

### LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

There were twenty-four local option elections reported in 1944. Fourteen were county-wide, nine were precinct elections, and one city election.

The voting in 1944:

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

ARCHER COUNTY: Archer County voted (867-1098) to prohibit the sale of beer on May 6, 1944.

ATASCOSA COUNTY: Precinct 6 voted (218-417) to retain its dry status on May 6, 1944.

CARSON COUNTY: Precinct 5 (Groom and Lark) voted (12-123) to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages containing alcohol in excess of 14% on July 22, 1944.

CHAMBERS COUNTY: Precinct 7 voted (184-96) to retain its wet status for the sale of all alcoholic beverages on February 5, 1944.

CONCHO COUNTY: Precinct 5 (Lowake) voted (50-59) against legalizing the sale of beer on May 6, 1944.

DALLAM COUNTY: Dallam County voted (593-422) to continue the sale of all alcoholic beverages on May 6, 1944.

DALLAS COUNTY: Dallas County voted (47,343-23,540) to continue the sale of all alcoholic beverages on August 5, 1944.

GAINES COUNTY: Gaines County voted (763-986) to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages on April 8, 1944.

GARZA COUNTY: Garza County voted (170-839) against legalizing the sale of beer on October 7, 1944.

GRAY COUNTY: Precinct 1 voted (235-87) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages on March 11, 1944.

HARDIN COUNTY: Hardin County voted (1424-1130) to continue the sale of all alcoholic beverages on October 28, 1944.

HARRIS COUNTY: Town of Tomball prohibited sales of alcoholic beverages over 14% by a vote of (26-93) on December 9, 1944.

The voting in 1944: (Continued)

- HOWARD COUNTY: Precinct 2 voted (39-82) to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages on January 8, 1944.
- HUTCHINSON COUNTY: Precinct 3 (Stinnett) voted (135-123) on July 3, 1944, to permit the continued sale of beer.
- KERR COUNTY: Precinct 4 voted (314-141) against prohibiting the sale of beer on June 3, 1944.
- McLENNAN COUNTY: McLennan County voted (8069-8768) to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages on July 15, 1944.
- MILAM COUNTY: Milam County voted to continue the sale of all alcoholic beverages (2940-1663) on April 8, 1944.
- SHACKELFORD COUNTY: Shackelford County voted (413-780) against legalizing the sale of beer and wine containing alcohol of 14% by weight on June 3, 1944.
- STERLING COUNTY: Sterling County voted (112-186) to prohibit the sale of beer on January 4, 1944.
- STEPHENS COUNTY: Stephens County voted (1300-910) to continue the sale of beer on December 9, 1944.
- TARRANT COUNTY: Tarrant County voted (25,387-17,147) to continue the sale of all alcoholic beverages on August 5, 1944.
- WALLER COUNTY: Precinct 6 voted (137-88) to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages. Legal sales of beer were permissible before this election on October 21, 1944.
- WILBARGER COUNTY: Wilbarger County voted (1825-2758) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages containing alcohol of 14% by weight or less, on April 7, 1944.
- YOAKUM COUNTY: Yoakum County voted (229-571) against legalizing the sale of beer on June 1, 1944.

WET-DRY STATUS OF TEXAS COUNTIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 1945

(Asterisk indicates counties wholly wet, all others dry in part)

COUNTIES IN WHICH DISTILLED SPIRITS ARE LEGAL: 93

*Aransas	Falls	Kerr	San Patricio
Atascosa	Fayette	*Kinney	*Starr
*Austin	Fort Bend	*La Salle	*Sutton
Bastrop	Galveston	Lavaca	Tarrant
*Bee	Gillespie	Lee	*Terrell
*Bexar	Goliad	Liberty	Tom Green
Blanco	Gonzales	Live Oak	Travis
*Brewster	Gray	Llano	*Trinity
Burleson	Gregg	*Loving	*Upton
Calhoun	Guadalupe	Matagorda	Uvalde
Cameron	Hardin	Maverick	Val Verde
Carson	Harris	McMullen	Victoria
Chambers	*Hartley	Medina	Waller
Colorado	*Hidalgo	*Menard	Ward
*Comal	Howard	Milam	*Washington
*Crane	*Hudspeth	*Moore	*Webb
*Culberson	Hutchinson	Nueces	*Wharton
Dallam	Jackson	Orange	Williamson
Dallas	Jefferson	Pecos	Wilson
DeWitt	*Jim Hogg	*Potter	*Winkler
*Duval	Jim Wells	*Presidio	*Zapata
*Ector	Karnes	*Reagan	
Edwards	*Kendall	*Reeves	
*El Paso	*Kenedy	Refugio	

COUNTIES IN WHICH ONLY 4% BEER IS LEGAL: 19

Bandera	*Brooks	*Kimble	Montgomery
Bell	Caldwell	*Kleberg	Robertson
Bowie	Concho	Limestone	Stephens
*Brazoria	Frio	Lipscomb	*Zavala
Brazos	*Hemphill	Midland	

COUNTIES IN WHICH 14% BEVERAGES ARE LEGAL: 2

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COUNTIES WHOLLY DRY: 140

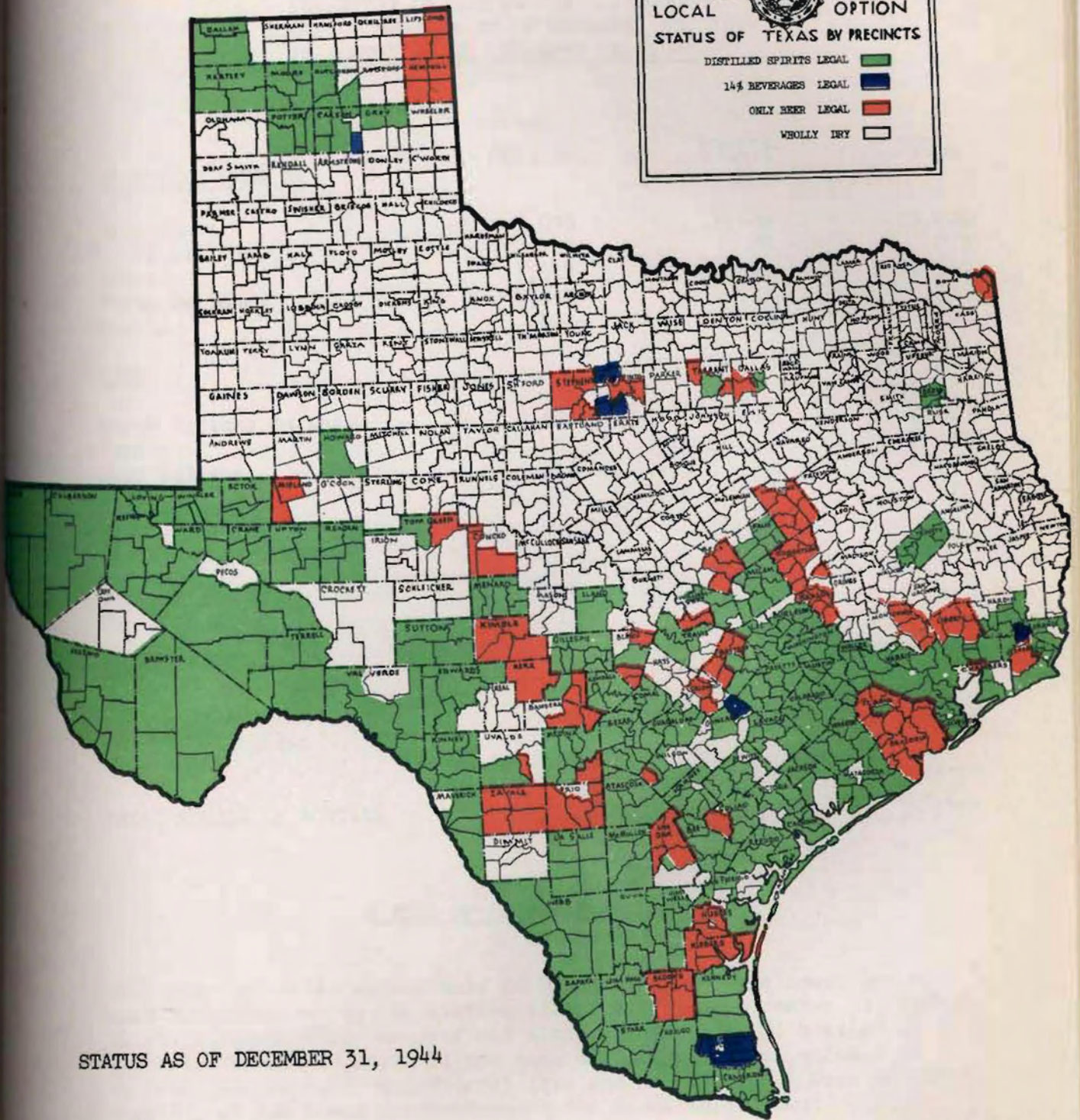
Anderson	Dimmitt	Johnson	Real
Andrews	Donley	Jones	Red River
Angelina	Eastland	Kaufman	Roberts
Archer	Ellis	Kent	Rockwell
Armstrong	Erath	King	Runnels
Bailey	Fannin	Knox	Rusk
Baylor	Fisher	Lamar	Sabine
Borden	Floyd	Lamb	San Augustine
Bosque	Foard	Lampasas	San Jacinto
Briscoe	Franklin	Leon	San Saba
Brown	Freestone	Lubbock	Schleicher
Burnet	Gaines	Lynn	Scurry
Callahan	Garza	Madison	Shackelford
Camp	Glasscock	Marion	Shelby
Cass	Grayson	Martin	Sherman
Castro	Grimes	Mason	Smith
Cherokee	Hale	McCulloch	Somervell
Childress	Hall	McLennan	Sterling
Clay	Hamilton	Mills	Stonewall
Cochran	Hansford	Mitchell	Swisher
Coke	Hardeman	Montague	Taylor
Coleman	Harrison	Morris	Terry
Collin	Haskell	Motley	Throckmorton
Collingsworth	Hays	Nacogdoches	Titus
Comanche	Henderson	Navarro	Tyler
Cooke	Hill	Newton	Upshur
Coryell	Hockley	Nolan	Van Zandt
Cottle	Hood	Ochiltree	Walker
Crockett	Hopkins	Oldham	Wheeler
Crosby	Houston	Panola	Wichita
Dawson	Hunt	Parker	Wilbarger
Deaf Smith	Irion	Parmer	Wise
Delta	Jack	Polk	Wood
Denton	Jasper	Rains	Yoakum
Dickens	Jeff Davis	Randall	Young

The map on the following page gives a visual outline of the local option status of the entire state.



LOCAL OPTION  
STATUS OF TEXAS BY PRECINCTS

- DISTILLED SPIRITS LEGAL ■
- 14% BEVERAGES LEGAL ■
- ONLY BEER LEGAL ■
- WHOLLY DRY



STATUS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1944