

LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

There were thirty-six local option elections held in 1948. Sixteen were county wide, eighteen were justice precinct elections, and two were city elections.

The voting in 1948:

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

- BAILEY COUNTY: Bailey County voted on December 7, 1948, (224-1137) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- BEE COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 5, Bee County, voted January 3, 1948, (101-61) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- BELL COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 1, Bell County, voted December 2, 1948, (711-1117) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- BROWN COUNTY: Brown County voted, October 9, 1948, (2378-3753) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- BRAZORIA COUNTY: Brazoria, Brazoria County, Texas, on October 7, 1948, voted (154-119) against prohibiting the sale of beer in that county.
- CALDWELL COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 4, Caldwell County, on November 2, 1948, voted (102-303) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- CHAMBERS COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 1, Chambers County, voted October 9, 1948, (27-109) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- DIMMIT COUNTY: Dimmit County voted November 2, 1948 (397-1023) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- EASTLAND COUNTY: Eastland County voted November 2, 1948, (2571-4433) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- FRIO COUNTY: Frio County voted December 4, 1948, (1064-807) against prohibiting the sale of beer.
- Justice Precinct No. 3 of Frio County voted October 9, 1948, (66-151) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- GRAYSON COUNTY: Grayson County voted April 3, 1948, (5765-9155) against legalizing the sale of beer.

HARDIN COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 7, Hardin County, voted January 3, 1948, (143-129) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

Justice Precinct No. 8, Hardin County, voted January 3, 1948, (70-69) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

HARRIS COUNTY: Jacinto City, Harris County, voted May 22, 1948, (434-300) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

JIM WELLS COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 4, Jim Wells County, voted June 5, 1948, (656-230) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

KIMBLE COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 6, Kimble County, voted July 10, 1948, (112-104) against prohibiting the sale of beer.

LAMAR COUNTY: Lamar County voted November 2, 1948, (2601-6197) against legalizing the sale of beer.

LIBERTY COUNTY: Liberty County voted January 3, 1948, (2105-2049) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

Upon an appeal from this certification by the Commissioner's Court of Liberty County, the county was declared dry by the District Court of Liberty County, and the Court of Civil Appeals of the Ninth Supreme Judicial District of Texas subsequently affirmed the judgment of the District Court and the county was declared legally dry on August 6, 1948.

Liberty County voted on September 11, 1948, (3056-2597) to legalize the sale of malt and vinous beverages containing not more than fourteen per cent alcohol by volume.

LIMESTONE COUNTY: Limestone County voted April 3, 1948, (2777-2564) against prohibiting the sale of beer.

Justice Precinct No. 3, Limestone County, on November 2, 1948, voted (48-224) to prohibit the sale of beer.

NUECES COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 6, Nueces County, May 8, 1948, voted (126-272) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

- PALO PINTO COUNTY:** Palo Pinto County, May 8, 1948, held a local option election that was subsequently declared null and void in a ruling by the Attorney General's Department.
- Palo Pinto County, November 2, 1948, voted (2680-2866) to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- PECOS COUNTY:** Justice Precinct No. 6, Pecos County, on March 6, 1948, voted (71-90) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- POTTER COUNTY:** Justice Precinct No. 3, Potter County, voted April 3, 1948, (215-360) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- SAN JACINTO COUNTY:** San Jacinto County voted September 4, 1948, (339-974) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- SCHLEICHER COUNTY:** Schleicher County on October 9, 1948, voted (145-517) against legalizing the sale of malt and vinous beverages that do not contain alcohol in excess of fourteen per cent by volume.
- SMITH COUNTY:** Smith County on October 9, 1948, voted (2382-8940) against legalizing the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- TRAVIS COUNTY:** Justice Precinct No. 5, Travis County, voted June 8, 1948, (2150-1014) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- WHARTON COUNTY:** Justice Precinct No. 6, Wharton County, on August 31, 1948, voted (46-51) to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- Justice Precinct No. 3, Wharton County, on December 8, 1948, voted (692-198) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- Justice Precinct No. 7, Wharton County, voted December 4, 1948, (426-159) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages.
- Justice Precinct No. 6, Wharton County on November 2, 1948, voted (44-70) against legalizing the sale of beer.
- WOOD COUNTY:** Wood County, July 10, 1948, voted (813-3152) against legalizing the sale of beer.

WET-DRY STATUS OF TEXAS COUNTIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, <sup>1950</sup>~~1949~~

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COUNTIES IN WHICH DISTILLED SPIRITS ARE LEGAL: -92 91

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

COUNTIES IN WHICH ONLY 4% BEER IS LEGAL: -20 19

Bandera	*Brooks	*Kleberg	Montgomery
Bell	Caldwell	Limestone	Palo Pinto
<del>Bowie</del>	Concho	Lipscomb	Robertson
*Brazoria	Frio	McLennan	Stephens
Brazos	*Kimble	Midland	*Zavala

COUNTIES IN WHICH 14% BEVERAGES ARE LEGAL: 2

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COUNTIES WHOLLY DRY: 140

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*Rains*

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

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*Bee	Galveston	Lavaca	Tarrant
*Bexar	Gillespie	Lee	*Terrell
Blanco	Goliad	Live Oak	Tom Green
*Brewster	Gonzales	Llano	Travis
Burleson	Gray	*Loving	*Trinity
Calhoun	Gregg	Matagorda	*Upton
Cameron	Guadalupe	Maverick	Uvalde
Carson	Hardin	McMullen	Val Verde
Chambers	Harris	Medina	Victoria
Colorado	*Hidalgo	Menard	Waller
*Comal	<del>Howard</del>	Milam	Ward
Crane	*Hudspeth	*Moore	*Washington
*Culberson	Hutchinson	Nueces	*Webb
Dallam	Jackson	Orange	Wharton
Dallas	Jefferson	Pecos	Wichita
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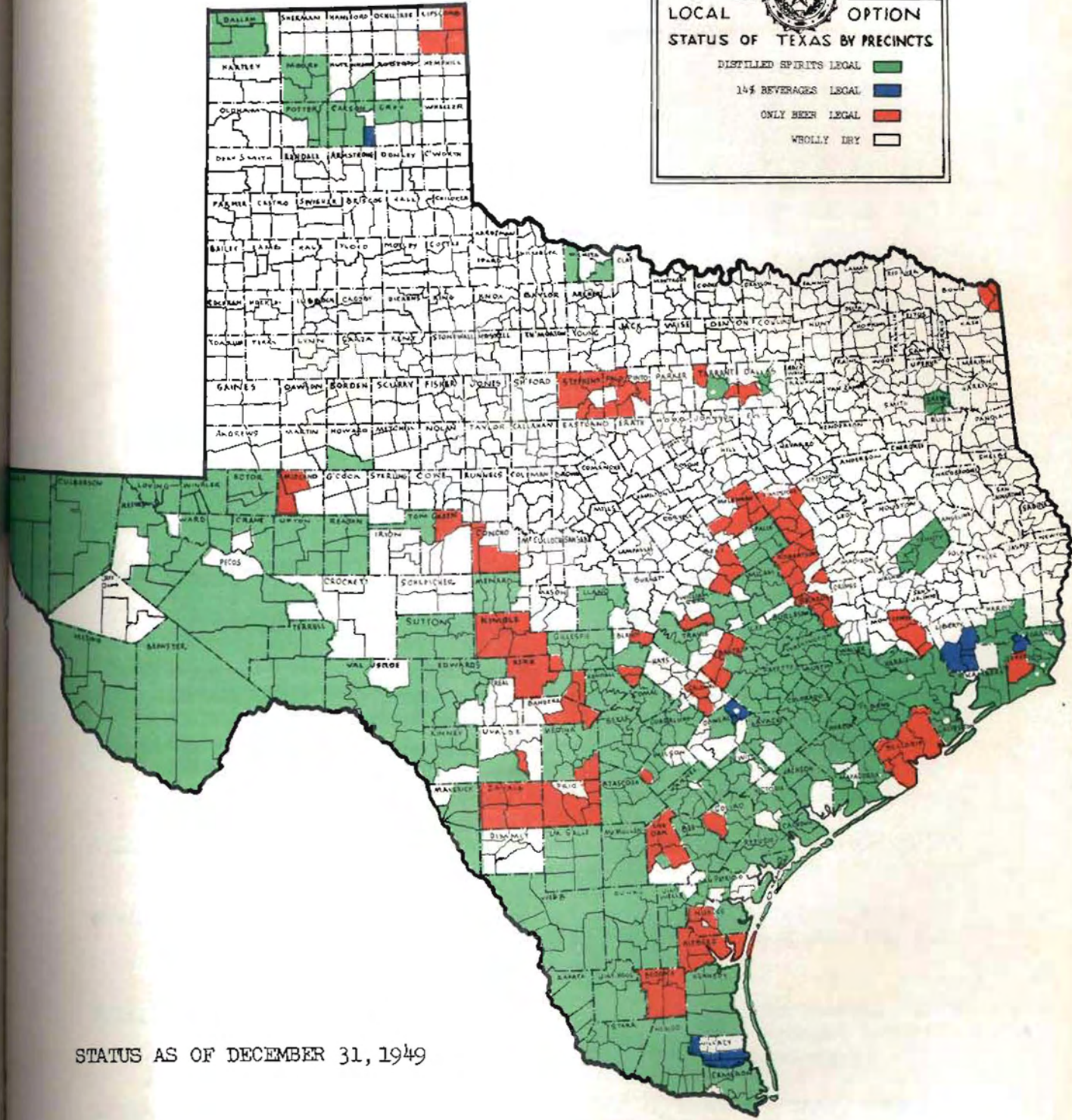
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Archer	Ellis	Jones	Roberts
Armstrong	Erath	Kaufman	Rockwall
Bailey	Fannin	Kent	Runnels
Baylor	Fisher	King	Rusk
Borden	Floyd	Knox	Sabine
<del>X</del> Bosque	Foard	Lamar	San Augustine
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Briscoe	Freestone	Lampasas	San Saba
Brown	Gaines	Leon	Schleicher
Burnet	Garza	Lubbock	Scurry
Callahan	Garza	Lubbock	Scurry
Camp	Glasscock	Lynn	Shackelford
Cass	Grayson	Madison	Shelby
Castro	Grimes	Marion	Sherman
Cherokee	Hale	Martin	Smith
Childress	Hall	Mason	Somervell
Clay	Hamilton	McCulloch	Sterling
Cochran	Hansford	Mills	Stonewall
Coke	Hardeman	Mitchell	Swisher
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STATUS OF TEXAS BY PRECINCTS

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



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