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**Smith says he may run for state senate**

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Senate District 10 is currently represented by Fort Worth Democrat Wendy Davis. State Rep. Mark Shelton, R-Fort Worth, has filed to challenge her in the general election.



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## Eules legislator Todd Smith looking at state Senate race

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State Rep. Todd Smith, R-Eules, may join local Republicans running for state Senate.

Smith plans to take a close look at the configuration of Tarrant County's Senate districts in an agreement between the state and Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, to settle a redistricting lawsuit. The agreement left Senate District 10, represented by Davis, unchanged from the last election. The lines of neighboring Senate districts shifted.

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