Local Option Elections Fiscal Year 1997 (September 1, 1996 – August 31, 1997)

There were four local option elections during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1997. Elections were called for each of the following issues: (1) The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only, (2) The legal sale of beer and wine, (3) The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages, and (4) Prohibiting the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages. As a result of these elections one jurisdiction remained "wet," one jurisdiction remained "dry," one jurisdiction became "wet," and one jurisdiction became "wet" for additional types of alcoholic beverages.

The details of the elections are as follow:

DENTON COUNTY

A local option election was held on April 5, 1997, in the City of Roanoke, Denton County, for the issue of "The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only." The issue failed by a vote of 328 FOR and 338 AGAINST. The City of Roanoke, Denton County, was "dry" for before the election and remains "dry."

LIMESTONE COUNTY

A local option election was held on August 11, 1997 in the City of Coolidge, Limestone County, for the issue of "The legal sale of beer and wine." The issue passed by a vote of 98 FOR and 57 AGAINST. The City of Coolidge, Limestone County, was "dry" before the election and became "wet" for the legal sale of beer and wine.

MEDINA COUNTY

A local option election was held on May 17, 1997, in the City of Devine, Medina County, for the issue of "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages. including mixed beverages." The issue passed by a vote of 158 FOR and 134 AGAINST. The City of Devine, Medina County, was "wet" for the legal sale of beer and wine before the election and is now "wet" for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages.

NAVARRO COUNTY

A local option election was held on March 10, 1997, in the City of Goodlow, Navarro County, for the issue of "Prohibiting the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages." The issue failed by a vote of 38 FOR and 63 AGAINST. The City of Goodlow, Navarro County, was "wet" for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only before the election and remains "wet" for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only.