

# How Texas Delegate System “Works”



## A brief look at the Texas Delegate System

1. 126 Total Texas Delegates based on outcome in each of the states 31 senatorial districts in the March 4 primary
2. The number of delegates available in each district is not equal: Delegates are allocated based on the votes cast in districts in the 2004 and 2006 presidential and gubernatorial elections.
3. And not all decided by primary
4. An additional 42 at-large delegates are awarded at the state convention in June.
5. Those delegates are pledged to individual candidates based on participation that begins in precinct caucuses on election night and ends in senatorial district caucuses at the state convention.
6. The state convention also elects 35 super delegates
7. And the state convention elects an additional 25 pledged-party and elected-official delegates

RIO GRANDE GUARDIAN: Given that he is the only Rio Grande Valley legislator to publicly endorse Barack Obama for president, state Rep. Eddie Lucio III says he currently feels like the Lone Ranger. “I feel a little bit like the Lone Ranger but that is about to change,” Lucio told the Guardian.

Rep. Pete Gallego endorses Obama

Almost 800 people who aren't chosen as delegates by voters will get to cast ballots at the party's convention in Denver this summer. Obama's opponent currently has 61% of the Super Delegates. Using this percentage, Obama would have 312 of the 800 Super Delegates.

What's beyond dispute is that Texas will play an oversized role in the Democratic nomination process. Both the Obama and Clinton campaigns announced Wednesday they are ramping up their operations here in advance of the March 4 contest, which has suddenly become a must-win state for both candidates.

**Texas Democratic Convention, June 6 & 7, 2008 in Austin**  
**National Democratic Convention, August 25–28, 2008 in Denver**