



GILMER (pop. 5,216)
September 24th, 2019
6th SCFTU in the Nation/Texas



EAST MOUNTAIN (pop. 899)
July 20th, 2020
14th SCFTU in the Nation/Texas



BIG SANDY (pop. 1,343)
May 13, 2025
75th SCFTU in the Nation
58th SCFTU in Texas

What do the laws of the State of Texas say about political subdivisions outlawing abortion?

During the **86th Legislative Session**, the State of Texas prohibited any political subdivision in the State of Texas from using taxpayer dollars to fund any abortion provider or any affiliate of an abortion provider. In the prohibition the State Legislature made clear that the law may not be construed to restrict a municipality or county from prohibiting abortion. See Tex. Gov't Code § 2273.005. (*"This chapter may not be construed to restrict a municipality or county from prohibiting abortion."*). During the **87th Legislative Session**, the State of Texas explicitly allowed municipalities and counties to outlaw and prohibit abortion, and to establish penalties and remedies against those who perform or enable unlawful abortions. See Tex. Gov't Code § 311.036(b) (*"A statute may not be construed to restrict a political subdivision from regulating or prohibiting abortion in a manner that is at least as stringent as the laws of this state unless the statute explicitly states that political subdivisions are prohibited from regulating or prohibiting abortion in the manner described by the statute."*) While the **Texas Attorney General's Office** has stated that cities could always do this (See *Planned Parenthood v. City of Lubbock*, 2021), the passage of this provision in SB 8 (*The Texas Heartbeat Act*) made it explicitly clear that cities and counties had such authority.

What political subdivisions in Upshur County could pass a 'sanctuary for the unborn' ordinance in the future?

[Upshur County](#) (pop. 43,281)
[Gladewater](#) (pop. 6,441)

[Ore City](#) (pop. 1,108)
[Clarksville City](#) (pop. 865)

[Union Grove](#) (pop. 357)
[Warren City](#) (pop. 298)

What political subdivisions in the counties around Upshur County have passed 'sanctuary for the unborn' ordinances?

[Camp County](#) (pop. 13,000)
[Lindale](#) (pop. 6,923)

[Waskom](#) (pop. 2,190)
[Naples](#) (pop. 1,378)

[Omaha](#) (pop. 1,021)