

# STATE OF TEXAS

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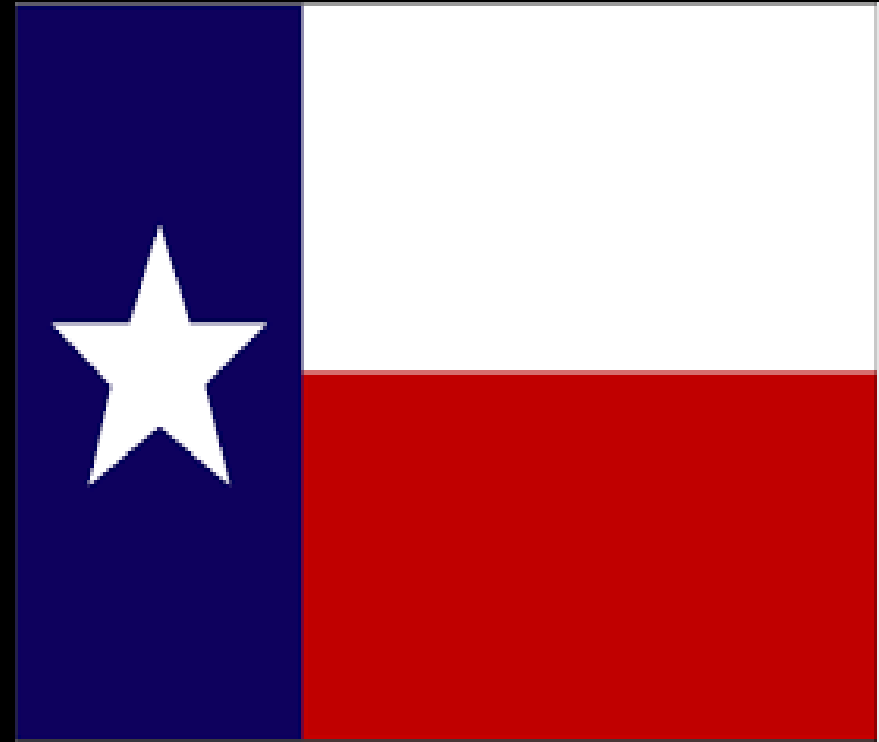
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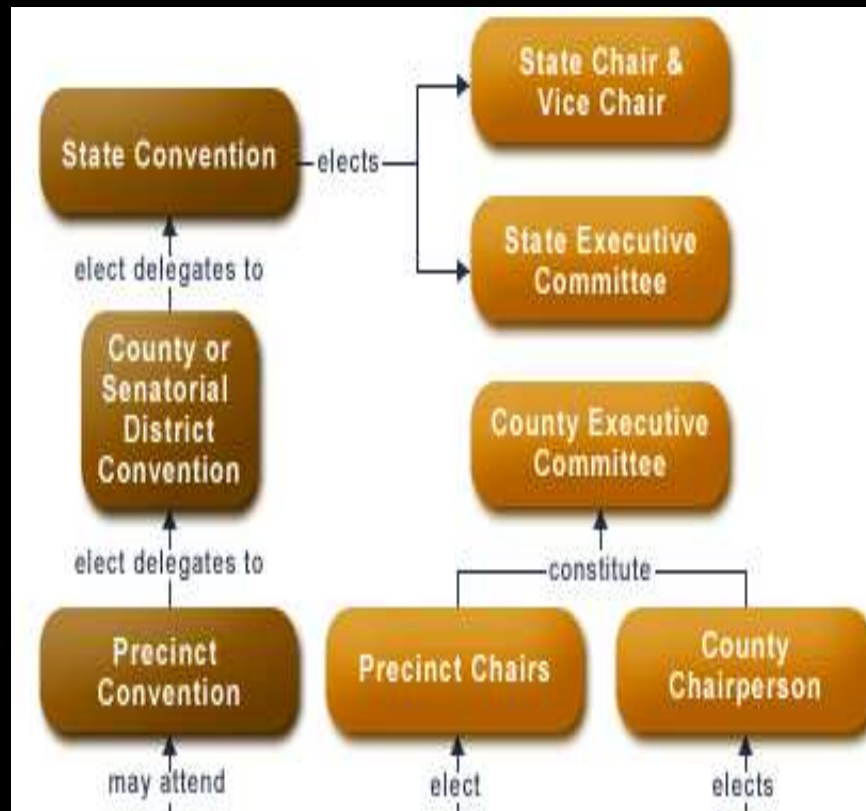
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# OVERVIEW

- Political party structure.
- Types of primaries
- State party organizations.
- Campaign methods.
- Apportioning and districting information
- Governmental structure.
- Party issues.



# PARTY STRUCTURE



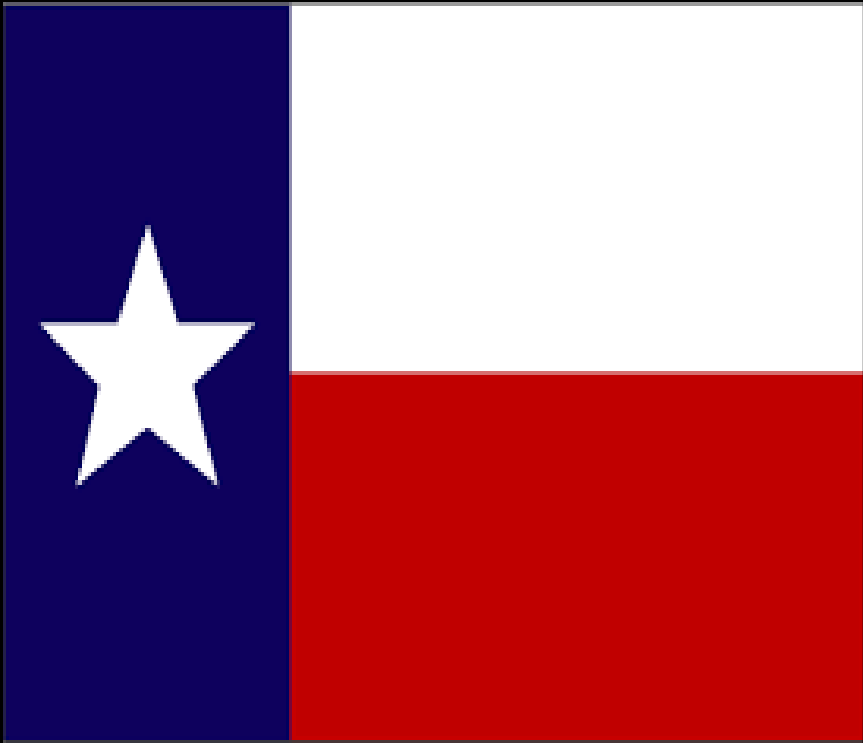
- Political party structure consists of: 34% Democratic, 33% Republican, and 33% independents.
- Texas was a Democratic state until 1952.
- Texas Republicans presently control all substantial state-wide judicial and executive positions, and a significant majority in the legislature.
- Party does have influence in Austin, Houston, and San Antonio.

# TYPES OF PRIMARIES

- Texas uses an open primary system.
- In Texas, primary election winners are decided by a majority of votes.
- Party primaries can be conducted in certain forms.
- They include partisan primary and non-partisan primaries.
- The participation terms differ by authority, political party, and the position.



# STATE PARTY ORGANIZATIONS



- Texas is organized at the precinct, county, and state levels.
- The precinct chair oversees the precinct convention.
- The county executive committee is tasked with organizing the county's primaries.
- The county chair is voted in during the party's primary election and functions as the chairman of the county executive committee.
- State Chair and Vice Chair : The top two state-level leaders in the party.
- State Executive Committee: The committee in charge of guiding a party's undertakings within the state.

# TEXAS CAMPAIGN METHODS



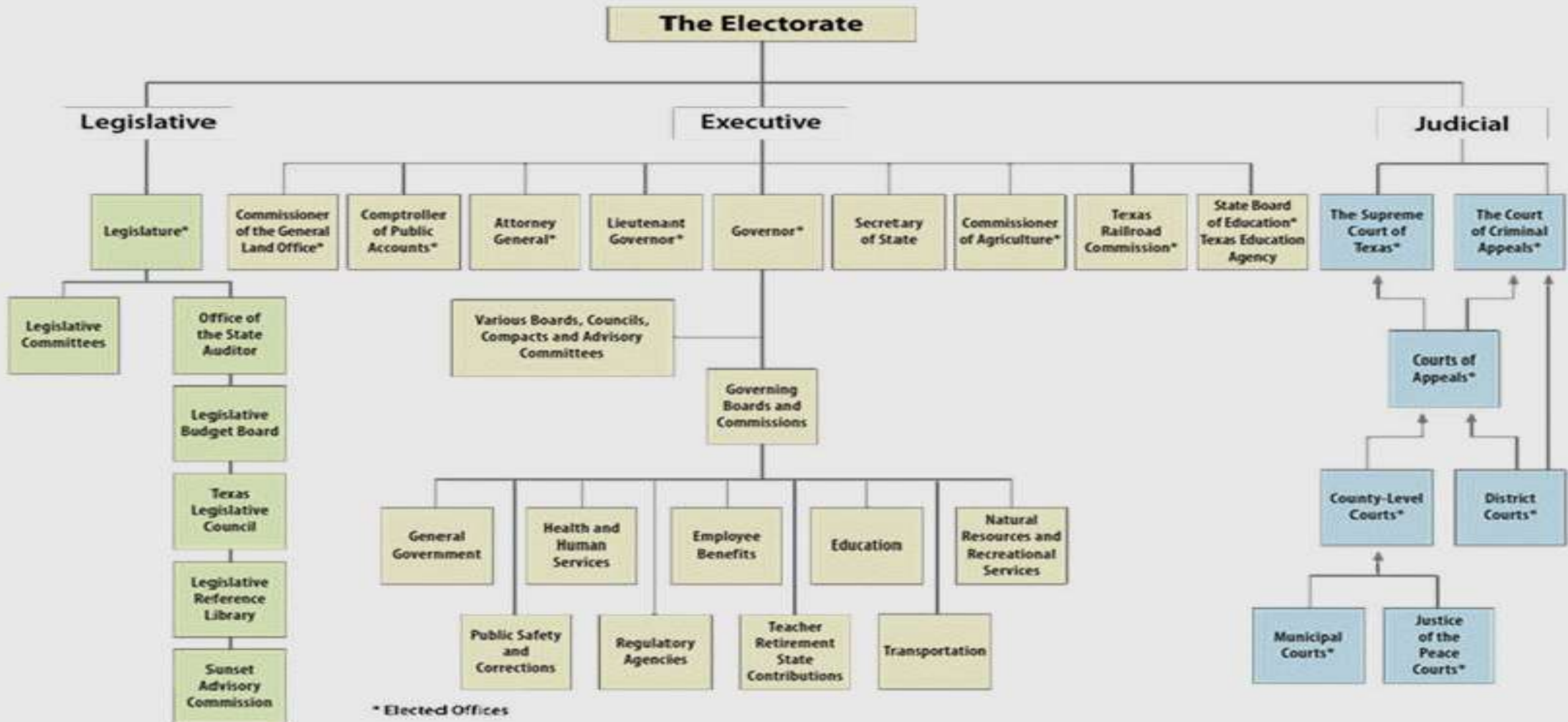
- Campaigns are created for candidates in order to gain support in order to win primaries and general elections.
- Texas Ethics Commission approves a campaign treasurer before a candidate seeks office.
- Candidates have to report any donations.
- Candidates in Texas take initiative once it comes to campaign planning.
- Using Television and newspaper advertisements becomes valuable to campaigns.
- Newspapers are considered key campaign resource by reporting on campaigns, elections and other local races.

# TEXAS GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

- Texas state government is split into administrative, law-making and justice branches.
- Chief executive is the governor, ruling for a four year term.
- Lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the General Land Office and commissioner of agriculture are among other officials in the state.
- Each govern for a four year term.



# GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE





# APPORTIONING AND DISTRICTING INFORMATION



- Following the 2010 United States Census, Texas was apportioned 36 congressional seats.
- 36 United States Representatives drawn from the state of Texas and 181 state legislators are chosen from political sections identified as districts.
- Redistricting involves the process of redrawing election districts and redistributing legislative agents in the Texas House, Texas Senate and house reps.
- Reapportionment occurs every ten years.
- To ascertain the number of seats each state would obtain, depending on shift in population.

# TEXAS LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTIONALIZATION



- The Texas legislature is considered as bicameral.
- A single-member district is represented by each of the 150 House members and 31 Senate members.
- Approximately 81% of the Texas State House of Representatives are men.
- About 74% of the Texas State Senate are men.
- In total, virtually 80% of the overall Texas State Legislature membership is male.

# TEXAS PARTY ISSUES



- Much of the attention in the gubernatorial race was focused on sanctuary cities and economic issues.
- In 2014, the candidates battled over issues such as education, equal pay, gun ownership, and immigration.
- Many statewide candidates have failed to underscore statewide concerns.
- Instead concentrated on dissatisfaction with national candidates.

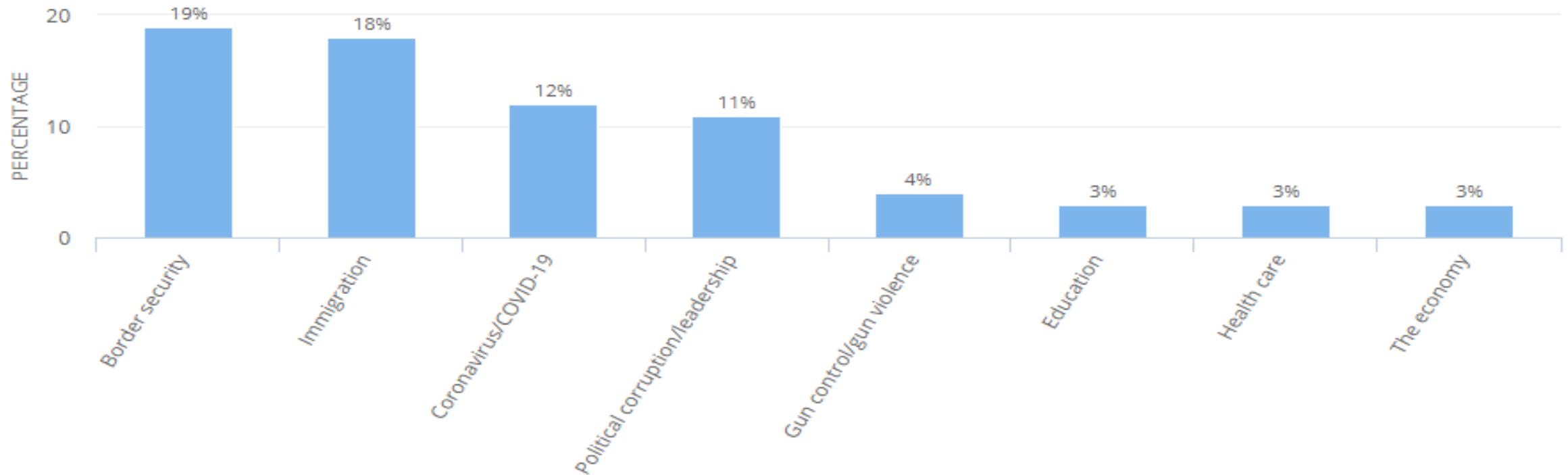
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