Texas Tidbit: Open Races for Texas Governor, 1906-Present

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Governor Rick Perry recently announced that he will not seek re-election in 2014, leaving an open race for Texas governor in which the incumbent is not running. The last open race for Texas governor occurred in 1990, when Governor Bill Clements did not seek re-election. We examined records going back to the first Texas primary in 1906 to see which other open races for governor have occurred.

Election	Incumbent governor	Winner
1990 election	William P. Clements	Ann. W. Richards
1968 election	John B. Connally, Jr.	Preston Smith
1956 election	Robert Allan Shivers	Price Daniel, Sr.
1946 election	Coke R. Stevenson	Beauford H. Jester
1938 election	James V. Allred	W. Lee O'Daniel
1934 election	Miriam Ferguson	James V. Allred
1930 election	Daniel J. Moody, Jr.	Ross S. Sterling
1924 election	Pat M. Neff	Miriam Ferguson
1920 election	William P. Hobby	Pat M. Neff
1914 election	Oscar Branch Colquitt	James E. Ferguson
1910 election	Thomas Mitchell Campbell	Oscar Branch Colquitt
1906 election	S.W.T. Lanham	Thomas Mitchell Campbell

Election information obtained from the Texas Almanac.