



At left, Representative Frances Farenthold stands at the podium in the state House of Representatives around 1970. At right, after his election in 1966, Curtis Graves became the first African American to serve in the Texas House since 1899. The demographic makeup of elected officials in the Texas Legislature—then and now—is not representative of the state’s population as a whole.

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