

1965
(1966)

District Number	Incumbent	1960 Population*
1	Wright Patman (D)	378,334
2	John Dowdy (D)	387,794
3	Joe R. Pool (D)	407,990
4	Ray Roberts (D)	411,041
5	Earle Cabell (D)	423,079
6	Olin E. Teague (D)	379,731
7	George Bush (R)	416,218
8	Bob Eckhardt (D)	409,498
9	Jack Brooks (D)	454,784
10	J. J. Pickle (D)	456,301
11	W.R. Poage (D)	389,954
12	Jim Wright (D)	439,500
13	Graham Purcell (D)	380,542
14	John Young (D)	459,050
15	Eligio de la Garza (D)	418,183
16	Richard C. White (D)	394,679
17	Omar Burleson (D)	376,200
18	Robert D. Price (R)	394,582
19	George H. Mahon (D)	425,517
20	Henry B. Gonzalez (D)	450,994
21	O. C. Fisher (D)	453,334
22	Bob Casey (D)	417,442
23	Abraham Kazen Jr. (D)	454,930

1967
NEW DISTRICTS (1968-1970)

District Number	Incumbent	1960 Population*	1966 Congress Vote†	
			Dem.	Rep.
1	Patman (D)	398,127	X	X
2	Dowdy (D)	387,794	X	X
3	Pool (D)	414,160	n.a.	n.a.
4	Roberts (D)	410,498	n.a.	n.a.
5	Cabell (D)	412,192	n.a.	n.a.
6	Teague (D)	450,353	n.a.	n.a.
7	Bush (R)	417,283	n.a.	n.a.
8	Eckhardt (D)	408,479	X	X
9	Brooks (D)	396,402	X	X
10	Pickle (D)	416,083	75.3%	24.7%
11	Poage (D)	389,954	X	X
12	Wright (D)	439,500	X	X
13	Purcell (D)	394,457	56.8	43.2
14	Young (D)	449,500	X	X
15	de la Garza (D)	418,183	X	X
16	White (D)	394,679	X	X
17	Burleson (D)	422,063	X	X
18	Price (R)	415,882	43.6	56.4
19	Mahon (D)	391,589	X	X
20	Gonzalez (D)	445,228	X	X
21	Fisher (D)	445,315	X	X
22	Casey (D)	417,396	X	X
23	Kazen (D)	445,392	X	X

Variation Between Largest and Smallest Districts: 16.1%. Average District Population: 416,507.

*1960 Census. Population figures for the new districts supplied by the Texas Legislature. Populations of metropolitan area districts may differ from the official U.S. Census Bureau populations when they become available.
n.a. Not available.

†Based on the official vote received by Democratic and Republican party Congressional candidates within the areas of the new districts.

x No major party opposition.

more than the earlier plan. Politically, the 1967 plan did not place a single incumbent in any great political danger and each incumbent retained his own district.

District Descriptions

For economic and agricultural descriptions of all 23 Texas Congressional districts, see 1966 Weekly Report p. 2123.

The 1st District (Northeast -- Texarkana) gained Upshur County but otherwise remained unchanged. Rep. Wright Patman (D), chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, is unopposed for re-election. (Incumbent Patman (D); Safe Democratic)

The 2nd District (East -- Orange) was not altered. Rep. John Dowdy (D) faces primary opposition but no Republican opponent in the general election. (Incumbent Dowdy (D); Safe Democratic)

The 3rd District (Western Dallas County) was only slightly changed. Rep. Joe R. Pool (D) again faces strong Republican opposition for re-election. (Incumbent Pool (D); Doubtful)

The 4th District (East -- Tyler) gained 19,250 residents of Dallas County while losing Upshur County to the 1st District. Rep. Ray Roberts (D) is unopposed for renomination and re-election. (Incumbent Roberts (D); Safe Democratic)

✓ The 5th District (Eastern Dallas County) was only slightly altered. Rep. Earle Cabell (D) is a popular former Dallas mayor and is generally favored to win re-election. (Incumbent Cabell (D); Leans Democratic)

✓ The 6th District (East Central) lost about 18,000 Dallas County residents but retained a slice of both Dallas and Tarrant (Fort Worth) Counties. The district gained Austin, Fort Bend, Waller and Washington Counties and now extends in a relatively narrow strip from Dallas-Fort Worth to Houston and to within one county of the Gulf of Mexico, a distance of about 240 miles. In debate on the redistricting measure, state Sen. A.R. Schwartz (D) of Galveston asked if incumbent Rep. Olin E. Teague (D) "opened both doors of his car going down the highway (in the center of the district), wouldn't he kill everybody in his district?" Schwartz added, "I wonder if Congressman Teague could stay on the same road while driving through the district?" Teague is unopposed for renomination and re-election. (Incumbent Teague (D); Safe Democratic)

✓ The 7th District (Northwest Harris County) was barely changed by the redistricting. Freshman Rep. George Bush (R) has become so entrenched that no Democrat filed to oppose him for re-election. (Incumbent Bush (R); Safe Republican)

The 8th District (Northeast Harris County) also experienced few changes in the redistricting. Freshman Rep. Bob Eckhardt (D), one of the most liberal members