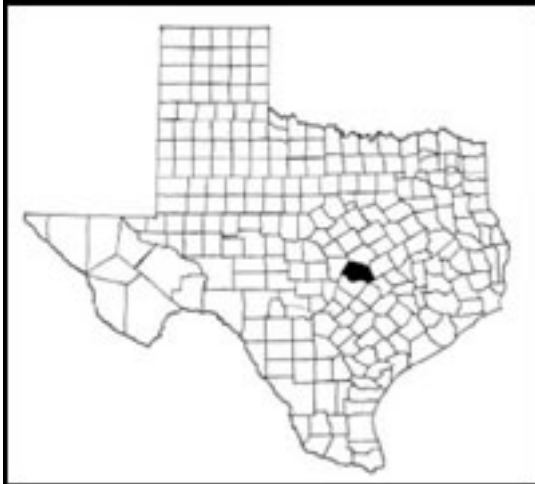




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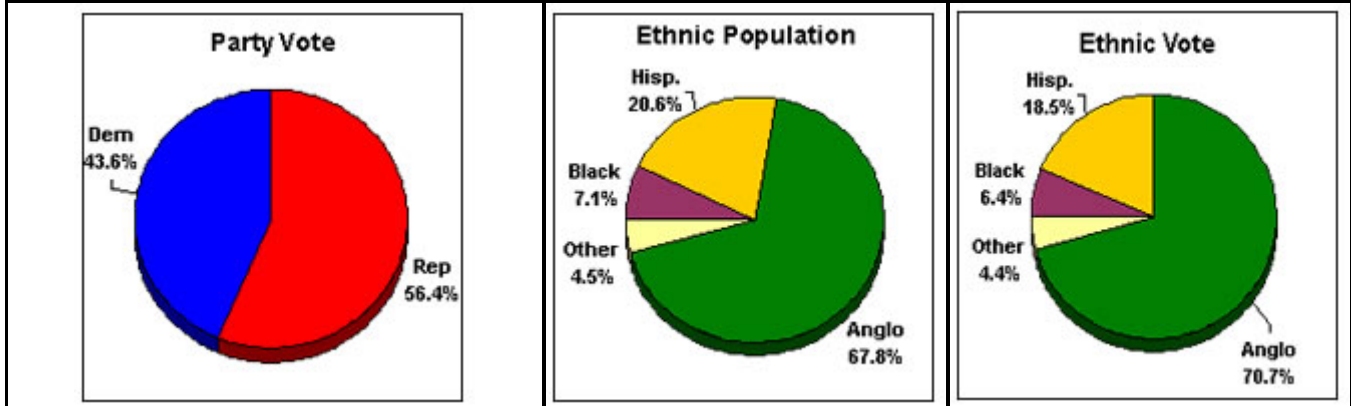
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Primary Runoff in House of Representatives District 52 2008



House District 52 Counties: Williamson (55%).

Demographics



District Overview

Election Date: 04/08/2008

Partisan Split: This is a Republican-leaning district but the Republican numbers are decreasing:

Now it is 56.43% Republican

In 2006, it was 59.13% Republican

In 2004, it was 60.6% Republican

In 2002, it was 59.47% Republican

Partisan Breakdown by County:

Population: 100% of the voters in this district are in Williamson County.

For Statewide Election Results click: [2006 Statewide Results](#)
[2004 Statewide Results](#)
[2002 Statewide Results](#)

Race Results:

2008 Republican Primary Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Hobbs, Jr., Doyle E.	3,297	31.77%
Daniel, Bryan	3,110	29.97%
Gordon, John B.	3,031	29.21%
Sullivan, Vivian (Viv)	939	9.05%
Totals	10,377	100%

2008 Democratic Primary Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Maldonado, Diana	16,870	100.00%
Totals	16,870	100%


2008 Republican Runoff Race Results		
Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Daniel, Bryan	1,657	53.62%
Hobbs, Jr., Doyle E.	1,433	46.38%
Totals	3,090	100%

2008 General Election Race Results		
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Candidate	Number of Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Maldonado, Diana	34,898	48.61%
Daniel, Bryan	34,047	47.42%
Simmons, Lillian	2,854	3.97%
Totals	71,799	100%

[Pre 2008 Race Results](#)

Candidates

	<p>Republican</p> <p>Bryan Daniel P.O. Box 1207 Round Rock, Texas 78681</p>	<p>Phone: 512-863-3663 Fax: 512-628-3016</p> <p>Treasurer: Tamara Daniel Consultants: J2 Strategies</p> <p>Email: info@bryandaniel.org Website: www.bryandaniel.org</p>
<p>Biographical Information</p>		<p>Date of Birth: 05/22/1970 Occupation: Insurance Executive</p>
<p>Vice President for Business Development , as well as a member of the Board of Directors, with Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Former Texas State Director of Rural Development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Member of Georgetown Rotary Club, serves on Texas Tech University Advisory Board, serves on Georgetown Future Farmers of America Advisory Board Awarded Distinguished Service Award and Outstanding Young Agriculturist Award by the Texas Forest Country Partnership B.S.and M.S. from Texas Tech University, 1992 and 1994 Daniel and his wife, Tamara, have two daughters and are members of First Baptist Church of Georgetown</p>		
	<p>Republican</p> <p>Doyle E. Hobbs, Jr. P.O. Box 912 Hutto, Texas 78634</p>	<p>Phone: 512-383-5808 Fax:</p> <p>Treasurer: Stormi Brown Consultants: KC Strategies</p> <p>Email: dee@deehobbs.com Website: www.deehobbs.com</p>
<p>Biographical Information</p>		<p>Date of Birth: 03/07/1975</p>

	Occupation: Assistant Williamson County Attorney
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Criminal Chief in Williamson County Attorney's Office
Instructor for the Texas Justice Court Judges Association of Texas and the Law Enforcement Academy of the Capital Area Council of Governments
Past president of the Hutto Chamber of Commerce; member of Masonic Lodge 484 in Taylor
Bachelor's degree from University of Texas at Austin, J.D. from Baylor University School of Law
Mother, Judy Schier Hobbs, has been a Williamson County Justice of the Peace since 1982; father, Doyle Hobbs, Sr., worked for the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's office and the State of Texas as a welfare fraud investigator
Hobbs and his wife, Stephanie, a supervisor with the Department of Family and Protective Services, have one son and attend Brush Creek Baptist Church where Dee is an Adult Sunday School leader

Campaign Overview:

This is an open seat due to the retirement of Representative Mike Krusee (R-Round Rock).

Bryan Daniel

Slogan:

"A Fresh Start for Williamson County"

Issues:

"Appraisal & Property Tax Reform: Support Revenue Caps, Require Taxpayer-Elected Appraisal Board Members, Enhance Property Tax Freeze for Seniors

Protect the Unborn: Fight liberal attempts to undermine the sanctity of life

Never Support a State Income Tax

Border Security: Outlaw Sanctuary Cities; Support using the Texas National Guard to protect our borders

Reduce Government Spending: Limit government spending to no more than the rate of inflation plus the growth of the Texas population

Education: Support Public Schools

Improve Education Opportunities for All Children

Transportation: Oppose Foreign Owned Toll Roads; Oppose Tolls on Existing Roads; Fight for Additional Funding to Alleviate Traffic Congestion"

Endorsements/Contributions:

Endorsements: Empower Texans PAC, Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND, and the Austin American Statesman. In endorsing Daniel on February 20, 2008, the Statesman said, "The candidate with the best chance to take over Krusee's important post in the Legislature is Bryan Daniel, an insurance company vice president from Georgetown who receives our endorsement. Daniel, 37, was a staff member for former U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, and later an official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As a USDA employee, he was involved with the Legislature on agriculture issues. . . Though all four candidates are conservative Republicans with solid bona fides in seeking to replace Krusee, Bryan Daniel looks to be the strongest and we encourage voters to support him."

Run-off endorsements/support includes: Texas Right to Life PAC; Young Conservatives of Texas; Texas Academy of Family Physicians; Texas Home School Coalition PAC; Heritage Alliance PAC; Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association PAC; Texas Dairymen PAC; Texas Nursery and Landscape PAC; Texas Cattle Feeders PAC; and has an "A" rating from Texas State Rifle Association and National Rifle Association.

Contributions:

On the January 15th campaign finance report covering the period November 28 through December 31, 2007 the Daniel campaign reported \$14,950 in contributions, \$804 in expenditures, \$14,950 cash-on-hand and no loans outstanding. Notable contributions included: B.P. Bono, Clodine (\$1000), J.O. Dodier, Zapata (\$1000), Marcus Hill, Fort Worth (\$1000), Hillco PAC (\$1000), Jim Prewitt, Flower Mound (\$5000), Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assoc. State PAC (\$1000), Texas Dairymen PAC (\$2500,) and Bill Thomas, Richards (\$1000).

On the February 4 campaign finance report, covering the period January 1 through January 24, 2008, the campaign listed totals \$24,850 in contributions; \$14,191 in expenditures; and \$26,709 in cash-on-hand and \$0 in loans. Notable contributions included: Beef-PAC (\$1000); Duane Bell, McAllen, real estate (\$5000); G.W. Davis, Lubbock, Chairman/CEV Media (\$1000); Stacy Gilbert, Coppell, public relations (\$1000); Gara Hill, Arlington, attorney (\$1000); Marcus Hill, Fort Worth, President/Agricultural Workers Mutual Insurance Company (\$1000); George Lazaro, La Feria, engineer/Fontaine Engineering (\$2500); Ross McKnight, Throckmorton (\$1000); Trent McKnight, Throckmorton (\$1000); Jim Prewitt, Flower Mound, CEO/Landmark Nurseries (\$5000); Ed Small, Austin (\$1000); Texans for Henry Bonilla (\$500); TNLA PAC (\$500); John Womack, Mission (\$1000).

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report, covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Daniel campaign reported \$32,866.92 in contributions; \$33,710.63 in expenditures; \$24,474.76 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding debt. Notable contributions: Booth Ahrens and Werkenthin P.C. (\$250); Chiang Patel & Yerby PAC (\$250); Empower Texans PAC (\$487.16 in-kind/endorsement letter to voters); ENPAC (\$250); Bryan Farney, Georgetown (\$2,500); Raba-Kistner PAC (\$250); Harold Simmons, Dallas (\$1,000); Texas Academy of Family Physicians PAC (\$250); Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council PAC (\$1,500); Texas Consumer Finance Association PAC (\$500); Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND (\$10,000); Texas Poultry PAC (\$500); and Valero Political Action Committee (\$1,000).

A telegram report filed February 26, 2008 listing a contribution from Beef-PAC (\$4,000).

On the March 31, 2008, 8-day before election Texas Ethics Commission report covering the period February 24 - March 29, 2008, the Daniel campaign listed \$21,124.58 in contributions; \$53,599.46 in expenditures; \$0 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding debt. Notable contributions: Ace Cash Express PAC (\$500); AG-AIR PAC (\$250); Beef-PAC (\$4,000); Blackridge (\$500); B.P. Bono of Clodine, Texas (\$1,000); G.W. Davis of Lubbock (\$1,000); Empower Texans PAC (\$625.58 in-kind for voter contact); Ed Small of Austin (\$1,000); Texas Academy of Family Physicians PAC (\$500); Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association State PAC (\$2,000); Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND (\$5,000); Texas Wildlife Association PAC (\$500); TNLA-PAC (\$500); and Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association PAC (\$100).

Campaign Team/Approach:

About his campaign, Daniel said, "I am taking my message of securing our borders, reforming our property tax and appraisal system, and improving our education and transportation systems directly to the voters through mail, phone banking, and block walking. We also have a great group of volunteers who are assisting with phone calls, block walking, and encouraging their friends to vote for Daniel."

Doyle E. Hobbs, Jr.

Slogan:

"Republican Prosecutor"

Issues:

In his announcement, Hobbs said, "this was a unique opportunity to continue my work of protecting our families and bringing home the support our county needs in order to achieve its many goals. Roads, water, education and public safety are just a few of the many challenges we continually face. We need a hard worker, an advocate, to get the job done and I have accepted the challenge."

Hobbs' campaign literature says: "**Tough Republican Prosecutor.** *Criminal Courts Chief for Williamson County Attorney's Office prosecuting criminals and advocating for children's rights, including over 50 jury trials and countless trials before a

Judge. Also instrumental in implementing the county's DWI/Drug Court Program & County Attorney's Direct File Process *Named 'Prosecutor of the Year' in 2004 by the Children's Advocacy Center in Georgetown and recognized by the Texas Municipal Police Association for educating officers in DWI detection and prosecution. *Instructor for the Law Enforcement Academy of the Capital Area Council of Governments and the Texas Justice Court Judges Association of Texas. *Assistant General Counsel for the Republican Party of Williamson County."

Endorsements/Contributions:

Endorsements: Georgetown Police Association, Texas Municipal Police Association, Williamson County Attorney Jana Duty. For the run-off, Hobbs has been endorsed by the two Primary candidates that did not make the run-off - John Godron and Vivian Sullivan in a press conference on March 8th. Gordon said, "I think Dee has clearly shown greater involvement in the community and greater insight into the community. I'll be out in the field for you. I'm going to ask my friends to be out in the field for you." Sullivan agreed, calling Hobbs "a person who knows our district and who has lived in our district."

On the January 15th campaign finance report covering the period July 1 through December 31, 2007 the Hobbs campaign reported \$5,178 in contributions, \$7,081 in expenditures, \$5,140 cash-on-hand, and no outstanding loans. Notable contributions included: Daniel and Jana Hunsicker, Austin (\$1000), and Sablatura & Williams PLLC (\$1000).

On the February 4 campaign finance report, covering the period January 1 through January 24, 2008, the Hobbs campaign listed totals \$14,604 in contributions; \$5,592 in expenditures; and \$14,331 in cash-on-hand and \$0 in loans. Notable contributions included: Ed Walsh, Round Rock (\$1000); Patricia Cummings, Round Rock (\$1000); Ima Lee Sorenson, Taylor (\$5000)

On the 8-day before election contributions and expenditures report, covering the period January 25 through February 24, 2008, the Hobbs campaign reported \$20,770.50 in contributions; \$14,342.14 in expenditures; \$6,428.36 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding debt. Notable contributions: Joe and Jo Ann Baker, Round Rock (\$1,000); Jim Embree, Georgetown (\$1,000); Doyle Hobbs, Jr., Hutto (\$4,000 contribution + \$120 in-kind/magnetic decals); Jeff Senter, Austin (\$1,000); Victoria Miller, Cedar Park (\$1,000); Jason/Kelly Nassour, Austin (\$2,500); Bill Nations, Georgetown (\$1,000); Derek Shires, Walburg (\$2,000); and Kevin Stryker, Austin (\$1,000).

On the March 31, 2008, 8-day before election Texas Ethics Commission report covering the period February 24 - March 29, 2008, the Hobbs campaign listed \$16,120.66 in contributions; \$12,577.44 in expenditures; \$3,543.22 in cash-on-hand; and \$0 in outstanding debt. Notable contributions: Jana Duty-Hunsicker of Austin (\$1,000); Edmund Kuempel of Seguin (\$1,000); Chaz Glace of Round Rock (\$2,500); H&H Cattle of Taylor (\$500); Berger Land Company (\$500); Bill Nations of Georgetown (\$1,000); and Sablatura & Williams PLLC (\$1,000). Also listed was a loan on February 29, 2008 from Doyle Hobbs, Sr. of \$4,162.19.

Campaign Team/Approach:

About the campaign, Hobbs said, "There are a lot of candidates who walk neighborhoods all day, but that's all they do. Then there are a lot of candidates who drop a lot of cash into a campaign, and somehow never interact with the voter. We know that it is going to take a balance to win this race. In my experience so far, walking is the single most effective way to win a vote, but unfortunately it is the least efficient. We are meeting everyone we can physically get to and we are on schedule to meet with about half of the likely voters before Election Day. Most of my support in this campaign, both financial and in manpower comes from within the district. It is very organic and my supporters and the voters keep my energy up. I am not sure if I would be enjoying the process as much if all I did was candidate forums and questionnaires."

Detailed Race Analysis

Commentary:

This was a very tight Primary election contest with only 183 votes separating the first and second place candidates and only 83 votes between the second and third place finishers. It will likely also be very close in the run-off. Hobbs has the endorsement of the two candidates that did not make the run-off, and, in the case of John Gordon, his active support will likely translate into help from some of the Republican establishment. Daniel has the support of the agricultural community and some conservative activist groups.