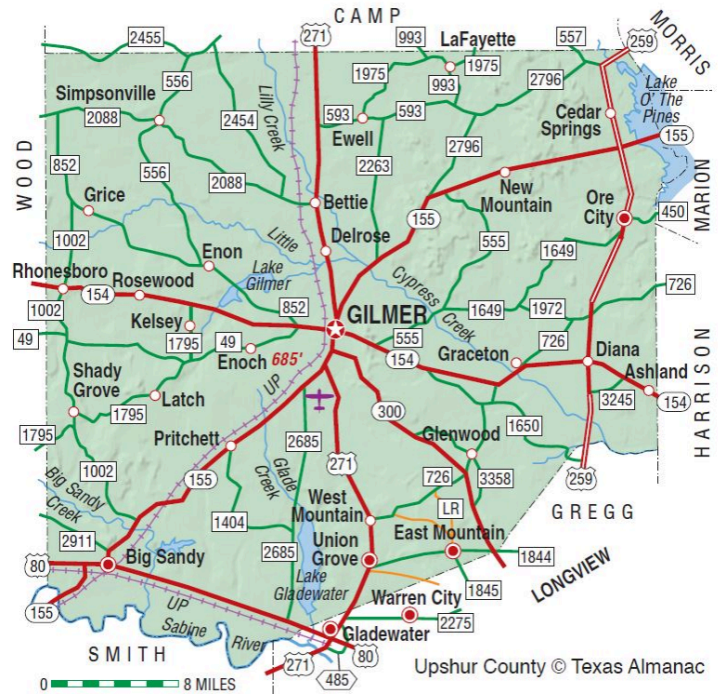


How pro-life are Republicans in Upshur County?

During the **2018 Republican Party Primary**, voters had the opportunity to vote on proposition #7. This proposition gave voters the chance to voice their opinion if they were "In Favor" or "Against" the following statement: *"I believe abortion should be abolished in Texas."* In Upshur County, out of 4,940 votes, 3,935 (79.66%) voted in favor of the pro-life proposition and 1,005 (20.34%) voted against the pro-life proposition.

During the **2022 Republican Party Primary**, voters had the opportunity to vote on proposition #5. This proposition gave voters the chance to voice their opinion if they were "In Favor" or "Against" the following statement: *"Texas should enact a state constitutional amendment to defend the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, from fertilization until natural death."* In Upshur County, out of 5,590 votes, 5,148 (92.09%) voted in favor of the pro-life proposition and 442 (7.91%) voted against the pro-life proposition.

In **2019, 2020, and 2025**, the Republican Party of Upshur County supported the passage of Sanctuary City for the Unborn Ordinances in Gilmer, East Mountain, and Big Sandy.



Support from Texas Lawmakers On Political Subdivisions Passing Ordinances Outlawing Abortion

In August 2023, about 20 Texas Senators and Representatives, including Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Cole Hefner, penned a letter in support of cities and counties passing ordinances outlawing abortion across the State of Texas. The letter read: *"Currently there are over 50 political subdivisions in Texas which have passed local ordinances prohibiting abortion within their jurisdictions. As elected officials who voted for state legislation allowing these local actions, we are thrilled to see this wave of pro-life action at the local level and hope to see these ordinances continue to spread across our state - even in a post-Roe Texas. While it is true that abortion is outlawed in the entire State of Texas, from the point of conception, our work is far from over. Right now, throughout the State of Texas, women are being trafficked across our borders by abortion traffickers funded by abortion trafficking organizations still operating in our state. As a result, these women are being abused and traumatized by abortion across our Texas-New Mexico border and sent back to Texas for our cities and counties to deal with the aftermath taking place in our homes, our schools, our churches, and our hospitals. The Sanctuary for the Unborn ordinances seek to protect these institutions by putting safeguards in place to protect men, women, and their children for years to come. These ordinances, which seek to close as many loopholes as possible, do not penalize women who seek or undergo abortions, but places the penalty on the party who most deserves it - the abortionist and the industry profiting from the unjust procedure, including abortion traffickers."*

The Republican Party of Texas 2024 Party Platform and Sanctuary for the Unborn Ordinances



Several provisions found in Sanctuary for the Unborn Ordinances are in full alignment with multiple pro-life planks found in the Republican Party of Texas 2024 Party Platform.

Plank #194(l). Pro-Life: Abortion is not healthcare, it is homicide. Until the abolition of abortion is achieved, we support laws that restrict and regulate abortion, including but not limited to . . . Supporting the right of Texas municipalities to protect mothers and their preborn children

in their communities by passing enforceable city ordinances that further ban abortions within their city limits, closing loopholes in state abortion laws.

Plank #194(j). Pro-Life: We support laws that restrict and regulate abortion, including but not limited to . . . Extending the private cause of action used in the Texas Heartbeat Act to all pro-life laws and policies in Texas.

Plank #53. Prohibit Abortion Transportation Across State Lines: We support legislation to prohibit the use of any government funds, as well as the transportation of pregnant women across Texas' state lines, for the purpose of procuring an elective abortion and for the provision of a private right of action against all persons and organizations who aid and abet in the harming of the woman, and the killing of her preborn child.

Plank #142. Preventing Any Death by Abortion: . . . We support protecting preborn children and their mothers by stopping abortion pill distributors from sending and trafficking these lethal and illegal drugs into Texas and holding those accountable who break state Pro-Life laws by selling and trafficking illegal abortion pills.

