

TSGE Legislative Update

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The TSGE continues to be active in monitoring the legislative climate of Texas to ensure that we can deliver the best digestive health care to Texans. More of our day-to-day practice is influenced by state legislation than many gastroenterologists realize. It is imperative that we not only pay attention, but we influence the decisions that are made. Roughly four cycles encompass our legislative agenda:

1. Active legislative session where Bills are either passed or snuffed. This occurs for 6 months every odd year.
2. Rule writing where the Bills that become Law are translated into practical application also known as "Rule Writing."
3. The primary elections
4. The general election

Right now, we are in the primary election cycle. TEXPAC, the political action arm of the TMA, has identified key primary races where candidates are clearly defined as pro-medicine. See the link below called: [Key Primary Races](#). We highly encourage those in the districts of these races to get involved with their candidates. Educate, donate, meet these people. When the time comes, it will be important to know these legislators so we can share with them our point of view.

I would go further and encourage all our members to get involved and meet with their legislators even if their race is not listed below. Together, with these relationships, we can have an impact on the Capitol in Austin and help ourselves do the best we can to practice the highest quality gastroenterology possible.

Key Primary Races: [Key Primary Races.pdf](#)