

LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

Seventy-two local option elections---36 of them county-wide--- were reported to the Liquor Control Board during 1937.

Results of the 36 elections were as follows: Ten counties voted out 4% beer, but three of the elections were in contest at the close of 1937.

Eleven counties refused to legalize 4% beer.

Four counties voted to retain 4% beer.

Three counties voted to prohibit all alcoholic beverages, but two of the elections were in contest at year's end.

Three counties voted to retain all alcoholic beverages.

Three counties refused to legalize all alcoholic beverages.

One county legalized all alcoholic beverages.

One county refused to legalize 14% beverages.

The voting during 1937:

(Note: In the following tabulations the first figure always denotes the "wet" total, the second figure the "dry" total.)

Angelina county: Precinct 4 voted (93-101) against beer May 22.

Precinct 7 voted (83-136) against Beer May 22

Precinct 6 voted beer out (96-227) June 26.

Precinct 3 voted beer out (48-207) July 31.

Precinct 1 voted beer out (592-806) September 18, making Angelina County totally dry.

Blanco county: Precinct 4 voted (183-131) to retain beer October 2.

Bosque county: City of Morgan voted (44-60) against legalizing beer August 21.

Beer voted out (900-1572) in county-wide election November 6. This election was still in contest at end of 1937.

Brazoria county: Legalization of all alcoholic beverages defeated (697-1181) in county-wide election January 30. The county retains 4% beer.

Brazos county: Beer retained (1095-1067) in county-wide election February 27.

Burnet county: Beer voted out (525-796) in county-wide election August 23.

Carson county: Town of White Deer voted (52-125) against legalizing beer September 28.

Cass county: Precinct 6 voted (38-113) against legalizing beer May 20.

Cooke county: Legalization of beer defeated (1426-1749) in county-wide election March 20.

Cottle county: Beer voted out (338-347) in county-wide election November 19. Election contested and held void.

Dallas County: Town of Carrollton voted (23-75) against legalizing beer May 22.

Eastland county: Prohibition of all alcoholic beverages voted (1316-1576) May 1. Election contested and held void, but decision was later overruled, and contest had not been finally decided at end of year.

Precinct 5 voted (37-230) to prohibit all alcoholic beverages September 18.

Precinct 7 voted (45-143) against legalizing beer October 30.

Ellis county: Legalization of beer defeated (1556-2139) in county-wide election August 23.

Freestone county: Beer retained (1024-964) in county-wide election October 2.

Gregg county: Precinct 2 voted (14-67) against legalizing beer October 2.

Grimes county: Legalization of beer defeated (448-880) in county-wide election August 23.

Hamilton county: Legalization of beer defeated (797-888) in county-wide election July 31.

Harris county: Town of Pasadena voted beer out (68-159) May 22.

Hidalgo county: Town of Weslaco voted (409-231) to legalize all alcoholic beverages June 3.

Hopkins county: Legalization of beer defeated (327-2174) in county-wide election May 29.

Houston county: Beer voted out (1132-1368) in county-wide election December 11.

Precinct 8 voted beer out in October.

Howard county: Prohibition of all alcoholic beverages voted (1029-1147) in county-wide election December 10.

Jasper county:	Legalization of beer defeated (333-760) and legalization of 14% beverages defeated (334-761) in county-wide election May 1.
Jeff Davis county:	Town of Fort Davis voted (9-76) against legalizing beer March 20.
King county:	All alcoholic beverages retained (94-73) in county-wide election November 19.
Lamb county:	Legalization of beer defeated (532-850) in county-wide election July 24.
La Salle county:	All alcoholic beverages legalized (407-179) in county-wide election February 6.
Leon County:	Prohibition of all alcoholic beverages voted (784-1136) in county-wide election March 20. Election held void but search of records revealed an election had been held in 1909 which resulted in the county's going dry the following year; beer remains legal.
Lipscomb county:	Town of Booker voted (29-141) against legalizing beer January 2.
McCulloch county:	Legalization of beer defeated (645-791) in county-wide election August 23.
McLennan county:	Precinct 2 voted (434-425) to retain all alcoholic beverages May 1.
Midland county:	Legalization of all alcoholic beverages defeated (290-372) in county-wide election April 24; beer remains legal.
Milam county:	Precinct 5 voted (26-98) against legalizing beer May 8.
Mitchell county:	Legalization of beer defeated (480-791) in county-wide election April 27.
Montgomery county:	Precinct 4 voted beer out (60-103) September 25.

Moore county: All alcoholic beverages retained (218-192) in county-wide election October 2.

Navarro county: Beer voted out (1113-1552) in county-wide election December 28.

Newton county: Precinct 1 voted (223-233) to prohibit all alcoholic beverages November 20.

Nueces county: Precinct 5 voted (300-283) to retain beer July 31.

Ochiltree county: Beer voted out (313-420) in county-wide election March 20. Election held void but this decision was later overruled.

Palo Pinto County: Beer voted out (1182-1333) in county-wide election October 2. Election contested but upheld.

Pecos county: Precinct 4 voted (15-49) against legalizing all alcoholic beverages October 2.

Runnels county: Legalization of beer defeated (855-1274) in county-wide election April 24.

San Augustine county: Beer retained (504-465) in county-wide election August 23.
Precinct 1 voted beer out (235-277) December 28.

Shackelford county: Precinct 4 voted to legalize all alcoholic beverages January 9. Election held void and another election ordered for May 22, which resulted in defeat of legalization.

Stonewall county: Beer voted out (383-455) in county-wide election January 2.
Legalization of 14% beverages defeated (250-338) in county-wide election May 1.

Tarrant county: Town of Arlington voted (435-431) to retain beer March 12.

Titus county:

Beer voted out (849-863) in county-wide election December 11. Election was still in contest at close of 1937.

Tom Green county:

Precinct 2 voted (119-263) against legalizing 14% beverages January 23.

Precinct 1 voted (1024-1675) against legalizing all alcoholic beverages January 26.

Upton county:

All alcoholic beverages retained (222-121) in county-wide election November 27.

Victoria county:

Precinct 6 voted (49-64) against legalizing beer September 25.

Walker county:

Legalization of beer defeated (465-737) in county-wide election August 14.

Wilbarger county:

Precinct 2 voted beer out (67-99) September 16.

Precinct 7 voted beer out (26-104) September 23.

Precinct 1 voted (646-390) to retain beer November 19.

Precinct 4 voted beer out (71-106) November 19.

Willacy county:

Prohibition of all alcoholic beverages voted (447-530) in county-wide election October 30. Election still in contest at close of 1937.

Wood county:

Town of Golden voted beer out (30-70) January 2.

Young county:

Beer voted out (443-1319) in county-wide election November 6. Election still in contest at close of 1937.

Zavala county:

Beer retained (436-285) in County-wide election September 25.

In conclusion, we hereby express our sincere appreciation of the services of Honorable Bert Ford, Administrator, and the heads of each and every Division in the organization, as well as all the employees.

Respectfully submitted,

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