

**Local Option Elections
Fiscal Year 2003
(September 1, 2002 – August 31, 2003)**

There were twenty-two local option elections held in eighteen jurisdictions during the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2003. Elections were called for each of the following issues: (1) The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only; (2) The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off premises consumption only; (3) The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages, and (4) The legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only. As a result of these elections, several of which were held the same day for the same jurisdiction, seven jurisdictions became “wet,” eight became “wetter” still, and three jurisdictions retained their previous status.

The details of the elections are as follow:

BRAZORIA COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for the City of Pearland, Brazoria County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 1,219 FOR and 463 AGAINST. The City of Pearland, Brazoria County, was “wet” only for the sale of beer before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

COLLIN COUNTY

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Murphy, Collin County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 1,003 FOR and 584 AGAINST. On the same date, a local option election was also called for the City of Murphy, Collin County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” This issue failed by a vote of 750 FOR and 835 AGAINST. The City of Murphy, Collin County, was “dry” before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of St. Paul, Collin County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.” The issue failed by a vote of 113 FOR and 140 AGAINST. The City of St. Paul, Collin County, was “dry” before the election and remains “dry” afterwards.

COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY

A local option election was held on November 5, 2002 for the City of Wellington, Collingsworth County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue failed by a vote of 316 FOR and 467 AGAINST. The City of Wellington, Collingsworth County, was “dry” before the election and remains “dry” afterwards.

COOKE COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for the City of Gainesville, Cooke County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.” The issue passed by a vote of 2,058 FOR and 1,329 AGAINST. The City of Gainesville, Cooke County, was “dry” prior to the election and is now “wet” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.

DENTON COUNTY

A local option election was held on February 1, 2003 for the City of Little Elm, Denton County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 176 FOR and 48 AGAINST. On the same date, a local option election was also called for the City of Little Elm, Denton County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” This issue passed by a vote of 184 FOR and 39 AGAINST. The City of Little Elm, Denton County, was “wet” in part for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only before the election and is now “wet in part” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only, “wet” throughout for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only, and “wet” throughout for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Northlake, Denton County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 43 FOR and 18 AGAINST. On the same date, a local option election was also called for the City of Northlake, Denton County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” This issue passed by a vote of 38 FOR and 19 AGAINST. The City of Northlake, Denton was “wet” in part for the sale of mixed beverages before the election and is now “wet” throughout for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

HAYS COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for the City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.” The issue passed by a vote of 242 FOR and 126 AGAINST. The City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, was “dry” prior to the election and is now “wet” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Hays County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 584 FOR and 129 AGAINST. Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Hays County, was “wet” only for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for the City of Kaufman, Kaufman County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-

premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 504 FOR and 28 AGAINST. The City of Kaufman, Kaufman County, was partially “wet” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only prior to the election and is now “wet” throughout for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

LIPSCOMB COUNTY

A local option election was held on November 5, 2002 for the City of Higgins, Lipscomb County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 114 FOR and 84 AGAINST. The City of Higgins, Lipscomb County, was “dry” before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.

MORRIS COUNTY

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Naples, Morris County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.” The issue failed by a vote of 177 FOR and 293 AGAINST. The City of Naples, Morris County, was “dry” before the election and remains “dry” afterwards.

PALO PINTO COUNTY

A local option election was held on February 1, 2003 for the City of Graford, Palo Pinto County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 43 FOR and 12 AGAINST. The City of Graford, Palo Pinto County, was “wet in part” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only before the election and is now “wet” throughout for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.

TARRANT COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 14, 2002 for the City of Benbrook, Tarrant County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 1,691 FOR and 490 AGAINST. The City of Benbrook, Tarrant County, was “wet” only for the sale of beer for off-premises consumption only before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Haslet, Tarrant County, on the issue of “the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.” The issue passed by a vote of 232 FOR and 55 AGAINST. On the same date, a local option election was also called for the City of Haslet, Tarrant County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” This issue passed by a vote of 209 FOR and 75 AGAINST. The City of Haslet, Tarrant County, was “dry” before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Watauga, Tarrant County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 1,164 FOR and 191 AGAINST. The City of

Watauga, Tarrant County, was “wet” for the sale of beer for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only and for the sale of mixed beverages.

WISE COUNTY

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of Decatur, Wise County, on the issue of “the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 456 FOR and 362 AGAINST. The City of Decatur, Wise County, was “dry” before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.

A local option election was held on May 3, 2003 for the City of New Fairfield, Wise County, on the issue of “the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.” The issue passed by a vote of 107 FOR and 35 AGAINST. The City of New Fairfield, Wise County, was “dry” before the election and is now “wet” for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only