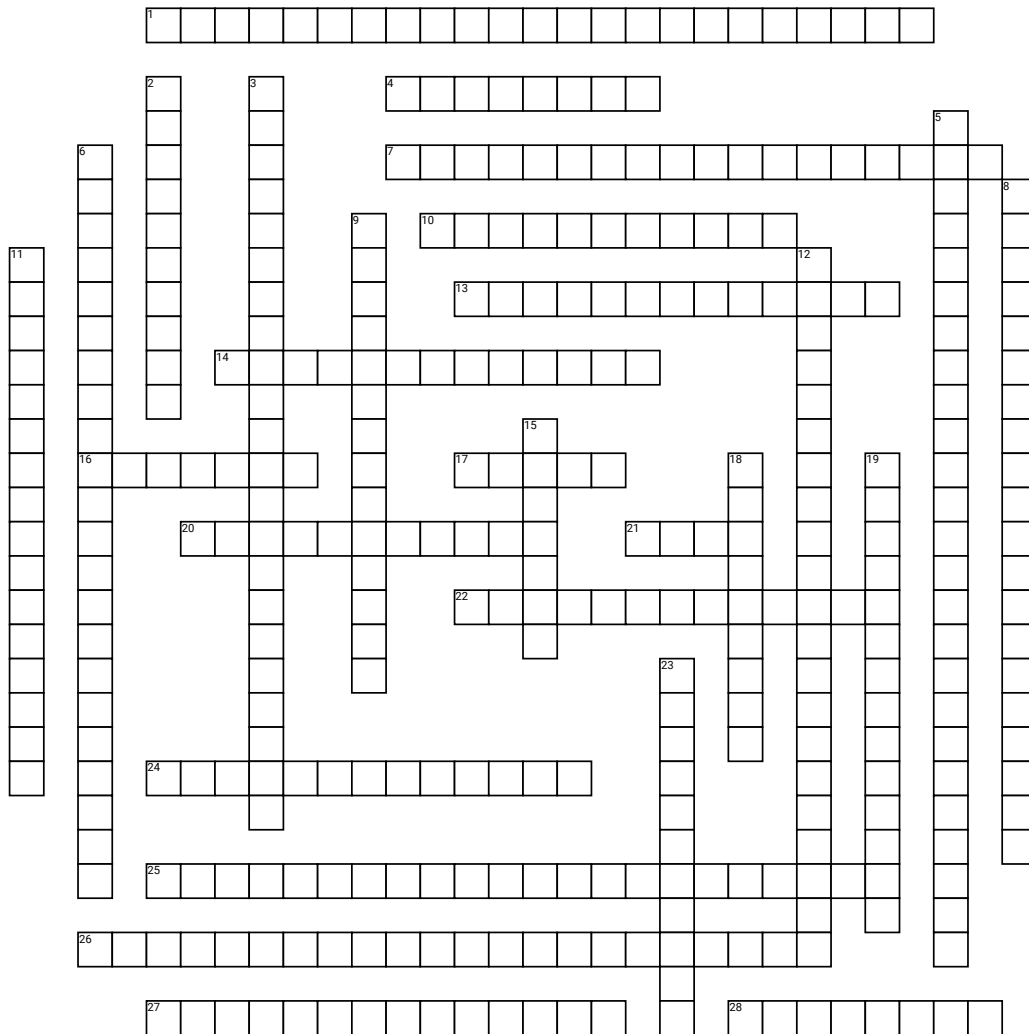


# Election, Campaigns, and Voting Behavior in Texas



**Across**

- 1. Organization promoting the interests of individuals who generally must hold a state issued license to engage in their profession.
- 4. Organized group that can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money as long as it does not coordinate.
- 7. Precinct party meeting to select the delegates and adopt resolutions.
- 10. Practice of trying to secure benefits for oneself or one's group through political means.
- 13. An election conducted by local governments to elect officials.
- 14. Organizations seeking to influence governmental policy.
- 16. Situation in which a state agency or board falls under the heavy influence of or is controlled by its constituency interest groups.
- 17. Largest organization representing Latinos in Texas.
- 20. Major shift in the political party support or identification that usually occurs around a critical election.
- 21. A wrongful act or injury for which a damage lawsuit can be brought.

- 22. independent spending by individuals or interest groups on a campaign issue but directly tied to a particular candidate.
  - 24. Phenomenon of legislators and members of the executive branch moving easily from government office to lucrative positions with lobbying firms.
  - 25. interest group that have individual citizens or businesses.
  - 26. Organizations seeking to protect and promote the interests of member businesses involved in the sales of goods and services.
  - 27. Various activities in which interest groups engage to try to influence the outcome of elections.
  - 28. People who works to influence government policies and actions.
- Down**
- 2. organization that represents the interests of working people seeking better pay and better working conditions.
  - 3. interest group that represent state and local governments.
  - 5. interest group that represent corporations and businesses and so not have broadband citizen support.

- 6. Characteristic of some interest groups in that they have members in all regions of the state.
- 8. negotiations between an employer and a group of employees to determine employment conditions, such as those related to wages, working hours, and safety.
- 9. An organization of individuals sharing common goals that tries to influence governmental decisions.
- 11. interest groups that represent more specific business interests
- 12. Selection of candidates for government office through direct election by the voters of a political party.
- 15. Political system in which power is concentrated in the hands of a relatively small group of individuals.
- 18. Political term Foran interest group that appears to have money grassroots members but in fact does not have any active members.
- 19. drawing of the boundaries legislative districts in such a way as to increase the power of one group over the other
- 23. primary election in which a voter may cast a ballot in either party's primary election

**Word Bank**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| collective bargaining       | Direct Primary Election  | open primary            | Super Pac               |
| membership organization     | Retail Trade Association | Local Election          | Tort                    |
| Lulac                       | labor union              | Realignment             | Astroturf               |
| non membership organization | Professional Association | Interest Group          | Interests group         |
| Revolving Door              | issue advocacy           | Geographic Distribution | Precinct Convention     |
| Lobbyist                    | Electioneering           | Capture                 | gerrymandering          |
| trade association           | Rent Seeking             | Elitism                 | government organization |