

## LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

Twelve local option elections were held in 1953. Two were county wide, and ten were justice precinct elections. No elections were held in incorporated cities.

The voting in 1953:

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

- BELL COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 4, Bell County, voted on April 3, 1953, (445-1027) against legalizing the sale of beer. (This precinct was wet before the election was held.)
- GREGG COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 5, Gregg County, voted on June 6, 1953, (184-202) for prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages. (This precinct was dry before the election was held.)
- HARDIN COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 7, Hardin County, voted on October 10, 1953, (210-193) for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages. (This precinct was wet before the election was held.)
- LIMESTONE COUNTY: Limestone County voted on April 4, 1953, (2966-2891) for legalizing the sale of malt and vinous beverages that do not contain alcohol in excess of 14 per centum by volume. (This county was dry before the election was held.)
- LIPSCOMB COUNTY: Justice Precinct No. 3, Lipscomb County, voted on March 10, 1953, (193-207) for prohibiting the sale of beer containing alcohol not exceeding 4 per centum by weight. (This precinct was wet before the election was held.)

Justice Precinct No. 3, Lipscomb County, voted on November 3, 1953, (145-200) against the legal sale of beer for off-premises consumption only. (This precinct was dry before the election was held.)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Justice Precinct No. 4, Montgomery County, voted on August 8, 1953, (69-339) against legalizing the sale of beer. (This precinct was dry before the election was held.)

ORANGE COUNTY:

Justice Precinct No. 4, Orange County, voted on January 5, 1953, (508-801) against legalizing the sale of beer. (This precinct was dry before the election was held.)

STEPHENS COUNTY:

Justice Precinct No. 6, Stephens County, voted on March 7, 1953, (9-73) for prohibiting the sale of beer containing alcohol not exceeding 4 per centum by weight. (This precinct was dry before the election was held.)

TARRANT COUNTY:

Justice Precinct No. 5, Tarrant County, voted on August 8, 1953, (802-492) against prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages. (This precinct was wet before the election was held.)

Justice Precinct No. 2, Tarrant County, voted on November 10, 1953, (1481-1404) for the legal sale of beer. (This precinct was wet before the election was held.)

TRINITY COUNTY:

Trinity County voted on February 14, 1953, on the following issues:

(2035-1599) against prohibiting the sale of all beverages that contain alcohol in excess of 4 per centum by weight.

(2030-1603) against prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages that contain alcohol in excess of 14 per centum by volume.

(2028-1605) against prohibiting the sale of  
all alcoholic beverages.

(This county was wet before the election was  
held.)

WET-DRY STATUS OF TEXAS COUNTIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

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

COUNTIES IN WHICH DISTILLED SPIRITS ARE LEGAL: 92

*Aransas	*El Paso	*Kenedy	Refugio
Atascosa	Falls	Kerr	San Patricio
*Austin	Fayette	Kinney	*Starr
Bastrop	*Fort Bend	*LaSalle	*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	Howard	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: 18

Bandera	*Brooks	*Kimble	Oldham
Bell	Caldwell	*Kleberg	Palo Pinto
*Brazoria	Concho	McLennan	Robertson
Brazos	Frio	Midland	Stephens
		Montgomery	*Zavala

COUNTIES IN WHICH 14% BEVERAGES ARE LEGAL: 3

Liberty	Limestone	Willacy
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COUNTIES WHOLLY DRY: 141

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

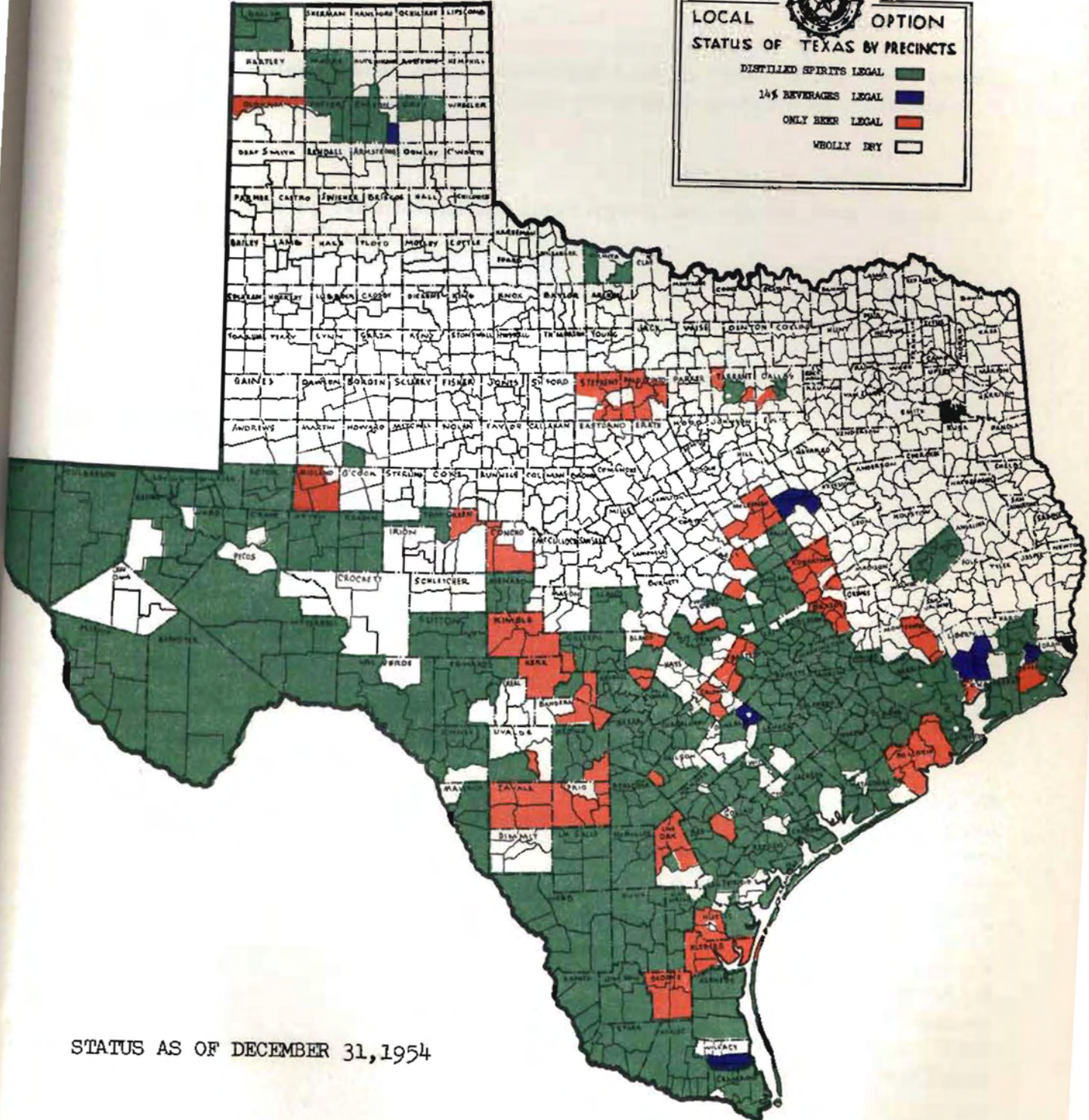
(Lipscomb County has wet status--all precincts dry.)

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, 1954