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The filing deadline for the March 3rd primaries was December 9th. State Rep. Ryan Guillen of Rio Grande City drew a Republican from Atascosa County for the general election and Sen. Lucio drew two opponents in the Democratic primary and one Republican in the general election. Sen. Zaffirini will be opposed in the general election by the Southerland Springs pastor. JM Lozano of Kingsville avoided any opposition, but Sen. Hinojosa of McAllen drew a last-minute Republican opponent in the general election.

Rep. Eddie Lucio III, who represents Cameron County, was an influential member of the House Natural Resources Committee until last session, when Speaker Bonnen appointed him Chairman of the Insurance Committee. As Rep. Lucio said, now there is no certainty about any appointments next session because there will be a new Speaker. Lucio will stand a good chance of going back on Natural Resources, assuming that he can defeat an unknown, last-minute primary challenger on March 3rd.

Our friend Tracy King from Brackettville, who is Chair of the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee and an important Natural Resources Committee member, picked up a primary challenger and Rep. Todd Hunter of Corpus Christi will be opposed in the general election by the Democrat who ran for Congress against Michael Cloud in the 2018 cycle. The seat being vacated by State Rep. Poncho Nevárez of Eagle Pass has drawn several primary candidates as has the seat being vacated by Speaker Bonnen of Angleton. Several Democrats have also filed to seek the nomination to oppose Sen. Pete Flores of Pleasanton in the general election.