

**Notes and Explanations for Texas AFT
Key House Votes—2011 Texas Legislative Session**

Legend	
R	Representative voted right, for the Texas AFT position
W	Representative voted wrong, against the Texas AFT position
P	Representative was present but not voting
A	Representative was absent for the vote

Notes	
1	After the vote was recorded, Representative stated in the House Journal his or her intention had been to make the right vote, for the Texas AFT position
2	After the vote was recorded, Representative stated in the House Journal his or her intention had been to make the wrong vote, against the Texas AFT position
3	After the vote was recorded, Representative stated in the House Journal his or her intention had been to be present, not voting

(It is customary for the House speaker, except in rare instances, to be “present, not voting” on record votes. Therefore, Rep. Joe Straus is not included in our listing.)

List of Key Votes

1. **Maintain Full FSP Funding:** An amendment by Rep. Pete Gallego sought to maintain full state school aid formula funding for fiscal year 2012; defer cuts until legislature meets again in 2013 when revenues may be higher or Rainy Day Fund could again be considered.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to table HB 1 amendment #106 by Gallego. The amendment was tabled 89-48. [April 1, 2011]
2. **High-Cost Gas Tax Loophole:** An amendment by Rep. Lon Burnam sought to require a study of the obsolete tax loophole for owners of certain natural-gas wells—a special interest tax break that costs the state \$1.2 billion a year.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to table HB 1 amendment #166 by Burnam. The amendment was tabled 99-46. [April 2, 2011]
3. **Deep Budget Cuts:** HB 1 as passed initially by the House would have cut more than \$9 billion from public education.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to approve 3rd reading & final passage of HB 1. The bill was passed 98-49. [April 3, 2011]

4. **Bullying in Schools:** HB 1942 requires school districts to develop stronger anti-bullying policies, addressing bullying through electronic media as well as the more traditional kind.
The right vote was “AYE” on the motion to approve 3rd reading & final passage of HB 1942. The bill was passed 94-41. [May 4, 2011]
5. **Defending Contract, Salary, and Class-Size Safeguards:** HB 400 as proposed in the House would have radically reduced state salary standards, contract rights for teachers, and also gutted class-size caps. An amendment by Rep. Larry Phillips would have undone these attacks.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to table HB 400 amendment #2 by Phillips. The amendment was tabled 74-51 but HB 400 later died on a point of order. [May 6, 2011]
6. **Defending Class-Size Safeguards:** An amendment by Rep. Mando Martinez sought to maintain existing elementary school class-size safeguards.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to table HB 400 amendment #19 by Martinez. The amendment was tabled 86-51. [May 6, 2011]
7. **Tax-Exemption Sunset:** An amendment by Rep. Yvonne Davis sought to require systematic review and reconsideration of the multitude of costly tax exemptions that permeate our state’s tax codes—providing an opportunity to end many that are obsolete, unjustified, and costing the state treasury and our schools billions of dollars each year.
The right vote was “AYE” on the motion to adopt SB 1811 amendment #40 by Y Davis. The amendment failed 47-98. [May 20, 2011]
8. **Charter Takeover of Neighborhood Schools:** A “parent trigger” amendment by Rep. Mike Villarreal would have facilitated takeover of neighborhood public schools in San Antonio by private operators.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to adopt SB 738 amendment #2 by Villarreal. The amendment was adopted 86-46 but the amendment was later removed subject to a point of order. [May 23, 2011]
9. **Cutting Districts’ Per-Pupil Funding:** SB 1811 enforced state budget cuts by chopping per-pupil spending \$4 billion for 2012-2013 and authorizing further cuts in later years.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to adopt the conference committee report on SB 1811. The bill was passed 84-63 but was stopped by a filibuster in the Senate. [May 29, 2011]
10. **Removing New Mechanism for Ongoing School Funding Cuts:** An amendment by Rep. Sylvester Turner sought to strike a proposed new school finance mechanism that would allow formula funding to be cut in this and all future general state budgets without regard to student needs.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to table SB 1 amendment #19 by Turner. The amendment was tabled 94-51. [June 10, 2011]
11. **Cutting Districts’ Per-Pupil Funding:** Continuing the push for a new and dangerous school finance plan, SB 1 enforced state budget cuts by chopping per-pupil spending \$4 billion for 2012-2013 and authorizing further cuts in later years.
The right vote was “NAY” on the motion to approve passage of SB 1 to 3rd reading. The bill was passed 81-62. [June 10, 2011]

Representative	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	#16
Kleinschmidt, Tim (R)	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Kolkhorst, Lois (R)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	A ²	W	W	W ¹	R	W
Kuempel, John (R)	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W
Landtroop, Jim (R)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R ²	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	R
Larson, Lyle (R)	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W
Laubenberg, Jodie (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Lavender, George (R)	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R ²	W	W ¹	R	W
Legler, Ken (R)	W	W	W	W	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Lewis, Tryon (R)	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	R	R	R
Lozano, J.M. (D) [now running as (R)]	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Lucio, Eddie (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A
Lyne, Lanham (R)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W
Madden, Jerry (R)	W	W	W	W ¹	W	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Mallory Caraway, Barbara (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	P	R	R	R	R	A	R	A	A
Margo, Dee (R)	W	W	W	R	A	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	W
Marquez, Marisa (D)	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	P	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Martinez Fischer, Trey (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Martinez, Mando (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
McClendon, Ruth (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Menendez, Jose (D)	R	R	R	R	A ¹	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Miles, Borris (D)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

