



# The Senate of Texas

KEVIN SPARKS

DISTRICT 31

## SENATOR SPARKS STATEMENT ON IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

**AUSTIN**— Texas State Senator Kevin Sparks issued the following statement Tuesday morning:

“On May 27, the Texas House of Representatives voted to impeach Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Beginning today, September 5, the matter will now come to the Texas Senate for trial. Under the Texas Constitution, the Senate will now serve like a jury. Because I am a juror, and because the gag order imposed upon jurors was upheld as constitutional by the Texas Supreme Court, I cannot discuss the case with anyone. Nor do I wish engage in any speech or conduct that would disqualify myself as a juror.

My office has received numerous calls and e-mails concerning the Senate’s role. Communication from my constituents is always needed and appreciated. However, in this unique instance, please understand that I cannot engage in any discussion or review any out-of-court documentation concerning the merits of the case. My staff is held under the same restrictions.

If you need help on any casework or would like to discuss another policy issue, please contact my Capitol office and we will be more than happy to assist.”

