 77080
Jan. - April, M - F 1-7; Sat. 9-3; Sun. 12-5
Closed April 17
- D** BakerRipley Cleveland Campus
720 Fairmont Plwy, Pasadena, TX 77504
Jan. / Feb. / April, M - F 9-7; Sat. 9-3
March M - Th 9-7; F 9-4; Sat. 9-2
- E** BakerRipley East Aldine Campus
3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd, Houston, TX 77039
Jan. / Feb. / April, M - F 9-7; Sat. 9-2
March M - Th 9-7; F 9-4; Sat. 9-2

- 1** Chinese Community Center
9800 Town Park Dr., Houston, TX 77036
Jan. - April, M, Th, Sat. 9:30-5
Closed February 5
- 2** Sunnyside Multi-Service Center
4605 Wilmington St., Houston, TX 77051
Jan. - April, M - F 9-5
- 3** Acres Homes Multi-Service Center
6719 W. Montgomery, Houston, TX 77091
Jan. - April, M, T, W, F 9-5; Sat. 10-3
- 4** United Way Montgomery County Center
1600 Lake Front Cir. Spring, TX 77380
Jan. - April, M, T, Th 10-7; Sat. 9-2
- 5** Community Assistance Center
1022 McCall Ave, Conroe, TX 77301
Jan. - April, W, F 9-5; Sat. 9-2
- 6** United Way Fort Bend Center
12300 Parc Crest Dr., Stafford, TX 77477
Jan. - April, M - Th 10-6; Sat. 9-3
- 7** United Way Bay Area Center
1300 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058
Jan. / Feb. / April, M - F 10-6
March M - Thu 10-6; F 10-4

Visit www.freetaxcenters.org for:

- Virtual service
- More locations



Call: 713-273-3755
2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE

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BakerRipley.org

Order Free COVID-19 Tests

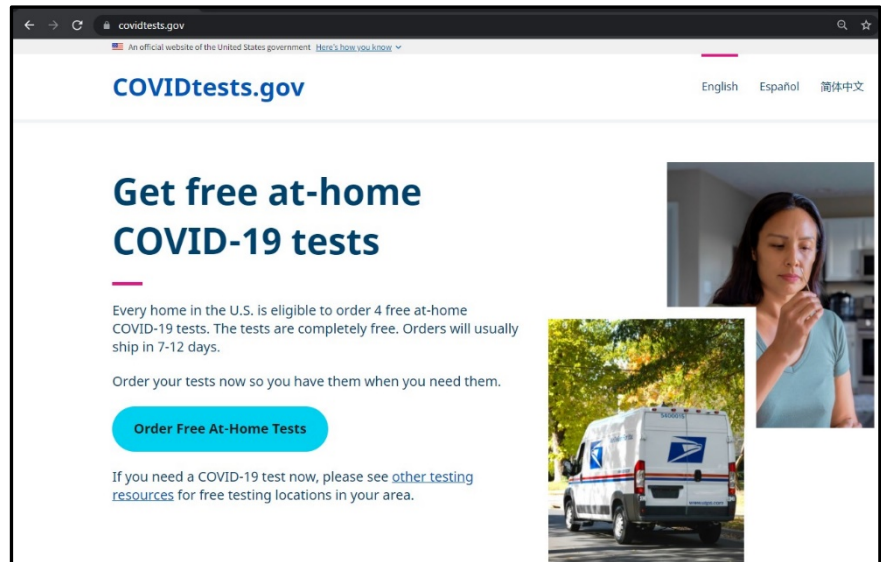
Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days and will be delivered by USPS.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Click the image to be taken <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests

[Read more frequently asked questions](#)



Gulfton Superneighborhood Council

The Gulfton Super Neighborhood Council (GSNC) is a group of community residents and stakeholders who work collaboratively to improve the Gulfton neighborhood. The GSNC is one of the only active civic organizations in Gulfton, and is an invaluable resource to residents, service providers, institutions and businesses to work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of the neighborhood and community. Meetings also present a great opportunity to engage with elected and government officials who represent the Gulfton community.

The GSNC welcomes anyone who lives, works, or has interest in Gulfton to join council meetings. The GSNC meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 12pm. Meetings are currently being held virtually. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact GSNC President, Sandra Rodriguez - gulftonsnc@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Gulfton neighborhood, please click the image below.



New Borders for HD 137

As of January 18th, 2022, new state and congressional district maps drawn during the redistricting process went into effect. The redistricting process is undertaken in response to the decennial census to account for changes in the population.


Like the population of Texas, House District 137 has grown! Our district population has grown by nearly 25,000 residents, and as a result, our district borders have expanded to represent more of Southwest Houston.

The images below show an outline of the new district borders. The top image is our previous borders, and the bottom image shows new borders with a green checkmark in new areas, annexed from HD 146, HD 131, & HD 134. There is also a red "x", showing a very small annex of our northwestern most border by HD 133.

Overall, the majority of HD 137 remains intact. My staff and I fought vigilantly during redistricting to incorporate areas of Sharpstown and Asiatown that were outside of HD 137 into our new boundaries, specifically along Bellaire Blvd., Corporate Dr., and Beechnut St.

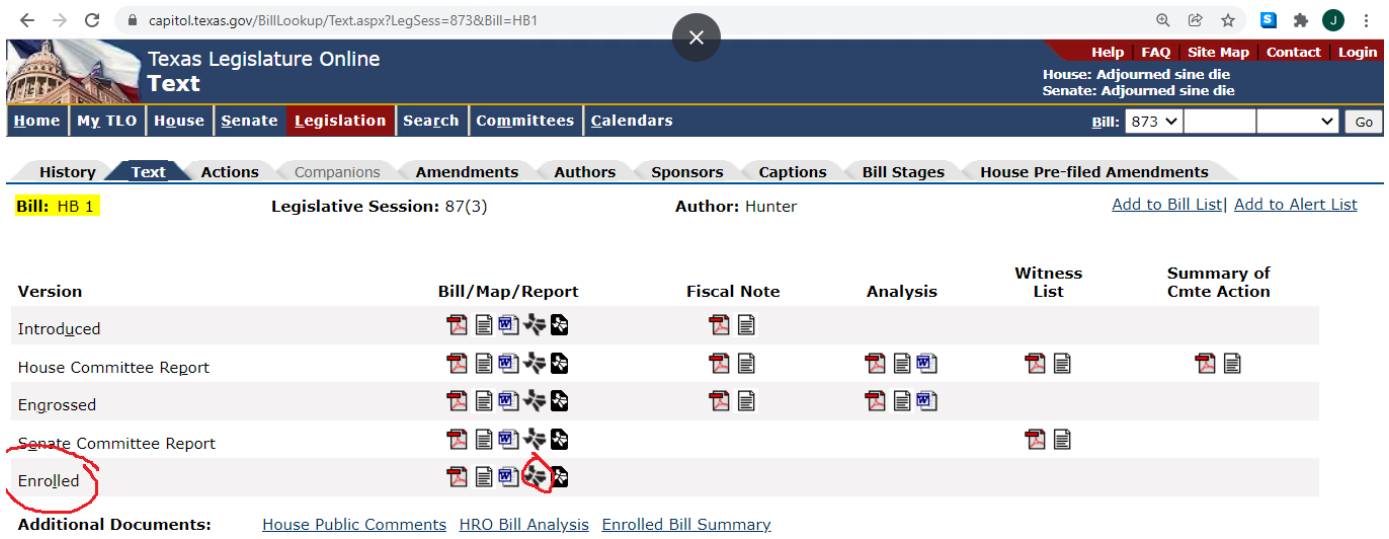
There were also notable additions to the Southeastern part of our district, with the borders expanding past Bissonnet St., down to N. Braeswood Blvd along Renwick Dr. Joining the HD 137 community will be neighborhoods such as Robindell, Maplewood, and Braeburn Terrace. Parts of Meyerland, and Brays Oaks will also now be in HD 137.

If you would like to view the new boundaries in more detail, or view another state or congressional district, please click [here](#), or on the image below. There will be multiple options and versions - use the "Enrolled" column and click






































on the icon shaped like Texas  to be taken to an interactive map.

Official maps will be soon posted on my state website, along with updated demographic information for our district. My staff and I will be sure to share updates with you as we get them, and are happy to answer any of your questions in the meantime.

I am so excited by the growth of our district, and look forward to our new neighbors joining the diversity of our great community!



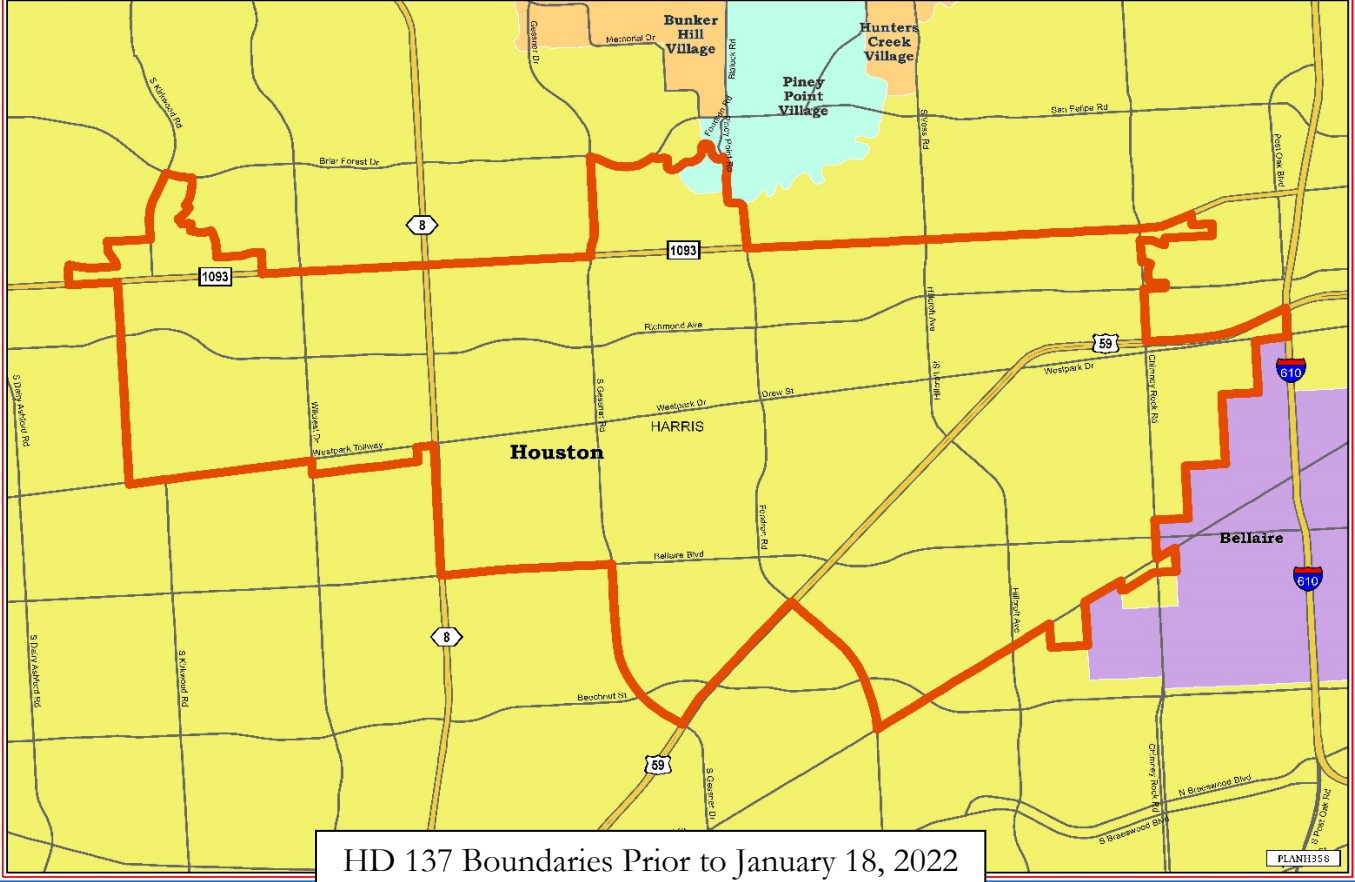
The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online interface for Bill HB 1. The page includes a navigation menu with options like Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The main content area displays the bill's history, including the following table:

Version	Bill/Map/Report	Fiscal Note	Analysis	Witness List	Summary of Cmte Action
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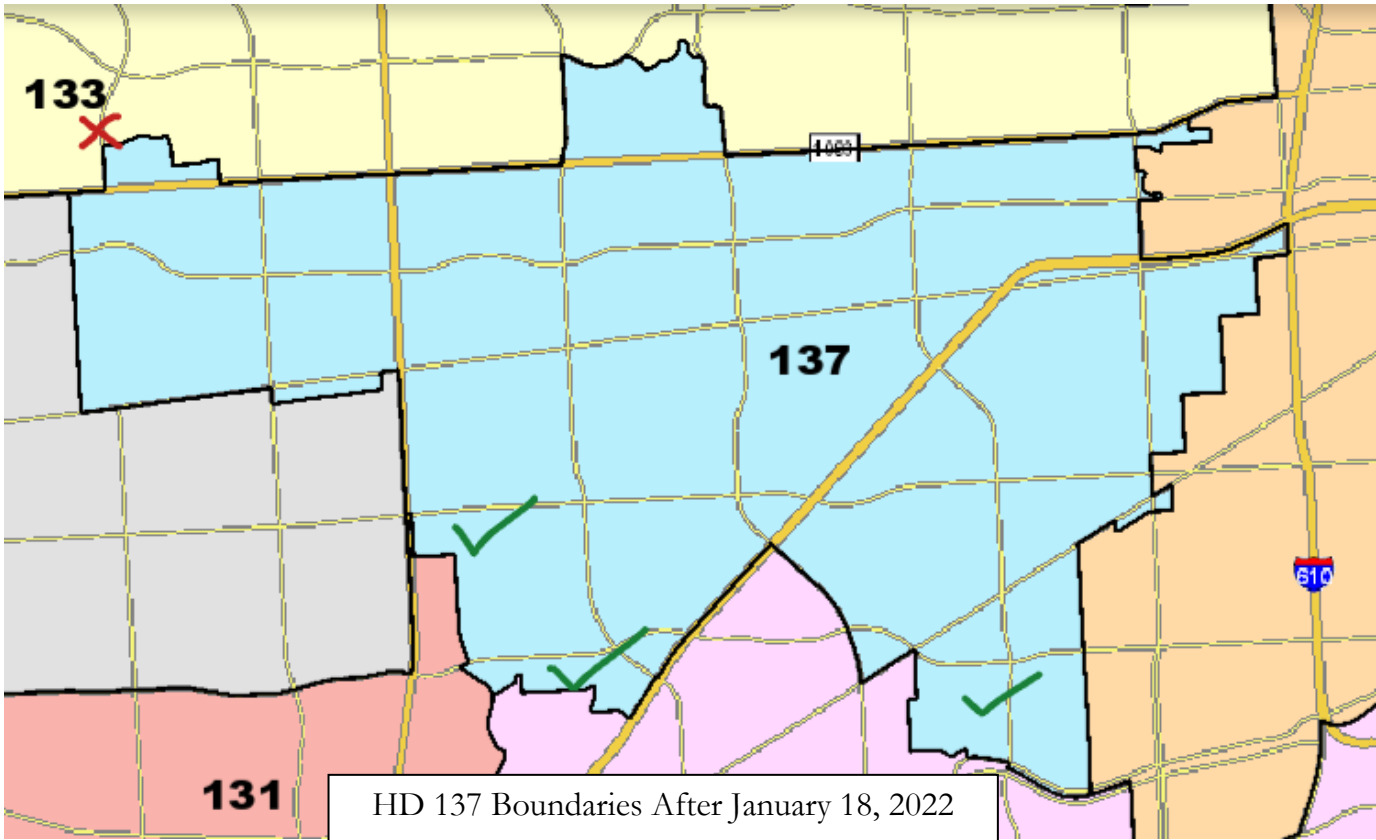
Additional Documents: [House Public Comments](#) [HRO Bill Analysis](#) [Enrolled Bill Summary](#)



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HD 137 Boundaries Prior to January 18, 2022



HD 137 Boundaries After January 18, 2022

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