

**Local Option Elections
Fiscal Year 1998
(September 1, 1997 – August 31, 1998)**

There were six local option elections during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1998. Elections were called for each of the following issues: (1) The legal sale of beer and wine, (2) The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only, and (3) The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages. As a result of these elections, the wet/dry status of three jurisdictions remained the same; one jurisdiction became "wet" for the first time, and one jurisdiction became "wet" for additional types of alcoholic beverages.

The details of the elections are as follow:

BREWSTER COUNTY

A local option election was held on May 23, 1998, for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Brewster County, on the issue of "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages." The issue passed by a vote of 34 FOR and 20 AGAINST. Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Brewster County, was "wet" only for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption before the election and after the election is now "wet" for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages.

DENTON COUNTY

A local option election was held on September 6, 1997, in the City of Pilot Point, Denton County, for the issue of "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only." The issue failed by a vote of 112 FOR and 119 AGAINST. The City of Pilot Point, Denton County, was "wet" only for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption before the election and after the election remains "wet" only for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

FANNIN COUNTY

A local option election was held on November 8, 1997, in the City of Ravenna, Fannin County, for the issue of "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only." The issue failed by a vote of 37 FOR and 46 AGAINST. The City of Ravenna, Fannin County, was "dry" for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption before the election and remains "dry" for such sales.

FREESTONE COUNTY

A local option election was held on November 4, 1997, in the City of Wortham, Freestone County, for the issue of "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only." The issue passed by a vote of 170 FOR and 157 AGAINST, but the election results were later declared "void" by the Presiding Judge of the 77th Judicial District on February 20, 1998. The City of Wortham, Freestone County, was "dry" for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages before the election and by court order remained "dry" for such sales after the election.

A second local option election was held on June 6, 1998, in the City of Wortham, Freestone County, for the issue "The legal sales of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only." The issue passed by a vote of 214 FOR and 193 Against. The City of Wortham, Freestone County was "dry" for the sale of all alcoholic beverages before the election and after the election is now "wet" for sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only.

LYNN COUNTY

A local option election was held on August 22, 1998, in the City of Wilson, Lynn County, for the issue "The legal sale of beer and wine." The issue failed by a vote of 66 FOR and 101 AGAINST. The City of Wilson, Lynn County, was "dry" for the legal sale of beer and wine before the election and remains "dry" for such sales.