

MAY 2025 BOND ELECTION REPORT

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KEY POINTS

- In May 2025 Texas voters considered 332 total bonds. Of those, 231 measures were approved.
- Total repayment for every bond measure *proposed* was \$44.2 billion.
- Total repayment for every bond measure *passed* was \$29.6 billion.
- The passage rate for bond propositions for the May 2025 cycle was 69.6%.

INTRODUCTION

On May 3, 2025, Texans went to the polls to vote on bonds proposed by cities, independent school districts (ISDs), and special purpose districts (SPDs). Bonds are loans taken out by political subdivisions from a financier or investor in order to fund a project that is not included in the budget. Such projects include street improvements, recreational facilities, and school buildings, and are required to be paid off with interest.

Bonds lead to debt which then translates into a higher property tax bill for Texans. Texas Government Code Chapter 1251 defines “(1) Debt Obligation” means a public security, as defined by Section 1201.002, secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes... (2) ‘Debt obligation election order’ means the order, ordinance, or resolution ordering an election to authorize the issuance of debt obligations. (3) ‘Political subdivision’ means a municipality, county, school district, or special taxing district” ([Texas Government Code Title 9, 2019](#)). Debt from cities, counties, school districts, and special purpose districts is serviced by a dedicated portion of property taxes known “Interest and Sinking” (I&S), which means that taking on new debt typically results in a higher property tax bill.

In total, Texans voted on 332 total bonds costing around \$44.2 billion (\$44,177,081,392) out of which 231 bonds passed worth \$29.6 billion (\$29,585,065,988), reaching a 69.6% passage rate for the May 2025 bond election cycle. Of note, many of the rejected bonds were significantly lower than the bonds that carried.

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The 2025 passage rate is lower than the May 2024 bond election passage rate, which was 79.9%. (Quintero, 2024) In addition, this May 2025 cycle had 50 district elections end in a NR result (an election wherein not one person voted), compared to the 0 NR election results from the 2024 May election (Quintero, 2024).

The data for this report includes information from the Texas Bond Review Board and Voter Information Document (VID) (Texas Government Code, Title 9, 2019). While the Texas Bond Review Board provides an overview of the government entities, their proposed bonds, and their recorded number of votes, the VID provides detailed information specific to the government body, such as interest cost and total repayment. VIDs are required to provide the language as it is on the ballot, tables with projected cost and interest, and other transparent information to voters. VIDs ensure local government entities offer voters the resources they need per the Texas Government Code (Texas Government Code, Title 5, 2019; Quintero, 2024).

CITY BOND ELECTIONS

On the city level, Texas citizens voted on 42 proposed bond propositions. Texas voters carried city bonds at a passage rate of 78.6%. In these city elections the total amount of bond debt considered was \$2.3 billion (\$2,319,126,000). Of the 42 proposed, 33 propositions passed, totaling \$1.5 billion (\$1,534,006,000).

The highest single bond proposition that carried was Plano's Proposition A to fund "Public Improvements." Proposition A, worth a total of \$316.5 million (\$316,470,000), represents 20.6% of the city bond propositions that carried. The city of Plano alone had the most proposed bonds, with seven propositions totaling the amount of \$647.9 million, all of which carried. The total repayment cost for all of Plano's bonds totals almost \$1 billion dollars (\$939,442,404). The largest defeated city bond was for the City of Laredo, which saw all four propositions overwhelmingly rejected by voters. Laredo's Proposition A for Public Safety Facilities was its highest proposed bond, worth \$271 million.

City propositions can be carried by small margins. For example, Krum City's Proposition B carried a \$11 million bond by only a difference of 23 votes. It is problematic that a small proportion of the population is able to take on a large portion of debt for the whole local populace.

Table 1**City Bond Propositions Considered in May 2025 (in alphabetical order)*

Municipality	Principal Amount	Interest Cost	Total Repayment	Purpose/Description	Votes For	Votes Against
Abilene Prop A	\$20,000,000.00	\$11,098,900.00	\$31,098,900.00	Airport Improvements	2,736	2,509
Arlington Prop A	\$136,995,000.00	\$71,922,375.00	\$208,917,375.00	Street improvements	8,458	2,984
Arlington Prop B	\$48,930,000.00	\$25,688,250.00	\$74,618,250.00	Public Safety Facilities	8,484	2,935
Arlington Prop C	\$9,345,000.00	\$4,906,125.00	\$14,251,125.00	Recreation	7,977	3,438
Arlington Prop D	\$3,105,000.00	\$1,630,125.00	\$4,735,125.00	Admin Building	6,434	4,911
Arlington Prop E	\$2,425,000.00	\$1,273,125.00	\$3,698,125.00	Library	8,094	3,307
Blanco Prop A	\$4,411,843.00	\$3,648,350.00	\$8,060,193.00	Street improvements	220	66
Blanco Prop B	\$12,224,157.00	\$10,130,438.00	\$22,354,595.00	Wastewater and Sewer System	223	63
Canyon Prop A	\$14,000,000.00	\$7,731,000.00	\$21,731,000.00	Public Safety	471	402
Colleyville Prop A	\$20,000,000.00	\$9,971,283.00	\$29,971,283.00	Recreation Center	2,546	2,956
Flower Mound Prop A	\$82,000,000.00	\$43,503,125.00	\$125,503,125.00	Recreation	2,931	1,758
Flower Mound Prop A	\$30,000,000.00	\$15,907,875.00	\$45,907,875.00	Street and Drainage	3,368	1,322
Frisco Prop B	\$160,000,000.00	\$148,905,250.00	\$308,905,250.00	Performing Arts	3,457	6,516
Fulshear Prop A	\$10,750,000.00	\$9,634,178.50	\$20,384,187.50	Recreation	835	426
Fulshear Prop B	\$2,750,000.00	\$2,460,975.00	\$5,210,975.00	Land purchase	845	415
Garland Prop A	\$230,000,000.00	\$108,771,530.00	\$338,771,530.00	Street improvements	7,947	1,733
Garland Prop B	\$75,000,000.00	\$35,469,420.00	\$110,469,420.00	Economic Development	6,705	2,910
Garland Prop C	\$25,000,000.00	\$11,825,800.00	\$36,825,800.00	Cultural Arts Facilities	6,312	3,285
Garland Prop D	\$30,000,000.00	\$14,190,750.00	\$44,190,750.00	Parks & Recreation	7,209	2,430
Killeen Prop B	\$155,000,000.00	\$151,068,750.00	\$306,068,750.00	City Hall	1,146	1,815
Krum Prop B	\$11,000,000.00	\$7,380,175.00	\$18,380,175.00	Public Safety Facilities	196	173
Krum Prop C	\$9,000,000.00	\$6,036,525.00	\$15,036,525.00	Street improvements	241	123
Lake Jackson Prop A	\$6,000,000.00	\$2,552,864.00	\$8,552,864.00	Public Safety Facilities	1,269	839
Lake Jackson Prop B	\$8,000,000.00	\$3,390,630.00	\$11,390,630.00	Street improvements	1,518	597
Lake Jackson Prop C	\$4,000,000.00	\$1,698,068.00	\$5,698,068.00	Drainage Improvements	1,495	609
Laredo Prop A	\$271,160,000.00	\$171,729,717.00	\$442,889,717.00	Public Safety Facilities	2,085	11,096
Laredo Prop B	\$70,890,000.00	\$43,736,717.00	\$114,626,717.00	Public Health	2,117	11,056
Laredo Prop C	\$65,000,000.00	\$40,047,222.00	\$105,047,222.00	Street improvements	2,226	10,940
Laredo Prop D	\$10,000,000.00	\$6,166,016.00	\$16,166,016.00	Affordable housing.	2,499	10,671
Plano Prop A	\$316,470,000.00	\$142,395,236.00	\$458,865,236.00	Public Improvements	14,342	5,581
Plano Prop B	\$155,155,000.00	\$69,815,960.00	\$224,970,960.00	Police Station	11,884	8,001
Plano Prop C	\$51,000,000.00	\$22,942,733.00	\$73,942,733.00	Public Safety Facilities	12,123	7,557
Plano Prop D	\$37,485,000.00	\$16,866,833.00	\$54,351,833.00	Public Safety Facilities	12,752	6,775
Plano Prop E	\$45,135,000.00	\$20,309,584.00	\$65,444,584.00	Fleet Center	10,714	8,516
Plano Prop F	\$1,870,000.00	\$856,191.00	\$2,726,191.00	Library	13,061	6,533
Plano Prop G	\$40,795,000.00	\$18,345,867.00	\$59,140,867.00	Parks & Recreation	14,053	5,550
Roanoke Prop A	\$62,000,000.00	\$50,573,637.00	\$112,473,637.00	Convention Center	554	439
San Angelo Prop A	\$41,660,000.00	\$38,283,418.00	\$79,943,418.00	Coliseum	5,428	4,806
Seabrook Prop A	\$18,000,000.00	\$12,173,410.00	\$30,173,410.00	Police Station	590	939

Seabrook Prop B	\$4,000,000.00	\$2,705,202.00	\$6,705,202.00	Pool Improvements	998	521
Van Prop A	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,120,000.00	\$5,620,000.00	Water System Improvements	194	71
West University Place Prop D	\$15,070,000.00	\$13,438,858.00	\$28,508,858.00	Community Center	1,683	1,847
Total	\$2,319,126,000.00	\$1,383,302,487.50	\$3,702,328,496.50			

*Data retrieved from Voter Information Document for each election & the [Bond Review Board](#)

COUNTY BOND ELECTIONS

While there were only two counties that proposed bonds this year, Montgomery County and Galveston County, these county bonds reached a total of \$666 million. Galveston County presented three propositions totaling \$186 million. The one bond proposition that was defeated, Proposition B, had a principal of \$75.8 million. In total, Galveston County took upon \$110 million of principal bond debt that will ultimately cost taxpayers close to \$189 million in total repayment.

Montgomery County passed one bond for the purpose of expanding, upgrading and/or developing roads costing almost half a billion dollars in principal. Similar to private loans, a percentage of interest is assigned to the principal based off of the risk of default according to the lending institution. In the case of Montgomery County taxpayers will have to pay \$353 million in interest alone to pay off this bond. With principal and interest combined Montgomery County's one bond proposition will end up costing taxpayers roughly \$833 million.

Table 2

County Bond Propositions Considered in May 2025 (in alphabetical order)

County	Principal Amount	Interest Cost	Total Repayment	Purpose/Description	Votes For	Votes Against
Galveston County Prop A	\$74,175,000	\$53,032,308	\$127,207,308	Street improvements	8108	6509
Galveston County Prop B	\$75,800,000	\$54,294,750	\$130,094,750	County Buildings	6713	7810
Galveston County Prop C	\$36,080,000	\$25,678,067	\$61,758,067	Drainage Improvements	8563	5973
Montgomery County Prop A	\$480,000,000	\$353,040,050	\$833,040,050	Road	5760	5147
Total	\$666,055,000	\$486,045,175	\$1,152,100,175			

SPD BOND ELECTIONS

A Special Purpose District (SPD) is a government classification that provides a specific or “special” purpose to certain areas of Texas such as toll roads, construction, water, sewage, and the like ([Texas Public Policy Foundation, 2018](#)). Examples of SPDs include Community College Districts (CCD), Municipal Utility Districts (MUD), and Water Control and Improvement Districts (WCID). SPDs are typically governed by the commissioners court of the county in which they are created but can also be served by a board of directors appointed by the governing body that created the SPD or elected at large ([Texas Senate Research Center, 2014](#)). To fulfill their purpose SPDs are authorized by the Texas Constitution to issue bonds and levy taxes to pay off those bonds ([2014](#)). In the May 2025 bond election, SPDs proposed more than \$28 billion worth of bonds.

The May 2025 SPD bond election resulted in the following: 69 bonds carried, 8 bonds defeated, and 50 bonds leading to a NR result. SPD elections usually result in close margins, taking on millions or billions in bonds by simply one or two votes.

The highest proposition on the ballot was Furst Ranch MUD 1 for the purpose of “Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding.” This proposition amounted to more than \$1.5 billion. In addition to this massive proposition, Furst Ranch MUD 1 successfully carried another proposition for “Roads & Refunding,” which equaled over half a billion dollars. These two propositions, surpassing \$2 billion total, were both carried with a vote count of 2-0. Meaning two people voted in favor of the proposition and it passed.

A handful of other SPD proposals either surpassed or hovered under \$1 billion. East Travis County MMD 1 Proposition A reached almost \$1.4 billion. In addition to Proposition A, East Travis County MMD 1 proposed

two other bonds, reaching a combined total of \$2.3 billion. However, not one person participated in these elections for the purpose of water, roads, and sewer causing the proposition to fail. Lake Texoma MUD 1-A proposed two bonds amounting a combined total of more than \$2 billion for the purpose of water, sewer, and roads. These two propositions were carried 1-0, which means the only vote cast in the election (being in favor of the propositions) allowed them to pass.

Another large bond Alamo CCD Proposition A for the purpose of “College Facilities” reached nearly \$1 billion. This election had a higher voter turnout, as community college bonds tend to have more press and awareness than other districts.

SPDs differ from other districts because their information concerning cost and repayment plans are not public information. One issue that arises with elections in SPDs is that because of their niche purpose, they often have a small voting population, often leading to decisions on debt being made by a handful of individuals. Because SPDs do not usually have more than 250 registered voters, changes made in 2019 protects SPD from having to release repayment information to the public ([HB 477, 2019](#)). HB 477 amended Chapter 3 of the Texas Election Code by adding Section 3.009, which laid out what information needs to be provided by political subdivisions in debt obligation elections, and Chapter 1251 of the Government Code, which exempts any political subdivision with fewer than 250 registered voters from these transparency obligations ([Texas Election Code Sec 3.009](#); [Texas Government Code Sec 1251.052 §3\(b\)](#)). In 2025, only 8 of the 127 SPD bonds had more than 250 voters.

In total, voters in SPDs passed \$15.8 billion bonds, compared to the \$1.4 billion that voters rejected.

Table 3*SPD Bond Propositions Considered in May 2025 (in alphabetical order)*

Special Purpose Districts	Principal Amount	Interest Cost	Total Repayment	Purpose/Description	Votes For	Votes Against
Alamo CCD Prop A	\$987,000,000	\$827,798,635.56	\$1,814,798,636	College Facilities	77231	33714
Bastrop County MUD 7 Prop C	\$84,900,000	-	\$84,900,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Bastrop County MUD 7 Prop D	\$39,000,000	-	\$39,000,000	Roads	1	0
Bastrop County MUD 7 Prop E	\$13,755,000	-	\$13,755,000	Parks & Recreation	1	0
Bastrop County MUD 7 Prop F	\$147,983,000	-	\$147,983,000	Refunding	1	0
Bastrop County MUD 7 Prop G	\$58,500,000	-	\$58,500,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Buda MUD 2 Prop C	\$95,000,000	-	\$95,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Buda MUD 2 Prop D	\$41,000,000	-	\$41,000,000	Roads	1	0
Buda MUD 2 Prop E	\$142,500,000	-	\$142,500,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	1	0
Buda MUD 2 Prop F	\$61,500,000	-	\$61,500,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Cimarron Shores WCID Prop A	\$92,000,000	-	\$92,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Cimarron Shores WCID Prop B	\$23,000,000	-	\$23,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Collin County MUD 06 Prop B	\$301,100,000	-	\$301,100,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	2	0
Collin County MUD 06 Prop C	\$451,650,000	-	\$451,650,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage and Refunding	2	0
Collin County MUD 06 Prop D	\$242,200,000	-	\$242,200,000	Roads	2	0
Collin County MUD 06 Prop E	\$363,300,000	-	\$363,300,000	Road & Refunding Roads	2	0
Collin County MUD 11 Prop B	\$819,835,000	-	\$819,835,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage and Refunding	1	0
Collin County MUD 11 Prop C	\$506,060,000	-	\$506,060,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Collin County MUD 12 Prop B	\$320,000,000	-	\$320,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	1	0
Collin County MUD 12 Prop C	\$293,000,000	-	\$293,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Collins MUD 01 Prop C	\$73,300,000	-	\$73,300,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	2	0
Collins MUD 01 Prop D	\$50,000,000	-	\$50,000,000	Roads	2	0
Collins MUD 01 Prop E	\$18,450,000	-	\$18,450,000	Parks & Recreation	2	0
Collins MUD 01 Prop F	\$137,175,000	-	\$137,175,000	Refunding	2	0
Collins MUD 01 Prop G	\$75,000,000	-	\$75,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Denton County MUD 11 Prop B	\$490,400,000	-	\$490,400,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Denton County MUD 11 Prop C	\$613,000,000	-	\$613,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	1	0
Denton County MUD 11 Prop D	\$171,900,000	-	\$171,900,000	Roads	1	0
Denton County MUD 11 Prop E	\$214,875,000	-	\$214,875,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
East Travis County MMD 1 Prop A	\$1,381,250,000	-	\$1,381,250,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
East Travis County MMD 1 Prop B	\$193,750,000	-	\$193,750,000	Recreation & Refunding	0	0
East Travis County MMD 1 Prop C	\$693,750,000	-	\$693,750,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop D	\$103,255,102	-	\$103,255,102	Roads	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop E	\$51,627,551	-	\$51,627,551	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop F	\$5,491,701	-	\$5,491,701	Recreational Facilities	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop G	\$2,745,850	-	\$2,745,850	Recreation & Refunding	0	0

Espino Special ID Prop H	\$77,697,329	-	\$77,697,329	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop I	\$38,848,665	-	\$38,848,665	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Espino Special ID Prop J	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	Economic Development	0	0
FM 875 MUD Prop B	\$69,873,000	-	\$69,873,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
FM 875 MUD Prop C	\$109,126,000	-	\$109,126,000	Roads	0	0
FM 875 MUD Prop D	\$104,809,500	-	\$104,809,500	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
FM 875 MUD Prop E	\$163,689,000	-	\$163,689,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Forney MMD 1 Prop A	\$249,500,000	-	\$249,500,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	2	0
Forney MMD 1 Prop B	\$119,600,000	-	\$119,600,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Fort Bend County MUD 005 Prop A	\$38,000,000	-	\$38,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	17	17
Fort Bend County MUD 005 Prop B	\$20,000,000	-	\$20,000,000	Recreation & Refunding	11	23
Fort Bend County MUD 005 Prop C	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	13	21
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop B	\$524,000,000	-	\$524,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop C	\$95,600,000	-	\$95,600,000	Recreational Facilities	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop D	\$275,500,000	-	\$275,500,000	Roads	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop E	\$524,000,000	-	\$524,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop F	\$95,600,000	-	\$95,600,000	Recreation & Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 237A Prop G	\$275,500,000	-	\$275,500,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 265 Prop B	\$452,295,000	-	\$452,295,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 265 Prop C	\$65,550,000	-	\$65,550,000	Recreation & Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 265 Prop D	\$176,565,000	-	\$176,565,000	Roads and Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop B	\$355,000,000	-	\$355,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop C	\$355,000,000	-	\$355,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop D	\$326,700,000	-	\$326,700,000	Roads	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop E	\$326,700,000	-	\$326,700,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop F	\$108,500,000	-	\$108,500,000	Parks & Recreation	0	0
Fort Bend County MUD 270 Prop G	\$108,500,000	-	\$108,500,000	Parks & Recreation Refunding	0	0
Furst Ranch MUD 1 Prop B	\$1,523,420,000	-	\$1,523,420,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	2	0
Furst Ranch MUD 1 Prop C	\$515,000,000	-	\$515,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Galveston County FWSD 6 Prop A	\$18,000,000	-	\$18,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	72	29
Galveston County MUD 66 Prop A	\$30,000,000	-	\$30,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	11	21
Galveston County MUD 66 Prop B	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	Recreational Facilities	10	22
Galveston County MUD 74 Prop B	\$264,000,000	-	\$264,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	2	0
Galveston County MUD 74 Prop C	\$51,750,000	-	\$51,750,000	Recreation & Refunding	2	0
Galveston County MUD 74 Prop D	\$163,125,000	-	\$163,125,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Haciendas Del Norte WID Prop A	\$5,000,000	-	\$5,000,000	Water System Improvements	33	23

Harris County MUD 410 Prop A	\$360,000,000	-	\$360,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Harris County MUD 410 Prop B	\$160,000,000	-	\$160,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Hunt Memorial Hospital District Prop A	\$29,340,000	\$20,427,888	\$49,767,888	Hospital	2209	1502
Laguna Madre WD Prop A	\$59,000,000	\$56,248,295	\$115,248,295	Water System Improvements	741	482
Lake Texoma MUD 1-A Prop B	\$961,000,000	-	\$961,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	1	0
Lake Texoma MUD 1-A Prop C	\$1,170,800,000	-	\$1,170,800,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Liberty County MUD 15 Prop B	\$59,000,000	-	\$59,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Liberty County MUD 15 Prop C	\$29,360,000	-	\$29,360,000	Roads	1	0
Mason MUD Prop C	\$210,000,000	-	\$210,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	2	0
Mason MUD Prop D	\$100,000,000	-	\$100,000,000	Road	2	0
Mason MUD Prop E	\$315,000,000	-	\$315,000,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	2	0
Mason MUD Prop F	\$150,000,000	-	\$150,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Midland County JCD Prop A	\$450,000,000	\$438,503,375	\$888,503,375	Campus Improvements	3809	7284
Midland County UD Prop A	\$645,785,000	\$391,413,669	\$1,037,198,669	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	328	1039
Odessa JCD Prop A	\$325,000,000	325,512,600	\$650,512,600	Campus Improvements	1883	3869
Rayford Road MUD Prop A	\$23,100,000	-	\$23,100,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	140	73
Seis Lagos UD Prop A	\$6,000,000	\$3,225,137	\$9,225,137	Roads	277	311
Straus Medina Special ID Prop E	\$82,566,678	-	\$82,566,678	Roads	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop F	\$41,283,339	-	\$41,283,339	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop G	\$66,614,950	-	\$66,614,950	Recreational Facilities	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop H	\$33,307,475	-	\$33,307,475	Recreation & Refunding	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop I	\$62,198,600	-	\$62,198,600	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop J	\$31,099,300	-	\$31,099,300	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Straus Medina Special ID Prop K	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	Economic Development	0	0
Travis County MUD 27 Prop C	\$189,179,000	-	\$189,179,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Travis County MUD 27 Prop D	\$5,158,000	-	\$5,158,000	Parks & Recreation	1	0
Travis County MUD 27 Prop E	\$58,929,000	-	\$58,929,000	Roads	1	0
Travis County MUD 27 Prop F	\$283,768,500	-	\$283,768,500	Refunding	1	0
Travis County MUD 27 Prop G	\$88,393,500	-	\$88,393,500	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Travis County MUD 32 Prop C	\$73,000,000	-	\$73,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Travis County MUD 32 Prop D	\$9,500,000	-	\$9,500,000	Parks & Recreation	1	0
Travis County MUD 32 Prop E	\$32,000,000	-	\$32,000,000	Roads	1	0
Travis County MUD 32 Prop F	\$109,500,000	-	\$109,500,000	Refunding	1	0
Travis County MUD 32 Prop G	\$48,000,000	-	\$48,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Travis County WCID-Point Venture Prop A	\$13,600,000	-	\$13,600,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	90	13
Triada MUD Prop C	\$210,000,000	-	\$210,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	2	0
Triada MUD Prop D	\$19,590,000	-	\$19,590,000	Parks & Recreation	2	0
Triada MUD Prop E	\$184,000,000	-	\$184,000,000	Roads	2	0
Triada MUD Prop F	\$315,000,000	-	\$315,000,000	Refund	2	0
Triada MUD Prop G	\$276,000,000	-	\$276,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	2	0
Two Chimneys MUD Prop B	\$299,385,000	-	\$299,385,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0

Two Chimneys MUD Prop C	\$135,885,000	-	\$135,885,000	Road & Refunding Roads	0	0
Williamson County MUD 44 Prop B	\$470,625,000	-	\$470,625,000	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Williamson County MUD 44 Prop C	\$48,000,000	-	\$48,000,000	Recreation & Refunding	0	0
Williamson County MUD 44 Prop D	\$276,250,000	-	\$276,250,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
Williamson County MUD 56 Prop C	\$265,000,000	-	\$265,000,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	1	0
Williamson County MUD 56 Prop D	\$20,000,000	-	\$20,000,000	Parks and Recreational Facilities	1	0
Williamson County MUD 56 Prop E	\$150,000,000	-	\$150,000,000	Roads	1	0
Williamson County MUD 56 Prop F	\$397,500,000	-	\$397,500,000	Refund	1	0
Williamson County MUD 56 Prop G	\$225,000,000	-	\$225,000,000	Roads & Refunding Roads	1	0
Wise County MUD 5 Prop B	\$397,075,000	-	\$397,075,000	Water, Sewer, & Drainage	0	0
Wise County MUD 5 Prop C	\$232,275,000	-	\$232,275,000	Roads	0	0
Wise County MUD 5 Prop D	\$595,612,500	-	\$595,612,500	Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Refunding	0	0
Wise County MUD 5 Prop E	\$348,412,500	-	\$348,412,500	Roads & Refunding Roads	0	0
<u>Wise County WSD Prop A</u>	\$39,900,000	\$24,428,992.41	\$64,328,992.41	Water System Improvements	355	104
Total	\$28,212,695,040	\$2,087,558,591.97	\$30,300,253,632			

ISD BOND ELECTIONS

The last government entity that proposed bonds this year are Independent School District Bonds (ISD bonds). By far, these bond proposals equated to the highest total cost of the different classifications. The Texas Bond Review Board’s Annual Local Government Report 2024 wrote, “Over the past five years, School Districts have consistently accounted for the highest amount of tax-supported GO debt outstanding, while Cities and WDs [water districts] accounted for the second and third highest amounts, respectively” (Texas Bond Review Board, 2024, p. 5). In total, 159 ISD bonds were proposed totaling almost \$13 billion (\$12,979,205,352). Of the proposed bonds, 126 bonds were approved, equaling a 79.2% approval rate and costing a total of \$11.6 billion (\$11,619,408,988).

The highest proposed bond was Celina ISD Bond Proposition A worth \$2.3 billion (\$2,275,695,579) for the purpose of “School Building and Buses.” In addition to Proposition A, Celina ISD also carried another bond worth \$20 million. Celina ISD is projected to pay over \$4.5 billion in principal amount combined with interest costs (\$4,542,966,050).

After Celina ISD, Melissa ISD’s Proposition A carried a \$800 million bond for the purpose of “School Building

and Buses.” Melissa ISD also had another proposition worth \$75 million that carried. At third highest, Mesquite ISD Proposition A worth \$578.5 million also carried for the purpose of “School Building & Safety.” This bond does not include Melissa’s ISDs \$21.5 million proposition that also carried (Melissa ISD, 2025). In fourth place, Hays CISD carried Proposition A at almost \$500 million. Hays CISD carried four of their five bonds, reaching up to almost \$1 billion of carried bonds (Hays CISD, 2025). Finally, Dripping Springs ISD carried Proposition A, worth almost \$400 million (Dripping Springs ISD, 2025). Many school districts propose multiple propositions, resulting in exponential debt growth each year.

The largest rejected bond, which was proposed by Bridgeport ISD, was around \$200 million (Bridgeport ISD, 2025).

Many of these ISD elections were carried by only a few votes. For example, Coahoma ISD carried a \$1.15 million bond for a “Housing Facility” by only one vote (Coahoma ISD, 2025). In this 2025 election cycle, nine school bonds were either carried or defeated by 10 or fewer votes, enhancing the power of each individual vote.

Table 4*ISD Bond Propositions Considered in May 2025 (in alphabetical order)*

School District	Principal Amount	Interest Cost	Total Repayment	Purpose/Description	Votes For	Votes Against
Abbott ISD Prop A	\$10,000,000.00	\$5,355,666.67	\$15,355,666.67	School Building and Buses	70	28
Agua Dulce ISD Prop A	\$15,000,000.00	\$14,721,675.00	\$29,721,675.00	School Building & Buses	117	51
Anson ISD Prop A	\$9,200,000.00	\$8,245,809.00	\$17,445,809.00	School Building Renovations	280	152
Anson ISD Prop B	\$7,800,000.00	\$6,991,012.00	\$14,791,012.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	204	226
Anton ISD Prop A	\$7,350,000.00	\$6,377,967.00	\$13,727,967.00	School Building, Athletic Facility & Transportation	125	52
Argyle ISD Prop A	\$393,735,000.00	\$407,744,811.00	\$801,479,811.00	School Building & Buses	2467	1287
Argyle ISD Prop B	\$29,435,000.00	\$29,218,402.00	\$58,653,402.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	2125	1618
Athens ISD Prop A	\$121,500,000.00	\$123,031,250.00	\$244,531,250.00	School Building	765	473
Benavides ISD Prop A	\$10,000,000.00	\$11,388,950.00	\$21,388,950.00	School Building & Buses	293	81
Blanco ISD Prop A	\$32,215,000.00	\$21,575,862.22	\$61,575,862.22	School Building & Buses	269	199
Blanco ISD Prop B	\$750,000.00	**	**	Technology	272	196
Blooming Grove ISD Prop A	\$38,500,000.00	\$32,407,232.00	\$70,907,232.00	School Building & Safety	248	150
Blue Ridge ISD Prop A	\$59,470,000.00	\$64,183,500.00	\$123,653,500.00	School Building & Buses	350	155
Bluff Dale ISD Prop A	\$1,000,000.00	\$208,482.00	\$1,208,482.00	Wastewater Treatment	191	182
Bluff Dale ISD Prop B	\$1,500,000.00	\$321,849.00	\$1,821,849.00	School Building Renovations	176	197
Borden County ISD Prop A	\$4,500,000.00	\$486,153.00	\$4,986,153.00	School Building & Buses	96	31
Borden County ISD Prop B	\$1,500,000.00	\$162,051.30	\$1,662,051.30	Housing Facility	85	39
Boyd ISD Prop A	\$63,000,000.00	\$64,492,920.00	\$127,492,920.00	School Building & Buses	297	383
Brazos ISD Prop A	\$8,490,000.00	\$3,163,760.00	\$11,653,760.00	School Building Renovations	406	83
Brazos ISD Prop B	\$6,500,000.00	\$2,424,495.00	\$8,924,495.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	343	142
Brazosport ISD Prop A	\$160,900,000.00	\$90,800,775.00	\$251,700,775.00	School Building & Buses	1595	1720
Brazosport ISD Prop B	\$6,100,000.00	\$710,550.00	\$6,810,550.00	Technology	1602	1702
Bridge City ISD Prop A	\$27,500,000.00	\$23,895,675.00	\$51,395,675.00	Performing Arts	760	415
Bridgeport ISD Prop A	\$211,600,000.00	\$167,255,232.00	\$378,855,232.00	School Building & Buses	831	1020
Callisburg ISD Prop A	\$19,523,325.00	\$17,613,758.00	\$37,137,083.00	School Building & Buses	884	487
Callisburg ISD Prop B	\$5,031,040.00	\$4,548,228.00	\$9,579,268.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	811	548
Callisburg ISD Prop C	\$600,000.00	\$522,486.00	\$1,122,486.00	Stadium Improvements	804	559
Carthage ISD Prop A	\$20,000,000.00	\$15,475,000.00	\$35,475,000.00	School Building & Buses	664	471
Carthage ISD Prop B	\$3,000,000.00	\$629,500.00	\$3,629,500.00	Technology	688	441
Celina ISD Prop A	\$2,275,695,579.00	\$2,242,612,671.00	\$4,518,308,250.00	School Building & Buses	1413	557
Celina ISD Prop B	\$20,000,000.00	\$4,657,800.00	\$24,657,800.00	Technology	1379	594
Central ISD Prop A	\$33,000,000.00	\$26,792,200.00	\$59,792,200.00	School Building & Security	517	676
Cleburne ISD Prop A	\$137,600,000.00	\$105,519,600.00	\$243,119,600.00	School Building & Buses	1453	1729
Cleburne ISD Prop B	\$27,400,000.00	\$18,734,400.00	\$46,134,400.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	1364	1816
Coahoma ISD Prop A	\$17,750,000.00	\$3,554,018.00	\$21,304,018.00	School Building & Buses	157	130

Coahoma ISD Prop B	\$600,000.00	\$116,129.00	\$716,129.00	Technology	165	124
Coahoma ISD Prop C	\$1,375,000.00	\$256,790.00	\$1,631,790.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	137	152
Coahoma ISD Prop D	\$1,150,000.00	\$217,954.00	\$1,367,954.00	Housing Facility	144	143
Coolidge ISD Prop A	\$13,000,000.00	\$5,534,988.00	\$18,534,988.00	School Building, Renovations and Athletic Facilities	0	0
Denison ISD Prop A	\$16,600,000.00	\$14,772,222.00	\$31,372,222.00	School Building & Buses	735	427
Denison ISD Prop B	\$5,400,000.00	\$1,152,000.00	\$6,552,000.00	Technology	759	403
DeSoto ISD Prop A	\$152,655,000.00	\$101,000,756.00	\$253,655,756.00	School Building & Technology	3684	1616
DeSoto ISD Prop B	\$38,635,000.00	\$25,565,606.00	\$64,200,606.00	Athletic Facilities	3499	1853
DeSoto ISD Prop C	\$8,565,000.00	\$5,670,394.00	\$14,235,394.00	Stadium Construction & Improvement	\$2,112	\$1,269
Dripping Springs ISD Prop A	\$399,700,000.00	\$375,106,632.00	\$774,806,632.00	School Building & Buses	4667	1918
Dripping Springs ISD Prop B	\$2,600,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$3,110,000.00	Technology	4727	1843
East Central ISD Prop A	\$309,150,000.00	\$302,760,591.67	\$611,910,591.67	School Building & Buses	2865	1453
El Campo ISD Prop A	\$80,905,000.00	\$62,245,463.00	\$143,150,463.00	School Building & Security	1045	464
Fairfield ISD Prop A	\$105,395,000.00	\$95,131,900.00	\$200,526,900.00	School Building	532	304
Ferris ISD Prop A	\$134,740,000.00	\$134,542,156.00	\$269,547,156.00	School Building and Renovations	359	270
Floresville ISD Prop A	\$95,000,000.00	\$91,147,000.00	\$186,147,000.00	School Building & Security	543	1488
Flour Bluff ISD Prop A	\$110,835,550.00	\$115,921,450.00	\$226,757,000.00	School Building & Security	1964	1420
Flour Bluff ISD Prop B	\$67,254,960.00	\$66,929,290.00	\$134,194,250.00	School Building	1930	1452
Flour Bluff ISD Prop C	\$15,400,000.00	\$15,972,500.00	\$31,372,500.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	1735	1641
Frost ISD Prop A	\$21,700,000.00	\$18,737,375.00	\$40,437,375.00	School Building	217	72
Gainesville ISD Prop A	\$58,833,798.00	\$51,068,077.00	\$109,901,875.00	School Building & Security	828	707
Gregory-Portland ISD Prop A	\$75,000,000.00	\$63,332,250.00	\$138,332,250.00	School Building & Buses	821	445
Gregory-Portland ISD Prop B	\$50,000,000.00	\$37,190,250.00	\$87,190,250.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	752	510
Gregory-Portland ISD Prop C	\$20,000,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$22,600,000.00	Technology	829	436
Gregory-Portland ISD Prop D	\$60,000,000.00	\$45,103,750.00	\$105,103,750.00	Performing Arts	804	456
Hamilton ISD Prop A	\$19,800,000.00	\$16,969,137.50	\$36,769,137.50	School Building & Buses	371	164
Hays CISD Prop A	\$498,937,541.00	\$478,091,968.00	\$977,029,509.00	School Building & Security	1542	1027
Hays CISD Prop B	\$396,063,095.00	\$379,509,147.00	\$775,572,243.00	School Building	1458	1108
Hays CISD Prop C	\$6,096,071.00	\$5,834,712.00	\$11,930,783.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	1227	1341
Hays CISD Prop D	\$51,354,633.00	\$49,208,319.00	\$100,562,962.00	Multi-Purpose Center	1285	1280
Hays CISD Prop E	\$16,200,000.00	\$4,499,750.00	\$20,699,750.00	Technology	1549	1011
Hidalgo ISD Prop A	\$22,500,000.00	\$22,695,037.50	\$45,195,037.50	School Building & Buses	204	123
Hidalgo ISD Prop B	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,504,364.83	\$5,004,364.83	Athletic Facilities Renovations	199	126
High Island ISD Prop A	\$27,900,000.00	\$25,680,388.00	\$53,580,388.00	School Building & Buses	72	25
Howe ISD Prop A	\$32,000,000.00	\$41,445,750.00	\$73,445,750.00	School Building & Renovations	249	140

Ingleside ISD Prop A	\$44,900,000.00	\$33,293,250.00	\$78,193,250.00	School Building & Buses	515	94
Ingleside ISD Prop B	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,023,250.00	\$8,023,250.00	Refinancing Bond	604	44
Iraan-Sheffield ISD Prop A	\$43,770,000.00	\$39,143,918.75	\$82,913,918.75	School Building & Buses	230	40
Iraan-Sheffield CISD Prop B	\$1,490,000.00	\$342,277.08	\$1,832,277.08	Refinancing Bond	223	52
Iraan-Sheffield ISD Prop C	\$5,850,000.00	\$4,730,881.25	\$10,580,881.25	School Building Improvements	218	57
Iraan-Sheffield ISD Prop D	\$7,450,000.00	\$6,035,310.42	\$13,485,310.42	Athletic Facilities Improvements	215	61
Itasca ISD Prop A	\$34,000,000.00	\$23,386,950.00	\$57,386,950.00	School Building & Buses	252	262
Kemp ISD Prop A	\$90,000,000.00	\$78,789,375.00	\$168,789,375.00	School Building	319	255
Kenedy ISD Prop A	\$43,400,000.00	\$44,750,352.00	\$88,150,352.00	School Building	344	70
Kenedy ISD Prop B	\$12,600,000.00	\$13,013,400.00	\$25,613,400.00	Athletic Facilities	316	98
Kennedale ISD Prop A	\$6,015,000.00	\$1,107,857.00	\$7,122,857.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	538	651
Kennedale ISD Prop B	\$3,440,000.00	\$1,372,218.00	\$4,812,218.00	Performing Arts	527	658
Kennedale ISD Prop C	\$1,535,000.00	\$283,365.00	\$1,818,365.00	School Building & Buses	558	631
La Feria ISD Prop A	\$20,000,000.00	\$18,621,833.00	\$38,621,833.00	Athletic Facilities & School Building	316	245
Lockhart ISD Prop A	\$93,500,000.00	\$86,360,937.50	\$179,860,937.50	School Building	976	317
Lovejoy ISD Prop A	\$265,510,000.00	\$232,609,400.00	\$498,119,400.00	School Building, Buses & Technology	1831	1659
Lovejoy ISD Prop B	\$3,930,000.00	\$239,800.00	\$4,169,800.00	Technology	1957	1514
Lovejoy ISD Prop C	\$4,525,000.00	\$1,698,638.00	\$6,223,638.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	1674	1789
Lovejoy ISD Prop D	\$1,505,000.00	\$565,313.00	\$2,070,313.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	1733	1727
Lovejoy ISD Prop E	\$700,000.00	\$262,125.00	\$962,125.00	Natatorium	1760	1712
Lubbock ISD Prop A	\$290,000,000.00	\$276,771,930.00	\$566,771,930.00	School Building & Buses	6726	3453
Marble Falls ISD Prop A	\$131,435,000.00	\$65,848,757.00	\$197,283,757.00	School Building & Security	1852	600
Marble Falls ISD Prop B	\$2,200,000.00	\$168,900.00	\$2,368,900.00	Technology	1846	604
Marble Falls ISD Prop C	\$12,515,000.00	\$6,062,307.00	\$18,577,307.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	1636	807
Marble Falls ISD Prop D	\$26,050,000.00	\$12,616,975.00	\$38,666,975.00	Multi-Purpose Center	1662	781
Melissa ISD Prop A	\$800,000,000.00	\$744,528,000.00	\$1,544,528,000.00	School Building & Buses	1550	736
Melissa ISD Prop B	\$75,000,000.00	\$15,986,800.00	\$90,986,800.00	Technology	1575	703
Mesquite ISD Prop A	\$578,500,000.00	\$516,325,000.00	\$1,094,825,000.00	School Building & Safety	2800	1644
Mesquite ISD Prop B	\$21,500,000.00	\$19,190,000.00	\$40,690,000.00	Technology	2820	1634
Oglesby ISD Prop A	\$8,500,000.00	\$7,938,750.00	\$16,438,750.00	School Building/Stadium	164	84
Oglesby ISD Prop B	\$995,000.00	\$319,228.75	\$1,314,228.75	Refinancing Bond	-	-
Perrin-Whitt CISD Prop A	\$25,450,500.00	\$22,791,593.00	\$48,521,594.00	School Building & Safety	132	142
Port Arthur ISD Prop A	\$222,000,000.00	\$213,090.68	\$435,090,675.00	School Building & Buses	2029	1387
Port Arthur ISD Prop B	\$78,000,000.00	\$80,822,438.00	\$158,822,439.00	Athletic Facilities	1860	1500
Prairie Lea ISD Prop A	\$8,550,000.00	\$8,606,000.00	\$17,156,000.00	School Building & Buses	62	68
Quitman ISD Prop A	\$27,850,000.00	\$28,230,675.00	\$56,080,675.00	School Building & Technology	459	227
Quitman ISD Prop B	\$2,985,000.00	\$2,610,244.00	\$5,595,244.00	Athletic Facilities	435	255
Red Oak ISD Prop A	\$155,213,000.00	\$155,186,697.00	\$310,399,697.00	School Building Renovations	1503	980

Red Oak ISD Prop B	\$11,889,000.00	\$11,886,985.00	\$23,775,985.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	1372	1100
Red Oak ISD Prop C	\$46,811,000.00	\$46,803,067.00	\$93,614,067.00	Stadium	1372	1102
Redwater ISD Prop A	\$4,600,000.00	\$1,824,375.00	\$6,424,375.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	298	316
Redwater ISD Prop B	\$8,600,000.00	\$3,410,667.00	\$12,010,667.00	School Building & Gymnasium	305	314
Robert Lee ISD Prop A	\$4,000,000.00	\$877,650.00	\$4,877,650.00	School Building & Buses	168	80
Robert Lee ISD Prop B	\$1,050,000.00	\$231,638.00	\$1,281,638.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	164	84
Robinson ISD Prop A	\$95,495,000.00	\$84,454,744.00	\$179,949,744.00	School Building & Technology	1081	1254
Rogers ISD Prop A	\$28,735,000.00	\$32,731,557.00	\$61,466,567.00	School Building & Buses	253	92
Rogers ISD Prop B	\$1,860,000.00	\$1,503,450.00	\$3,363,450.00	Athletic Facilities	249	98
Roosevelt ISD Prop A	\$58,500,000.00	\$42,366,750.00	\$100,866,750.00	School Building & Renovations	469	223
Rotan ISD Prop A	\$6,580,000.00	\$3,624,754.00	\$10,204,754.00	School Building and Auditorium	162	124
Rotan ISD Prop B	\$920,000.00	\$506,804.00	\$1,426,804.00	Housing Facility	139	145
Rusk ISD Prop A	\$45,240,000.00	\$42,447,188.00	\$87,687,188.00	School Building & Buses	350	553
Rusk ISD Prop B	\$11,930,000.00	\$10,637,150.00	\$22,567,150.00	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	188	706
S&S CISD Prop A	\$36,000,000.00	\$40,760,600.00	\$76,760,600.00	School Building & Renovations	197	349
San Angelo ISD Prop A	\$397,000,000.00	\$298,793,730.00	\$695,793,730.00	School Building & Security	5604	4715
Somerville ISD Prop A	\$42,000,000.00	\$46,407,000.00	\$88,407,000.00	School Building, Renovations and Athletic Facilities	317	281
Spearman ISD Prop A	\$1,200,000.00	\$375,725.00	\$1,575,725.00	Athletic Facilities Renovations	253	120
Spearman ISD Prop B	\$3,275,000.00	\$1,026,930.21	\$4,301,930.21	School Building & Buses	275	101
Spearman ISD Prop C	\$4,750,000.00	\$1,210,586.96	\$5,960,586.96	Refunding M&O Bond Series 2021	262	115
Splendora ISD Prop A	\$150,000,000.00	\$132,315,763.00	\$282,315,763.00	School Building, Renovations and Athletic Facilities	327	170
Spring Branch ISD Prop A	\$353,775,207.00			School Building	5143	4017
Spring Branch ISD Prop B	\$127,935,050.00			Stadium	4620	4529
Spring Branch ISD Prop C	\$76,934,535.00			Natatorium	4744	4394
Spring Branch ISD Prop D	\$72,851,468.00			Stadium	4129	5003
Springtown ISD Prop A	\$98,000,000.00	\$103,291,600.00	\$201,291,600.00	School Building & Buses	1844	1789
Stafford MSD Prop A	\$113,400,000.00	\$131,078,750.00	\$244,478,750.00	School Building & Buses	342	407
Stafford MSD Prop B	\$5,200,000.00	\$5,334,361.00	\$10,534,361.00	Reimbursement Resolution	327	420
Stafford MSD Prop C	\$21,400,000.00	\$21,947,361.00	\$43,347,361.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	308	438
Stafford MSD Prop D	\$10,000,000.00	\$8,328,694.00	\$18,328,694.00	Technology	342	405
Stanton ISD Prop A	\$126,500,000.00	\$68,765,109.00	\$195,265,109.00	School Building & Buses	201	51
Sterling City ISD Prop A	\$9,800,000.00	\$5,354,120.83	\$15,154,120.83	School Building & Buses	139	78
Sterling City ISD Prop B	\$7,600,000.00	\$4,150,391.67	\$11,750,391.67	Athletic Facilities & Renovations	120	93
Sterling City ISD Prop C	\$2,600,000.00	\$1,418,508.33	\$4,018,508.33	Housing Facility	120	93
Tarkington ISD Prop A	\$50,000,000.00	\$52,369,561.41	\$102,369,561.41	School Building & Buses	281	694

Tarkington ISD Prop B	\$45,000,000.00	\$47,132,605.26	\$92,132,605.26	School Building	249	723
Terrell ISD Prop A	\$273,420,000.00	\$189,585,813.00	\$463,005,813.00	School Building & Buses	1453	935
Tomball ISD Prop A	\$331,595,000.00	\$246,828,809.00	\$578,423,809.00	School Building & Buses	2440	1412
Tomball ISD Prop B	\$18,000,000.00	\$13,398,630.00	\$31,398,630.00	Technology	2461	1389
Tomball ISD Prop C	\$2,800,000.00	\$2,084,231.00	\$4,884,231.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	2157	1690
Tomball ISD Prop D	\$76,700,000.00	\$57,093,049.00	\$133,793,049.00	Multi-Purpose Center	2117	1728
Venus ISD Prop A	\$76,000,000.00	\$84,361,900.00	\$160,361,900.00	School Building	119	90
West Rusk County CISD Prop A	\$23,405,000.00	\$23,443,269.00	\$46,848,269.00	School Building & Renovations	384	205
Wimberley ISD Prop A	\$109,990,000.00	\$107,388,250.00	\$217,378,250.00	School Building & Buses	938	352
Wimberley ISD Prop B	\$6,050,000.00	\$1,269,500.00	\$7,319,500.00	Technology	950	339
Wimberley ISD Prop C	\$5,730,000.00	\$5,454,750.00	\$11,184,750.00	Athletic Facilities Improvements	780	503
Wimberley ISD Prop D	\$13,230,000.00	\$12,589,500.00	\$25,819,500.00	Multi-Purpose Center	830	457
Wink-Loving ISD Prop A	\$85,000,000.00	\$21,350,616.67	\$106,350,616.67	School Building & Buses	144	16
Wink-Loving ISD Prop B	\$7,500,000.00	\$1,884,800.00	\$9,384,800.00	Fine Arts Center	143	17
Wink-Loving ISD Prop C	\$5,000,000.00	\$1,254,158.33	\$6,254,158.33	Natatorium	142	18
Wink-Loving ISD Prop D	\$2,500,000.00	\$627,316.67	\$3,127,316.67	Housing Facility	136	23
Total	\$12,979,205,352	\$10,457,917,852	\$23,328,854,643			

RECOMMENDATIONS

While the May 2025 bond election cycle has passed, city, county, special purpose districts, and school districts are preparing for the next bond propositions. Each year, as local government debt and spending increases, Texans' property tax bills increase as well. Reforming debt obligation elections can help reduce the burden local debt places on taxpayers. The Texas Public Policy Foundation recommends implementing the following measures to ensure lowering that debt burden:

1. Implementing a Supermajority Vote

Because assuming large amounts of local debt impacts property tax for generations, the decision should not be made lightly. To ensure that the debt taken on by local governments is worth burdening future taxpayers, the Texas Legislature should pass legislation that requires a supermajority, or two-thirds support of voters to pass. It is recommended that in the 90th Legislative Session, policymakers support legislation similar to HB 2736 (2025), which called for a two-thirds supermajority vote in order

for a bond to pass, although the bill failed to pass during the 89th session.

2. Mandating a Minimum Voter Turnout

Along with ensuring that there is a supermajority vote for bonds, the legislature should pass measures that establish a minimum voter turnout. When looking at elections, especially in SPDs, we see that billions of dollars of debt can be assumed by as few as two people. To prevent a handful of people from determining large amounts of debt, going into the 90th Legislative Session, lawmakers should support policy similar to HB 2736 (2025), which also sought to achieve this end in the 89th session.

3. Uniform November Election Dates

Typically, elections held in months other than November result in lower voter turnout. For example, voter turnout in the 2024 November election was 61.3%. The March Presidential Primaries had a much lower turnout of 12.94% in the Republican Primary and 5.47% in the Democratic Primary (Texas Secretary of State, n.d.). Voting on bonds in November on a

uniform date provides voters with more information, clarity, and initiative to vote on what is best for their local government. In the 89th Legislative Session, SB 533 and HB 1519 were filed for this exact purpose (SB 533, 2025; HB 1519, 2025).

4. Hold Special Districts to a Higher Transparency Level

Special purpose districts with fewer than 250 voters are not held to the same standard of transparency

for debt obligation elections as other political subdivisions. In the May 2025 election, only 8 of the 127 SPD bond elections had more than 250 voters in the district. Voters are entitled to information regarding bond elections regardless of the size of the district, so in order to make bond elections as transparent as possible in the 90th Legislative Session, we recommend that the requirements laid out in Section 2.009 of the Texas Election Code apply to all debt obligation elections. ■

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