

# District 85 Campaign Finance Claims Set Straight

With charges flying in regard to campaign finance in the race for State Representative, District 85, Pratt on Texas has performed in-depth research on the matter and can present definitive data that Republican Jim Landtroop has raised significantly more money, from more individual citizen donors, within District 85 than Democrat Joe Heflin.

Heflin has charged that Landtroop is being funded from outside of the District. Landtroop's campaign points out that almost 85% of Heflin's funds in the last reporting period have come from outside the District.

Both campaigns have received large donations from outside of District 85. Thus, the question to be answered is: which candidate is getting the most support from INSIDE the district.

The answer can be found in the total amount of funds donated, and the total number of individual donors, from inside District 85.

Pratt on Texas has compiled and examined all Texas Ethics Commission filings from both campaigns and can report the following:

**Democrat Joe Heflin has had 384 individual donors giving just over \$51,600.  
Republican Jim Landtroop has had 576 individual donors giving just over \$75,500.**

**This definitive data indicates that Landtroop has raised about 50% *more* funds from individual citizens of District 85 than has Heflin.**

**And, Landtroop has received donations from about 66% more individual citizens living in the District 85 than has Heflin.**

The Jim Landtroop campaign has raised significantly more money from within the district and has done so from significantly more individual donors.

## Additional data:

### **Average Individual voter donation:**

Heflin: slightly more than \$134 donation per individual

Landtroop: about \$131 donation per individual

### **PAC's & Organizations:**

Heflin has received just under \$24,000 in funds from in-district PACs and organizations.

Landtroop has received just over \$2,800 in funds from in-district PACs and organizations.

*However, \$20,000 of Heflin's \$24,000 in funds from organizations comes from the Pete Laney Campaign which raised much of its money from outside the district.*

*Joe Heflin, state filer #: 00058397*

*Jim (James F.) Landtroop, state filer#: 00056964*