

## Richard Peña Raymond bio

Richard Peña Raymond was born in Alice, Texas and raised in Benavides, Texas. He got involved in politics as a very young man fighting political corruption in his home county of Duval. Representative Raymond received a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Raymond was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 representing a rural South Texas District that included the counties of Duval, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Wilson, Atascosa, McMullen and La Salle. After serving in the Texas House for 6 years, he then ran for Texas Land Commissioner. Although he received nearly 1.5 million votes as the Democratic Party nominee, he lost to Republican David Dewhurst. Two years later, in 2001, Raymond was once again elected to the Texas House of Representatives, this time by the voters of Laredo, and has served in the House since. Representative Raymond serves as Chairman of the Human Services Committee and also serves on the Ways and Means Committee. He and his wife Michelle have three children. He is a lifelong and die hard Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns fan!