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House Budget Committee Chair [Jodey Arrington](#) (R-Texas) is planning to run for re-election after what he says is a “mutual” decision to forego the chancellorship at the Texas Tech University System.

Arrington, who is continuing to discuss plans with his family, told Bloomberg Government he informed [Speaker Mike Johnson](#) and [Leader Steve Scalise](#) about his plans to run again in his safe GOP district earlier this month. Arrington’s interest in leading his alma mater sparked speculation about the lawmaker’s political future.

Arrington added he wants to stay on as Budget Chair for President Donald Trump’s final two years in office. As Budget Chair, Arrington played a significant role in the reconciliation process and has pitched working on another large legislative package this year.

The Lubbock representative was being considered for the Texas Tech chancellorship last month, but the role [ultimately went to](#) state Sen. Brandon Creighton (R). Arrington previously served as vice chancellor of the university system for seven years before his tenure in the House.

Several high-profile Texas Republicans have announced they won’t seek re-election next year, including former House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair [Mike McCaul](#) and Reps. Morgan Luttrell and [Chip Roy](#). Roy is running for state attorney general.

Texas Democrats are also being squeezed as they face the prospect of tougher districts in a newly-drawn congressional map pushed for by the White House. Democratic Rep. Lloyd Doggett, who could face a competitive member-on-member primary against Rep. Greg Casar, said he plans to retire if the proposed maps are approved.

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