



NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

Dear Friends,

The last two weeks have been a rollercoaster for Redistricting in our state. On Monday, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott released three maps (Congressional, Texas House and Senate) that were part of a settlement. The San Antonio court then instructed the parties to keep working because they do not feel that the maps have adequate buy-in from all parties for an agreement. If the maps had been approved on Monday, we would have been able to have a primary on April 3. It is my hope that we come to a resolution soon so we can schedule a primary this Spring.

Please visit the Texas Redistricting website to stay up to date on the court cases and maps. You can even see the new maps to see what our district looks like. Just pull up the House map labeled *PlanH303* and search for HD 133. Please log on to <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.htm>. Click on District Viewer to view the House, Senate and Congressional maps. We will keep you updated as we hear of any developments.

On another note, the Groundhog saw his shadow, but in Texas that doesn't mean we will have six more weeks of Winter. We live in a state where we say, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute." In this newsletter we are going to provide you with some resources to help plan your Spring and Summer vacations and weekend getaways. Texas has so much to offer, so why go anywhere else? As always, you are welcome to visit our Capitol office when you are in Austin. We always have cold drinks and an air conditioned spot for you and your family.

We hope that you are enjoying our e-newsletters and ask that you please forward a copy to your friends and neighbors. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to receive updates from the Capitol is on our list. If there is a topic you would like to discuss, or you would like to invite me to speak to your group, please call us at 512.463.0514.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

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Planning a vacation in Texas?

Spring in Texas is one of the prettiest times of the year and our gorgeous wildflowers begin to bloom. Do you like to hike, camp or fish? Do you want to know the fishing forecast? Would you like to learn about the Urban Outdoor programs? You can answer all these questions and more when you visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife's web page: www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Texas Parks and Wildlife has developed a comprehensive webpage with helpful information. You can purchase a hunting license, register your boat and find a Texas park all in one place.

Another great resource is the Travel Texas website. They make it easy to find lodging, locate events and plan your road trip. Please visit www.traveltex.com and for a mobile version, please visit m.traveltex.com.

Let's keep our travel dollars in our great state and help grow our economy by staying within our borders and supporting our state parks and local businesses.

We wish you safe travels and a happy return.

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