

FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICIALS

All county terms are 4 years.

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW try criminal cases involving Class A and Class B misdemeanors and civil disputes in which the amount at stake is between \$500 and \$100,000. County Courts also probate wills, appoint guardians for minors, and conduct mental health/competency hearings. *Election Year 2010*

- #1 Ben W. "Bud" Childers (R) 281 633-7415
- #2 Walter S. McMeans (R) 281 341-4446
- #3 Susan Lowery (R) 281 341-4430
- #4 R.H. "Sandy" Bielstein (R) 281 341-4501

The **SHERIFF** is the chief law enforcement officer for the county, but in urban areas the city and county usually work out a division of labor, leaving police work in unincorporated areas to the sheriff. The sheriff also operates the county jail. *Election year 2012*

- Milton Wright (R) 281 341-4700

The **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** prosecutes felony criminal cases in the State District Courts. *Election year 2010*

- John F. Healey, Jr. (R) 281 341-4460

The **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** advises the Commissioners Court and other county officials on legal issues. *Election year 2012*

- Roy L. Cordes, Jr. (R) 281 341-4555

The **DISTRICT CLERK** maintains legal records for the District Courts. *Election year 2010*

- Annie Rebecca Elliott (R) 281 341-4515

The **COUNTY CLERK'S** office records legal documents such as deeds, assumed names, and contracts. It keeps vital statistics on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. The **County Clerk** is also the clerk of the County Court, County Courts at Law and Commissioners Court. *Election year 2010*

- Dianne Wilson (R) 281 341-8685

The **COUNTY TREASURER** is responsible for receiving funds and making authorized expenditures. *Election year 2010*

- Jeff Council (R) 281 238-3225

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR collects the county's property taxes, collects fees for automobile license plates, and issues certificates-of-title for motor vehicles. *Election year 2012*

- Patsy Schultz (R) 281 341-3710

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS exercise both criminal and civil jurisdiction. Criminal cases involve Class C misdemeanor offenses, while civil cases involve disputes of \$5,000 or less. In these matters, JP courts act as small claims courts. **Justices of the Peace** also conduct inquests. *Election years 2010/2012*

Precinct #1 Election Year

- Pl 1 Gary D. Janssen (R) 281 342-7807 2012
- Pl 2 Gary A. Geick (R) 281 341-3742 2010
- #2 Joel Clouser, Sr. (D) 281 403-8080 2010
- #3 Ken Cannata (R) 281 494-7169 2010
- #4 Jim Richard (R) 281 491-6016 2010

CONSTABLES are certified law-enforcement officers, but their primary chore is to assist the JP courts by serving legal papers. In some instances, they also have law enforcement responsibilities. *Election year 2012*

- Precinct #1**
- #1 A. J. Dorr (R) 281 341-4536
 - #2 Ruben Davis (D) 281 403-8010
 - #3 Rob Cook (R) 281 491-7226
 - #4 Troy E. Nehls (R) 281 242-4014



County Website: www.co.fort-bend.tx.us/



Your **Voter Registration Certificate** indicates the districts for your U.S. Representative, State Senator, and State Representative and the precincts for County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace.

Your registration is permanent. A new **Voter Registration Certificate** will be issued automatically to you every two years.

Each voter must vote in the *precinct of residence* designated on the **Voter Registration Certificate**.

Precinct lists giving polling locations are printed in local newspapers prior to an election.

REGISTER TO VOTE if you are at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States. You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election in which you want to vote. You may phone the **Elections Administrator, 281-341-8670**, for information about application, registration, and early voting.

Municipalities in Fort Bend County

City of Arcola 281 431-0606	City of Richmond 281 342-5456
City of Fulshear 281 346-1796	City of Rosenberg 832 595-3302
City of Houston 713 247-2200	City of Simonton 281 533-9809
City of Katy 281 391-4800	City of Stafford 281 261-3900
City of Kendleton 979 532-0621	City of Sugar Land 281 275-2700
City of Meadows Place 281 983-2950	Town of Beasley 979 387-2775
City of Missouri City 281 261-4260	Town of Thompsons 281 343-9929
City of Needville 979 793-4253	Village of Fairchilds 979 793-6722
City of Orchard 979 478-6893	Village of Pleak 281 239-8504

School Districts in Fort Bend County

Brazos I.S.D. 979 478-6551	Lamar C.I.S.D. 281 341-3100
Fort Bend I.S.D. 281 634-1000	Needville I.S.D. 979 793-4308
Katy I.S.D. 281 396-6000	Stafford M.S.D. 281 261-9200
Kendleton I.S.D. 979 532-2855	



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

	<i>Term</i>	<i>Election Year</i>
PRESIDENT Barack Obama (D) <i>Email: president@whitehouse.gov</i>	4 years	2012
VICE-PRESIDENT Joe Biden (D) <i>Email: vice_president@whitehouse.gov</i>	4 years	2012
The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500 Switchboard: 202 456-1414		

UNITED STATES LEGISLATORS

SENATORS	<i>6 years</i>	
John Cornyn (R) 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC. 20510 202 224-2934 713 572-3337 <i>Website: http://cornyn.senate.gov</i>		2014
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) 284 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC. 20510-4304 202 224-5922 713 653-3456 <i>Website: http://hutchison.senate.gov</i>		2012
REPRESENTATIVES	<i>2 years</i>	2010
District 9 - Al Green (D) 236 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-4309 202 225-7508 713 383-9234 <i>Website: http://www.house.gov/algreen/</i>		
District 14 - Ron Paul (R) 203 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 202 225-2831 979 285-0231 <i>Website: http://www.house.gov/paul/</i>		
District 22 - Pete Olsen (R) 514 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 202 225-5951 281 494-2690 <i>Website: http://olson.house.gov/</i>		

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PRESIDENT: The Honorable _____
Dear President _____
U.S. and STATE SENATORS:
The Honorable _____
Dear Senator _____
U.S. and STATE REPRESENTATIVES:
The Honorable _____
Dear _____

STATE OF TEXAS
ADDRESS FOR ALL STATE OFFICIALS
State Capitol Building
Austin, Texas 78711

<i>Term 4 years</i>	<i>Election Year 2010</i>
GOVERNOR Rick Perry (R)	800 843-5789
LT. GOVERNOR David Dewhurst (R)	800 441-0373
ATTORNEY GENERAL Greg Abbott (R)	800 252-8011
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS Susan Combs (R)	800 252-5555
COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE Jerry Patterson (R)	800 998-4456
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE Todd Staples (R)	800 835-5832
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER	512 463-7158
<i>Term 6 years</i>	<i>Election Year</i>
Elizabeth Ames Jones, Chairman (R)	2012
Michael L. Williams (R)	2014
Victor G. Corrillo (R)	2010
SECRETARY OF STATE (Appointed by the Governor) Esperanza "Hope" Andrade	512 463-5770 Elections Division 800 252-8683

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HOTLINE
800 252-9600

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
(Status of Bills only during Legislative Sessions)
800 253-9693
Website: http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

District	<i>Election year 2010</i>
4 Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.	713 733-4643
10 Cynthia Dunbar	281 232-4477

STATE LEGISLATORS
REPRESENTING FORT BEND COUNTY

The **TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE** is composed of a **State House of Representatives** and a **State Senate**. The Legislature meets in January of odd-numbered years for 140 days to establish policy for the state of Texas. The Governor may call additional special sessions of the Legislature when needed.

The **Texas State Senate** is comprised of 31 members. Parts of Fort Bend county are included in the districts of three state senators.

ADDRESS FOR ALL STATE SENATORS
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, TX 78711

STATE SENATOR

<i>Term 4 years</i>	<i>Election Year 2010</i>
District 13 - Rodney Ellis (D) 512 463-0113	281 261-2360
<i>Email: rodney.ellis@senate.state.tx.us</i>	

District 17 - Joan Huffman (R) 512 463-0117	713 662-3821
<i>Email: joan.huffman@senate.state.tx.us</i>	

District 18 - Glenn Hegar (R) 512 463-0118	281 391-8883
<i>Email: district18.hegar@senate.state.tx.us</i>	

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The **Texas House of Representatives** is comprised of 150 members. Fort Bend county is divided into three state representative districts.

ADDRESS FOR REPRESENTATIVES
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

<i>Term 2 years</i>	<i>Election Year 2010</i>
District 26 - Charlie Howard (R) 512 463-0710	281 565-9500
<i>Email: charlie.howard@house.state.tx.us</i>	
District 27 - Dora Olivo (D) 512 463-0494	281 208-8806
<i>Email: dora.olivo@house.state.tx.us</i>	
District 28 - John Zerwas (R) 888 827-1560	281 533-9042
<i>Email: john.zerwas@house.state.tx.us</i>	

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

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DISTRICT JUDGES - The District Courts are the highest level trial courts of the State of Texas. The 328th and 387th Courts primarily hear family law cases involving child custody, adoptions, and divorce. The 240th, 268th, and 400th Courts primarily hear felony and civil cases including contracts, real estate disputes, libel and slander suits, and controversies over contested elections.

<i>Term 4 years</i>	<i>Election Year</i>
District	JUDGE
240th	Thomas R. Culver III (R) 2010
268th	Brady G. Elliott (R) 2010
328th	Ronald R. (Ron) Pope (R) 2010
387th	Robert J. Kern (R) 2012
400th	Clifford Vacek (R) 2012

The **COMMISSIONERS COURT** is composed of four **Commissioners** and the **County Judge** who are responsible for maintaining county roads and bridges, a courthouse and jail, and administering the county health and welfare system. In addition, the Commissioners Court is empowered to adopt the county budget and provide additional optional services allowed by state law.

The **COUNTY JUDGE** is elected countywide. In Ft. Bend county the County Judge devotes most, if not all, his time to county business and leaves the work of trying cases to county courts at law. He presides over the Commissioners Court.

<i>Term 4 years</i>	<i>Election year 2010</i>
Robert Hebert (R)	281 341-8608

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - The four commissioners are elected from districts called County Commissioners' Precincts which, according to Federal Court requirements, must be nearly equal in population size.

<i>Term 4 years</i>	<i>Election year</i>
Precinct	
#1 Richard Morrison (D)	281 344-9400 2012
#2 Grady Prestage (D)	281 403-8000 2010
#3 Andy Meyers (R)	281 494-9076 2012
#4 James Patterson (R)	281 980-2235 2010