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Senate Members and Their Districts

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Ben Brown (D) 43rd District

Hometown: Cleveland, Oklahoma

Elected: 1985

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: April 6, 1941

Church: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

Education: Oklahoma Baptist University, 1969, B.A.;
University of Oklahoma, 1971, M.S.W.

Family: Married, Billie (Barnes);
children, Debra, Scott, Susan, John, Amber

Occupation: Executive Director, Metro Alliance
for Safer Cities

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1985 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 414

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 522)

Home Address: 2313 S. Harvey,
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

Home Phone: 405-631-3184

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor, Government Operations, Human
Resources, Judiciary, Rules



This district in southwest Oklahoma County takes in the city of Valley Brook and southwest Oklahoma City. South of Oklahoma City, headed toward Moore, there is evidence of an economy that has still not entirely recovered from the bust: storefronts intended for fashionable boutiques house pawn brokers, and much of the architecture is dated. There is similar deterioration in New Orleans and Houston, where development outstripped need when the oil collapse came in the 1980s.

There are signs of economic life here. Crossroads Mall is filled to capacity, and the sprawl along the I-240 corridor is dotted with large, new retail outlets that speak toward economic recovery. And, as in Houston and New Orleans, the older communities have larger African-American populations than the newer suburb.

District 43 incumbent Ben Brown (D-Oklahoma City) has an extensive record of public service. Throughout the 1970s he was closely involved in the operation of the Metro Alliance for Safer Cities, the Neighborhood Service Organization, and the Energy Conservation and Housing Foundation. In 1982, he was elected to the state House, and after one term he moved on to the Senate. Like his colleague Bernest Cain, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, and, as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services, comes into contact with many of the same issues as Cain's Human Resources Committee. (He also chaired the General Conference Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services in 1997.) Brown chairs the Joint Committee on Federal Funds.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Ben Brown - D | 10,071 | 56.8% |
| | Jerry Kasprick - R | 7,647 | 43.2% |
| 1992 | Ben Brown - D | 13,505 | 62.0% |
| | Gary Johnson - R | 8,338 | 38.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 18,461 Republican: 11,132 Independent: 2,943

1996 Campaign Financial History

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Contributions | Expenditures | Funds Remaining |
| \$112,307.12 | \$108,575.00 | \$4,145.80 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Metro Alliance for Safer Cities

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Jim Barker, Lobbyist, \$1,100.00
 Otti Ann Fried, consultant, \$1,000.00
 DRIVE Political Fund, \$2,000.00
 James L. Barrett, businessman, \$5,000.00
 Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE Fund, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10

43rd District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$27,055 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 12% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 16% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 62% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 14% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 2% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 19% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 23% |
| Percent African American: 13% | Percent Hispanic American: 7% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Bernest Cain (D) 46th District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Elected: 1979

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: February 8, 1949

Church: Unitarian

Education: Graduated Texas College of Theology,
Th.G., 1970; Oklahoma Baptist University, B.A.,
1973; University of Oklahoma, M.P.A., 1980;
University of Oklahoma, J.D., 1988

Family: Children, Melissa Sarah & Bryn Helen

Occupation: Businessman

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1979 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 413 - A

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 610)

Home Address: 138 N. W. 16 #242,
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

Home Phone: 405-525-5101

Leadership Positions: Chair, Human Resources

Committees: Appropriations, Education, Human Resources, Judiciary, Rules



Oklahoma City University is a fine private institution with a reputation for academic excellence. Senate District 46 includes some of the beautiful old neighborhoods of the city, as well as several urban institutions associated with health care and conventioners. One finds a wide range of income levels in this district. The center of downtown Oklahoma City for many people is the Myriad Gardens, just off I-40. If you head southwest from the Myriad, you will cross I-40 and eventually end up at the old Downtown Airpark.

Bernest H. Cain, Jr. (D-Oklahoma City) has been the incumbent senator from this district since 1979. A well-educated man (he has two masters degrees and a law degree, as well as significant progress on a Ph.D.), Cain chairs the Human Resources Committee and also sits on the Appropriations Committee. He also served on the 1997 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services of the General Conference Committee on Appropriations. In these capacities, he comes into frequent contact with one of the pressing issues in Oklahoma politics: health care. Cain, who walks his district every election, seems to be particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor and needy in Oklahoma. Not surprisingly, Cain is serving on a number of interim studies and special committees in the health area.

Grover Campbell (R) 34th District

Hometown: Amarillo, Texas

Elected: 1995

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: February 7, 1954

Church: Southern Baptist

Education: Graduated Texas Tech University, 1977,
B.S. Ch.E.

Family: Married, Deborah Ann (Bosworth)

Occupation: Chemical Engineer

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1995 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 534 - B

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 566)

Home Address: 9602 N. 111th E. Ave.,
Owasso, OK 74055

Home Phone: 918-272-7580

Leadership Positions: Republican Caucus Chair

Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, General
Government, Human Resources, Transportation, Wildlife



When one drives north from Tulsa, toward the Kansas border, development thins out quickly between Tulsa and Bartlesville. While the entirety of Tulsa County has been laid out and gridded in the midwestern tradition of townships, sections, and quarter-sections, many of the roads are little more than gravel farm-to-market drives. It is here that one sees the other Tulsa: the Tulsa of sweeping rural landscapes, ranching, and agriculture. District 34 captures both the rural side of Tulsa and most of Bartlesville and south Washington County, as well as parts of Osage County to the south of Pawhuska. This is one of the wealthiest districts in the state. Oil taken from the land brought wealth, and the wealthy gave back to the community, including a museum and 4000-acre wildlife refuge near Bartlesville.

Incumbent Grover Campbell (R-Owasso) was originally born in Amarillo, Texas, but, like some of his other Senate colleagues, moved to Oklahoma and stayed. Elected to the state House at the age of 33, Campbell served for four terms before moving to the Senate in the 1994 elections. Campbell is completing his first term and is the Republican Caucus chair. A chemical engineer by profession, he is a member of the Task Force on Prevention of Genetic Discrimination. He also serves on the General Government, Human Resources, Transportation, and Wildlife Committees. He is vice chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Budget Committee and served on the important General Conference Committee on Appropriations subcommittee in 1997.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Grover Campbell - R | 11,565 | 59.0% |
| | Windsor Ridenour - D | 8,035 | 41.0% |

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$49,261.11 | \$48,787.35 | \$473.76 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Phillips Petroleum Co.
 Grover Richard Campbell Trust

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Ron Howell, KOCH PAC, \$500.00
 Oklahoma Republican Party, \$4,500.00
 GOPAC, \$1,000.00
 Nettie Campbell, retired, Amarillo, TX, \$1,000.00
 Clinton Key, Chairman, OK Republican Party, \$1,5000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 70
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 7
 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 90

34th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$28,512 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 15% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 27% | Percent Employed in Service: 64% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 3% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 5% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 21% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 26% |
| Percent African American: 4% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Gilmer N. Capps (D) 26th District

Hometown: Tipton, Oklahoma
Elected: 1970
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: January 18, 1932
Church: Methodist
Education: Attended Oklahoma State University,
1949 - 1952; Cameron State College, 1969 - 1970
Family: Married, Wanda Lou (Miller);
children, Cynda & Gilmer John
Occupation: Farming; Ranching
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1971 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 424 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 545)
Home Address: 820 E. 11th St., Snyder, OK 73566
Home Phone: 580-569-2273
Leadership Positions: Majority Whip,
Committees: Appropriations, General Government,
Rules, Agriculture and Rural Development,
Finance, Select Committee on NAFTA, Tourism



A vast stretch of land between the Canadian River and the Red River, west of Anadarko, running south to the Texas border in Tillman County, is represented the Senate by District 26. The district takes in four entire counties — Tillman, Greer, Kiowa, and Washita — and parts of three others — Caddo, Jackson, and Beckham. The population of the district is dispersed. Local elected officials are almost always Democrats; however, the counties in the district have all voted Republican for president, and Washita County in particular is often closely contested in major statewide races.

This is historically interesting country. Greer County was claimed by both Texas and Oklahoma. In 1896, the Supreme Court decided it was part of Oklahoma. Greer County proper has shrunk, being parted into Beckham and Harmon counties. Ranching and agriculture are important out here, and there is still an oil presence. While agriculture is the backbone of the economy, Tillman County is seeking to become the next economic marvel of the Great Plains region of Oklahoma. The county seat, Frederick, built an industrial park that includes a 6,000 foot runway, refueling services, and a reservoir to attract industry. Unemployment here is relatively low, but so are incomes. I-40 traverses the middle of the district, headed for the empty counties of the Texas panhandle.

Democrats still run very well here at all levels. This was not strong country for Frank Keating, although he ran better here than previous Republican candidates. It will be interesting to see whether Hispanic immigration affects those political attitudes.

Gilmer N. Capps (D-Snyder) has been a rancher for all of his adult life. Born in Tipton, he began ranching when he left Oklahoma State University in 1952. Initially elected to the Senate in 1970, he has served continuously since. In the process, he has collected a bevy of plum

committee assignments that are of importance to himself and his district, including seats on the committees on Agriculture, Appropriations, Finance, and General Government. On both the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations and Appropriations and Budget Committee, he held a seat on the Judiciary, Public Safety, and Law Enforcement Subcommittees. He currently serves as a Majority Whip.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Gilmer Capps - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 37,734 | Republican: 5,798 | Independent: 1,462 |
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1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$21,758.54 | \$6,714.01 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Self-employed, farming and ranching

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

- Oklahoma Optometric PAC, \$300.00
- Charles and Greta Gard, \$500.00
- Oklahoma AGC PAC, \$500.00
- Oklahoma Education Assoc PAC, \$500.00
- Oklahoma Phillips Petroleum Co. PAC, \$400.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

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|---|---|
| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 13 |

26th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$24,081 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 9% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 15% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 16% | Percent Employed in Service: 59% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 18% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 29% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 38% |
| Percent African American: 4% | Percent Hispanic American: 6% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Larry Dickerson (D) 4th District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: May 13, 1956

Church: Baptist

Education: Attended Carl Albert State College, 1974;

University of Oklahoma, 1978, Political Science;

University of Oklahoma, 1981, J.D.

Family: Married, Dee Ann (Summer);

children, John Lawrence

Occupation: Attorney

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate

1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 522

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 576)

Home Address: P. O. Box 400, Poteau, OK 74953

Home Phone: 918-647-8680

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, Energy,

Environmental Resources & Regulatory Affairs, General Government, Judiciary, Rules



Little Dixie! Settlers from Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas came to this part of the Choctaw Nation and brought their politics and history straight from the old South. This district, the heart of Little Dixie, is essentially LeFlore County. About 22,000 residents of Sequoyah County (including the towns of Sallisaw and Muldrow) round out the district population. The district media comes from Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Shreveport, which lends little attention to the activities of local state legislators.

The country has a rich political history. Legendary Senator Robert S. Kerr resided here. Another congressional great is immortalized by Carl Albert State College. Given this history, one would expect the politics of the 4th to be decidedly Democratic, which they are. Bill Clinton won here in 1992 and 1996, and Democratic registrants far outnumber the Republicans. Personalities also matter, however. Wes Watkins won this district as an independent gubernatorial candidate in 1994, and he also ran better here than previous Republicans in the 1996 congressional elections. This area is also represented by House Districts 1, 2, 3, and 17.

Incumbent Democrat Larry Dickerson next faces reelection in 1998. Yet another baby boomer legislator in an increasingly youthful chamber, Dickerson resides in Poteau. An attorney by trade, he holds degrees from OU and sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He chairs the Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation. He also chairs the Finance Committee and is on the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight. Dickerson was named one of the *Oklahoma Observer's* top legislators in 1997 for his work on the highway bond issue legislation.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Larry Dickerson - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 32,211 Republican: 5,252 Independent: 1,364

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$48,971.00 | \$54,346.62 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Dickerson Law Firm

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Wayne and Linda Hoffman, \$1,300.00
J. Max Jiles, Sallisaw, \$1,000.00
Archie Farmer, \$1,000.00
Gilbert Green, \$1,000.00
Philip Green, \$1,000.00
OPEA, \$1,000.00
Dale Brown, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

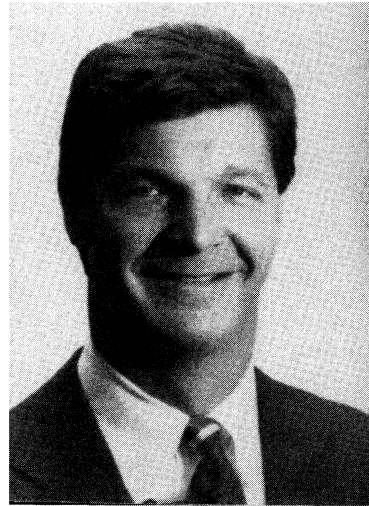
OPEA Advocate (1-100): 80 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 12

4th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$24,157 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 8% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 16% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 32% | Percent Employed in Service: 57% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 4% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 6% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 24% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 33% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Brooks Douglass (R) 40th District

Hometown: Norman, Oklahoma
Elected: 1991
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: September 28, 1963
Church: Baptist
Education: Baylor University, B.B.A. Accounting,
Finance, 1985; Oklahoma City University,
1990, J.D.
Family: Married, Mallory (Roberts)
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 533 - C
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 543)
Home Address: P. O. Box 75370,
Oklahoma City, OK 73147
Home Phone: 405-949-0940
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Sunset
Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor,
Economic Development, Judiciary, Rules, Sunset

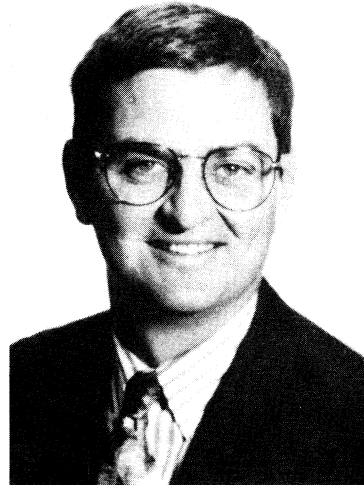


District 40 is crescent-shaped and starts north of Lake Hefner at the Village, and then circles counterclockwise around District 52, which hugs the lake. The district winds through Nichols Hills, Bethany, and Warr Acres. These are some of the most affluent neighborhoods in Oklahoma City, and they exhibit a peculiar duality. These neighborhoods are in some respects out of step with most of Oklahoma, for example there are restrictive covenants that ban the parking of pickup trucks in driveways. In the growth of the Republican party, however, they are at the leading edge of Oklahoma politics.

One of the most articulate and well-known members of the Senate is the youthful Republican senator from Oklahoma City, Brooks Douglass. At the age of 34, Douglass has already served in the Senate for seven years, going immediately from the law school at Oklahoma City University to the legislature. He has served as the Senate Minority Whip, and Vice Chairman of Science, Technology and Telecommunications. Since 1993, he has also held a seat on Appropriations where he is currently Vice Chair of the General Government and Transportation Committee. He is also Vice-Chair of the Sunset Review Committee. Resulting in part from a personal tragedy, Douglass has a commitment to victims' rights, and is currently co-chair of the joint committee examining victims' rights and restitution. Douglass is also a member of the Oklahoma Health Care Commission.

Jim Dunlap (R) 29th District

Hometown: Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Elected: 1997
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: March 10, 1961
Church: First Methodist, Bartlesville
Education: Graduated Drury College,
Springfield Missouri, B.A., 1984
Family: Married, Pam (Thompson)
Occupation: General Contractor
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 529 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 634)
Home Address: 1421 Cherokee Hills Dr.,
Bartlesville, OK 74006
Home Phone: 918-336-6444
Leadership Positions: none
Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, General
Government, Tourism, Transportation, Wildlife



Once upon a time, Nowata County was the center of the universe for easy money. In the early days of statehood, Nowata was the home of the world's largest shallow oil fields. The oil is less plentiful (and it is cheaper to import), but the prosperity brought to this area by the discovery of oil is still evident today in the 29th District. The District takes in Nowata County; parts of Craig County, and Washington County north of Bartlesville, which is the home of Phillips Petroleum.

Local politics here is a largely Democratic affair. Most local offices are won and held by Democrats, and registered Democrats far outnumber Republicans. Republican candidates have run well at the national and statewide level, and the current incumbent, Senator Jim Dunlap (R-Bartlesville), is living proof that the GOP is systematically doing better in traditionally-Democratic parts of Oklahoma. Dunlap is another thirty-something legislator with an extensive record of public service. The vice-president of his family's construction business, Dunlap was actually a member of the House for eight years, where he spent three years as Minority Whip, two years as Caucus Chair, and never missed a day of legislative business. Elected to the Senate in 1996, this first term senator is also active with the NCSL, the Jaycees, and with efforts to train new legislators to be more effective.

He managed to gain appointments to the Appropriations and Budget Committee and the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations. On both committees he serves on the Health and Human Service Subcommittee. He is also a member of the interim study committee on Golf Course Tax Policy.

Kevin Alan Easley (D) 18th District

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas

Elected: 1991

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: May 16, 1960

Church: Not Available

Education: Attended University of Oklahoma;
University of Tulsa, B.S./B.A.; University of
Tulsa graduate work, Business Administration

Family: Married, Dea Ann (Winkle);
children, Kilmyn, Kevin Jr., Korbyn Jackson

Occupation: Legislator

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 417 - C

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 590)

Home Address: 6818 S. 245 E. Avenue,
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

Home Phone: 981-357-1111

Leadership Positions: Chair, Energy, Environmental
Resources and Regulatory Affairs; V-Chair, Rules

Committees: Deregulation, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs,
Finance, General Government, Rules, Wildlife



This district takes in most of eastern and southern Mayes County, a piece of Tulsa County and Wagoner County north of the Muskogee Turnpike, including the county seat of Wagoner (pop. 6894) and Fort Gibson Lake. One of the earliest cattle trails in the west, the East Shawnee Trail, cut through this territory, and white settlement in this area far predates the opening of the territory.

Incomes here are a bit higher than to the south. This is partly due to the tourism brought in by Grand Lake, Lake Eucha, and Lake Hudson. Beef production, chicken processing, and dairying are the other major industries in the district. Crime rates here are low, but not as low as in some rural counties. The Port of Tulsa is important to the local economy, although the backbone of economy is still grain and cattle.

Incumbent Kevin Alan Easley (D) was reelected in 1994 to a second term in the Senate. He next faces reelection in 1998. Prior to being elected to the state Senate he served in the House of Representatives for six years, being elected at age 23. Easley was named "Legislator of the Year" by three different associations in 1989 while a member of the House. He also chaired the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He now chairs its Senate counterpart. He also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee. He was a member of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Regulatory Services of the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Kevin Easley - D | 12,520 | 63.0% |
| | David Taylor - R | 7,480 | 37.0% |

District Voter Registration

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 22,947 | Republican: 13,599 | Independent: 2,023 |
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1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$154,052.07 | \$116,711.69 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Samason Resources
Easley's, Inc.

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Phillips Petroleum PAC, \$2,000.66
Jim Barker, lobbyist, \$5,000.00
Larry Aimes, lobbyist, \$2,000.00
Burlington Resources, \$2,000.00
LEGAL PAC, \$2,500.00
J.P. Collins, Houston, TX, \$5,000.00
John R. Cornell, \$4,000.00
Democrats Oklahoma State Senate Committee, \$5,000.00
Lawyers Encouraging Government and Law, \$2,500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

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| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 0 |

18th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$30,166 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 16% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 16% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 30% | Percent Employed in Service: 63% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 3% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 21% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 25% |
| Percent African American: 3% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Mike Fair (R) 47th District

Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

Elected: 1988

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: December 11, 1942

Church: Lakeside Assembly of God

Education: Attended University of Oklahoma,
1963 - 1968; Central State University,
1973 - 1976

Occupation: Property Insurance Agency

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 533 - B

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 632)

Home Address: 3717 N. W. 125th St.,
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Home Phone: 405-749-1722

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural

Development, Business and Labor, Energy,

Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Finance, Rules



Northwest Expressway takes you away from the state fairgrounds and the furniture stores on Reno. As you leave OKC in your rear-view mirror, the suburbs continue, but thin as you head towards Canadian County. If you head north from Wiley Post Airport, you circle a variety of lakes, including Lake Hefner, Silver Lake, and Ski Island Lake. Eventually, as you bear east, you will pass a variety of golf courses (Quail Creek and the Green), and Quail Springs Mall, until you hit Edmond proper. This is Senate District 47.

This is predominantly Republican territory. David Boren is the only Democrat since the time of FDR to show consistent electoral strength here, and the district has been reliably Republican in statewide contests.

Mike Fair (R-Oklahoma City) has made multiple trips through the legislature. In the late 1960s, he was one of a handful of Republican legislators elected after reapportionment, serving a single term. In the late 1970s, he came back to the House for another seven-year stretch through 1986. He then was elected to the state Senate in 1988. A member of MENSA, one might wonder what he has learned that keeps him coming back. One thing he seems to know is to go where the money is because he managed to gain appointment to the Appropriations Committee and the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Mike Fair - R | 21,171 | 70.1% |
| | Jim Sturdy - D | 9,038 | 29.9% |
| 1992 | Mike Fair - R | 22,570 | 68.0% |
| | Jerry Morgan - D | 10,839 | 32.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 18,477 Republican: 27,038 Independent: 2,761

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$26,885.66 | \$26,052.15 | \$733.51 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Fair Insurance Agency

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma State Republican Party, \$1,500.00
Scott Holden, Tire Disposal Co, \$1,000.00
Oklahoma Independent Energy PAC, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 50 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 66
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 53

47th District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$44,303 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 29 |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 6% | Percent College-Educated: 42% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 12% | Percent Employed in Service: 76% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 5% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 16% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 16% |
| Percent African American: 8% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Ted V. Fisher (D) 12th District

Hometown: Holton, Kansas

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: December 6, 1941

Church: Presbyterian

Education: Attended Northeastern Oklahoma
A&M College; Northeastern State University;
University of Tulsa

Family: Children, Melissa & Brittin

Occupation: Insurance; Real Estate

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 427

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 528)

Home Address: 1115 E. Jackson N. Avenue,
Sapulpa, OK 74066 - 2551

Home Phone: 918-224-4189

Leadership Positions: Chair, Economic Development

Committees: Appropriations, Economic Development,
Education, General Government, Select Committee on NAFTA, Small Business.
Transportation



District 12 incorporates all but the northeastern corner of Creek County, and portions of Okfuskee and Lincoln counties. Incomes here are higher than the regional average, in part due to the continued presence of the oil industry here since the 1920s. Much of the local economy is tied to businesses that support the oil industry, or to light manufacturing (Creek County hosts a thriving clay dinnerware industry) and agriculture. The eastern part of Creek County, around Sapulpa, is incorporated into a district with parts of suburban Tulsa.

Politics here are somewhat more bipartisan than in much of the state. Democrats and Republicans have both won local offices, though Republicans are not as strong as they would want. Until recently Lincoln County was a reliable Democratic county in statewide elections. Republicans have had limited success in statewide contests. Reagan and Nixon ran well here, but Bill Clinton carried the district in 1992, and Wes Watkins carried a substantial amount of the district vote as an independent in 1994. Creek County is divided between two senate districts. More recently it has exhibited increased support for Republicans in national and state contests, although independents Ross Perot and Wes Watkins ran ahead of their statewide averages here.

Incumbent Ted Fisher was elected to a third term in 1994, and next faces reelection in 1998. He has served in the Senate since 1987. A insurance agent and real estate developer, Fisher currently serves as the chairman of the Economic Development Committee. He has also been a member of appropriations since coming to the Senate. Fisher has been active both on the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations, and on Education Subcommittees. He authored the Quality Jobs Program and is promoting legislation to enhance math and science teaching. His work in these areas earned him the designation as one the legislators of the year by the *Oklahoma Observer*.

Charles R. Ford (R) 51st District

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Elected: 1981

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: August 2, 1931

Church: Not Available

Education: Attended Oklahoma State University,
1949 - 1951

Family: Married, Patricia Ann (Ojers);
children, Christopher Reed, Roger Howard,
Karin Rebecca, Robyn Ann

Occupation: Real Estate Investment

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1981 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 527 - B

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 675)

Home Address: 4100 E. 51st St., Tulsa, OK 74135

Home Phone: 918-494-0155

Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Select Committee
on NAFTA

Committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory
Affairs, Finance, Rules, Small Business, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public Safety

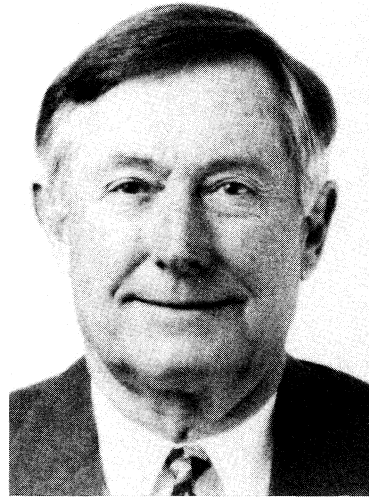


This district stretches southeast from around I-44 and LaFortune Park to the city of Broken Arrow. Broken Arrow takes its name from a Georgia town. The name was brought by Creek Indians, relocated to Indian territory to make way for the Georgia Land Lotteries of the 1830s. The city grew from an Indian settlement with the arrival of white ranchers. A variety of industries including coal mining, railroads, and farming (and oil) have contributed to the local economy. Now the city of Broken Arrow is part of the Tulsa metropolitan area, and counts nearly 60,000 residents, enough for its own senator. Instead, it is (ironically) broken into three districts, like an arrow shaft cracked across the knee.

Charles R. Ford (R-Tulsa) is a real estate investor who owns two companies. A Navy veteran, Ford has been around the legislature for thirty years: fifteen each in the House and Senate. He has served as Minority Floor Leader in both chambers, and has had some attention in national GOP circles: President Bush appointed Ford to the National Petroleum Council, and President Reagan appointed him to the regional advisory committee of National Park Service. In 1988, the National Republican Legislator's Association named Ford Legislator of the Year. He serves on the Appropriations Committee and was a member of the 1997 Subcommittee on Education of the GCCA. He is also involved in multiple interim studies on education issues. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Federal Funds.

Bill Gustafson (R) 22nd District

Hometown: El Reno, Oklahoma
Elected: 1991
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: September 17, 1930
Church: Catholic
Education: Attended University of Oklahoma;
Oklahoma City University
Family: Married, Kay (Bainbridge)
Occupation: Commercial wholesale tree grower
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 531
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 592)
Home Address: 1809 Golf Course Dr.,
El Reno, OK 73036
Home Phone: 405-262-6698
Leadership Positions: Minority Floor Leader
Committees: Appropriations, Education,
Human Resources, Rules, Transportation, Wildlife



The eastern portions of Canadian and Kingfisher counties are encompassed by Senate District 22. This district takes in not only some of the ranches and farms to the north and west of Oklahoma City, where the plains of western Oklahoma start and stretch endlessly to Texas Panhandle, but also the town of El Reno.

This is predominantly Republican territory. David Boren is the only Democrat since the time of FDR to show consistent electoral strength here, and the district has trended Republican in statewide contests. Locally, Republicans have had greater success in the Kingfisher parts of the district while Democrats have performed well in El Reno. The parts of Canadian county southwest of El Reno make up the balance of the district.

Republican Bill Gustafson was reelected to a second term in 1994 and next faces reelection in 1998. Bill Gustafson (R-El Reno) spent much of his early career with Penn Mutual Life. In the 1980s he then went on to be CEO of two separate companies; since 1990 he has owned the Whitetail Tree Farm. In that same year he went from the board room to the legislature, winning election to the Senate as a Republican in a Democratic year and staying ever since. In 1995, Fisher served as the Minority Caucus Chairman in the Senate. He is now the Minority Floor Leader.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Bill Gustafson - R | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 19,892 Republican: 18,547 Independent: 2,298

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$17,780.00 | \$13,389 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Veteran's Administration (Disability)
 White Tail Tree Farm

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

J.D. Davenport, \$1,000.00
 L.V. Singletary, \$1,000.00
 Union Pacific Fund, \$600.00
 R. Choate, \$830.00
 OEA PAC, \$500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 50 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 5 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 70

22nd District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$34,670 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 22% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 23% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 19% | Percent Employed in Service: 68% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 6% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 17% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 21% |
| Percent African American: 4% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Enoch Kelly Haney (D) 50th District

Hometown: Seminole, Oklahoma

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: November 12, 1940

Church: United Methodist

Education: Graduated Bacone College, Muskogee, 1962, A.A.S.; University of Arizona, Special Arts; Oklahoma City University, B.A.; Progress Management Institute, Philadelphia, 1969

Family: Married, Dona (Waters); children, Kelli Brooke, Enoch Hulpahtah, Kathy Marie, Damaris Joy, Kutcha John, John Hudson

Occupation: Artist/Owner, Kelly Haney Art Gallery

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 519

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 547)

Home Address: P. O. Box 103, Seminole, OK 74868

Home Phone: 382-2537

Leadership Positions: Chair, Appropriations

Committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Rules, Transportation



In the 19th century, Texas cattle herds were driven north along the West Shawnee Trail, headed for Kansas and the markets of the east. That trail passed through Lincoln County, which, with northern Pottawatomie County and a stretch of rural Oklahoma County, make up Senate District 50.

This was mainly farm country at the time of statehood, with cotton being a principal crop. However, the discovery of oil near the Lincoln County towns of Chandler and Davenport (both in the district) changed the local economy. Much of the local economy is tied to businesses that support the oil industry, or to light manufacturing and agriculture. Incomes here are decidedly higher than in the counties to the south and east, and unemployment has usually been below both the state and national averages.

Local politics are decidedly Democratic, and all of the local officials in the district are Democrats. However, Republicans have carried this district for president with increasing consistency since the 1960s, and Frank Keating won a plurality in Pottawatomie County in 1994.

The incumbent is a Democrat of many talents. Kelly Haney (D-Seminole) is Master Artist of the Five Civilized Tribes. He is also a legislative artist, having served in the Oklahoma House (1980-1986) and Senate (1986-present) for over seventeen years. He also currently sits on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators. Since 1995, Haney chaired the powerful Appropriations Committee in the Senate and chaired the General Conference Committee on Appropriations. He also serves as co-chair of the joint State Facility Capital Need Committee.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Enoch Kelly Haney - D | 11,477 | 57.0% |
| | Jack Williams - R | 8,526 | 43.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 27,376 Republican: 10,318 Independent: 0

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$102,016.61 | \$101,140.22 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Kelly Haney Art Gallery
 Haney, Inc. (Art Sales)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Promoters of Private Enterprise, \$2,000.00
 Ben Walkingstick, \$6,698.84
 Jearl Smart, \$3,730.90
 Southwestern Bell EmPAC, \$2,000.00
 Democrats of the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$2,500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 33
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 7 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 13

50th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$26,975 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 12% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 15% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 23% | Percent Employed in Service: 58% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 11% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 9% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 25% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 32% |
| Percent African American: 5% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

J. Berry Harrison (D) 10th District

Hometown: Fairfax, Oklahoma
Elected: 1991
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: January 10, 1939
Church: Methodist
Education: Attended Oklahoma State University;
Northeastern State University, B.A.
Family: Married, Jacquelyn (Hobbs);
children, Tracie Lyn & J. Berry Jr.
Occupation: Farmer, Rancher
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 513 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 581)
Home Address: P. O. Box 325, Fairfax, OK 74637
Home Phone: 918-642-5030
Leadership Positions: Chair, Sunset
Committees: Agriculture and Rural Development,
Economic Development, Education, Transportation



In 1872, the United States Government purchased land from the Cherokee Nation for the Osage tribe. This land, at statehood, became Osage County. About half of District 10 is made up of Osage County; the rest is part of Kay County, and Noble and Pawnee, which trace the southern shore of the Arkansas river, rich with agriculture and cattle ranching. Oil still contributes to the economy (Bartlesville is just outside the district borders), as does cattle and horse ranching.

Pawnee County provides a substantial portion of the district population, but Noble County has provided a lot of the political distinction. Two governors, two congressmen, and a U.S. Senator have been provided by this tiny county that contains less than 1/2 percent of the state's population.

This is the most northwestern of the predominantly Democratic districts in the state, and the district votes more Democratic than any other on the Kansas border. Most local officeholders are Democratic, and both Bill Clinton and Jack Mildren ran well in this district in their last contests. However, the Republicans are quite alive and well here.

Incumbent Berry Harrison was elected to a second term in 1994. His term expires in 1998. Harrison has progressed well for a second-term senator. Harrison, a farmer and rancher, has been active in a number of agricultural organizations and is a member of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee in the Senate. He serves on the Appropriations and Budget Committee and served on the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations, both in the area of natural resources and regulatory services. He chairs the Sunset Review Committee.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Berry Harrison - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 24,915 Republican: 13,823 Independent: 1,632

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$7,163.36 | \$1,692.21 | \$7,057.70 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Education Association PAC, \$500.00
 S.U.R.E. (Rural Electrification) PAC, \$100.00
 Oklahoma Dental Hygenists Association, \$100.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 8 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 3

10th District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$29,254 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 15% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 19% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 26% | Percent Employed in Service: 57% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 6% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 11% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 25% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 31% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Sam Helton (D) 31st District

Hometown: Lawton, Oklahoma
Elected: 1992
Term Limit: 2004
Date of Birth: August 31, 1954
Church: Liberty Heights Chapel
Education: Attended Cameron University;
Great Plains Vo-Tech
Family: Married, Patricia Ann (Kendall);
children, Randy, Christopher, Kayla
Occupation: Manager, furniture store; Police Officer
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1993 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 425
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 563)
Home Address: 2809 N. E. Bel Aire Cir.,
Lawton, OK 73507
Home Phone: 405-353-1477
Leadership Positions: Chair, Veterans & Military
Affairs & Public Safety
Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural Development, Economic Development,
Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, General Government,
Transportation, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public Safety



As you head west from Ardmore on the two-lane roads of south Oklahoma, the Arbuckle mountains peter out, the trees are fewer, and one enters what Scott Momaday called “the middle and immeasurable meadow of North America” — the rolling plains of Oklahoma. However, the biggest part of District 31 is Lawton. In 1997, the *Chicago Sun-Times* declared Lawton to be the number-one vacation bargain for Chicago families. A very long day’s drive from the Windy City, Lawton has history, recreation, and scenery. As you cross the open lands you can imagine how ancient beasts crossed these great plains. And, more recently, the Big Pasture teemed with another beast: over a thousand producing oil wells dotted it.

The 31st Senate District also takes in a lot of the Big Pasture, including eastern Comanche County, all of Cotton County, and parts of Grady and Stephens counties. Politics is still Democratic at the local level, with an overwhelming number of voters registered Democratic, and still voting somewhat Democratic at the top of the ticket when given a reason. Democrats fill all the local offices. However, like a lot of New Deal Democratic areas, Lawton and the surrounding areas have voted Republican when presented with a “national” Democrat. Bill Clinton won here, but Ross Perot ran ahead of his statewide percentage, indicating that dissatisfaction with George Bush did not carry home a lot of Democrats who gave Bush the district in 1988. But, Republican legitimacy is growing from success in gubernatorial and presidential races. Republican congressman J. C. Watts defied tradition here in 1996, nearly carrying these Democratic counties. Given the right circumstances, Republicans can win in this part of Oklahoma.

Incumbent Sam Helton (D-Lawton) is a former police officer with an outstanding record

(named "Oklahoma Police Officer of the Year" in 1989) and a current consultant who is entering his second term of office. Elected in 1992, Helton has quickly established himself in the Senate. He chairs the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, and also serves on the Agriculture, Appropriations, General Government, and Transportation committees. As a freshman, he was vice-chairman of the Standard and Ethics Committee. He is a member of the joint study committee exploring the issue of certificates of need for hospitals, co-chair of the joint committee studying the sex offender registration act, and chair of the committee examining the statewide crime stoppers program.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1996 | Sam Helton - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 24,259 | Republican: 7,451 | Independent: 1,639 |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$41,080.00 | \$49,575.00 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 O.L.E.R..S. (widow's pension)
 Express Personnel

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma VePAC, \$750.00
 Michael Lacy, L.H. Lacy & Co., general contractor, Dallas, \$750.00
 Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE PAC, \$500.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$1,000.00
 Southwestern Bell EMPAC, \$500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

| | |
|--|--|
| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10 |

31st District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$27,770 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 12% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 20% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 17% | Percent Employed in Service: 65% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 10% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 9% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 19% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 26% |
| Percent African American: 13% | Percent Hispanic American: 5% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Howard H. Hendrick (R) 52nd District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: December 22, 1954

Church: Nazarene

Education: Southern Nazarene University, 1977, B.S.,
Accounting, Summa Cum Laude; University of
Oklahoma, 1980, M.B.A. and J.D. with honors

Family: Married, Tracy Elizabeth (Williams);
children, Chelsey, Cally, Hudson, Christiana

Occupation: Attorney; Adjunct University
Business Professor

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 528 - B

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 636)

Home Address: 4301 N. W. 63rd. #103,
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Home Phone: 405-787-4363

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Education, Human Resources, Judiciary, Rules, Small
Business



Just west of Oklahoma City proper are some of the most densely populated parts of Oklahoma: the communities of Warr Acres and Bethany. The district that represents these communities is decidedly odd in shape. Senate District 52 starts in Bethany to the south, then stretches as a one-mile long, 20-mile long scythe that wraps around Lake Hefner. At one point the district is just a few hundred yards wide.

Howard Hendrick (R-Bethany) is an attorney and former business professor who was reelected to a third term in 1996. Hendrick is extensively involved in civic affairs organizations, serving on numerous boards in various capacities. He has also served as the Republican Floor Leader and the Assistant Minority Whip. Currently he is a member of the Appropriations Committee and served on the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Federal Funds.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Howard Hendrick - R | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 17,469 Republican: 22,484 Independent: 2,443

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$31,972.15 | \$22,443.75 | \$7,556.92 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Howard H. Hendrick, P.C. (Law Practice)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Donald M. Smith, \$700.00
S. Dean Brown, M.D., \$1,000.00
Tyler Thomas, graphics designer, \$780.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 70 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 8 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 60

52nd District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$40,478 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 26% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 5% | Percent College-Educated: 36% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 15% | Percent Employed in Service: 75% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 24% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 24% |
| Percent African American: 6% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Brad Henry (D) 17th District

Hometown: Shawnee, Oklahoma
Elected: 1993
Term Limit: 2004
Date of Birth: July 10, 1963
Church: First Baptist Church
Education: Graduated University of Oklahoma, 1985,
Economics; University of Oklahoma, 1988, J.D.
Family: Married, Kimberley Diane (Blain);
children, Leah Genet & Laynie Elizabeth
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1993 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 413
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 539)
Home Address: 4419 N. Bryan, Shawnee, OK 74801
Home Phone: 275-1489
Leadership Positions: Chair, Judiciary; Vice Chair,
Economic Development
Committees: Appropriations, Economic Development,
Judiciary, Select Committee on NAFTA, Sunset



This district takes in a rapidly developing part of Cleveland County, as well as Pottawatomie County around Shawnee (pop 26,017). This is part of the original territory opened to settlement in 1891. Pottawatomie County was nearly big enough in 1990 (58,000 residents) to have its own senate seat. Instead, Shawnee district was paired with northern Cleveland County.

For a while Shawnee was in the running to become state capitol, and the locals even built a governor's mansion to make their case. Oil and gas have contributed to the growth of Shawnee, but the surrounding areas are still largely wedded to agriculture, and two private religious colleges are in Shawnee: St. Gregory's College, and Oklahoma Baptist University, where former governor and U.S. Senator David Boren once taught government.

Local politics are decidedly Democratic, but Moore is exhibiting some definite Republican tendencies. Republicans have carried this district for president with increasing consistency since the 1960s, and Frank Keating won a plurality in Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties in 1994.

Brad Henry, a Shawnee Democrat, already entering his second term of office, is one of the youngest members of the Senate at 34. An OU alumnus with degrees in economics and law, Henry chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee and serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee for Economic Development (1993-present). He also sits on the Appropriations Committee. Henry also co-chairs the special Joint Committee on Declaratory Judgments on Liability Insurance Policies and chairs an interim study on the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

Dave Herbert (D) 42nd District

Hometown: Braddock, Pennsylvania

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: April 18, 1945

Church: Catholic

Education: Attended University of Oklahoma

Family: Married, Marilyn E. (Bull);
children, Denae Jill & Tiffany Shawn

Occupation: Independent Businessman;
Mayor 1982 - 1986

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 426

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 584)

Home Address: P. O. Box 30793,
Midwest City, OK 73140

Home Phone: 405-733-3345

Leadership Positions: Chair, Tourism

Committees: Appropriations, General Government,
Small Business, Sunset, Tourism, Transportation, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public
Safety



Midwest City started as a planned community in one developer's mind. Adjacent to Tinker Air Force Base (the workshop of the USAF), Midwest City has grown into a legitimate mini-metropolis, amid the roar of B-52s using the repair facilities at Tinker. Tinker is the economic engine of this part of Oklahoma County.

District 42 contains Midwest City, Tinker AFB, and some of the communities to the east out toward Choctaw and Nicoma Park. The district is similar to so many suburbs near military installations. The residents are less affluent than to the northwest side of downtown. Businesses near base — the pawn shops, check cashers, and bars — do not always lend themselves to attracting the affluent or upwardly mobile.

The incumbent here, Dave Herbert, is an Oklahoman by choice who has made good in politics. Born in Pennsylvania, Herbert attended OU and settled in Midwest City. Elected mayor in 1982, he served until 1986. This Democrat has obtained power positions in the Senate, serving as Chairman of the Tourism and Recreation Committee and also holding a seat on appropriations. From 1990 to 1994, he chaired the Committee on General Government. Related to those assignments, his subcommittee on Appropriations (and the General Conference Committee on Appropriations) was on general government, and he serves as a member of the interim committee examining golf course tax policy.

Cal Hobson (D) 16th District

Hometown: Tuscon, Arizona
Elected: 1991
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: March 30, 1945
Church: Methodist
Education: Graduated University of Oklahoma, 1968,
B.A., Teacher's Certificate
Family: Married, Elaine (Wheeler); children, Jack
Occupation: Real Estate / President, Glenwood, Inc.
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 429
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 553)
Home Address: P. O. Box 1067, Lexington, OK 73051
Home Phone: 527-5929
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Appropriations
Committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy,
Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs,
Finance, Rules



The city of Norman is nothing less than efficient. Founded during the "Run of '89," the provisional government was up and running on the run. And, as other cities bid for the state capitol, Norman bid for and obtained the territory's first college, which became the University of Oklahoma.

Once known as a University "its football team could be proud of," OU is now in the hands of one of the most beloved politicians in Oklahoma history, David Boren, who seems to be transforming the university into a sort of public "Oxford on the Prairie," and is capturing national and international attention in the process. The city east of I-35 and the campus are encompassed by District 16. This is definitely a "town-and-gown" district, populated with university faculty and staff, students, and locals who depend in some part on the university for their living.

It has occasionally been speculated that the "liberal" image of Norman prevents Cleveland County politicians from having real influence at the state level. Democratic incumbent Cal Hobson would probably dispute that notion, calling himself a moderate. Next eligible for reelection in 1998, the Democrat from Lexington (south of Norman) is probably the most powerful state legislator from Cleveland County. Born in Arizona, Hobson took his BA from OU, and has since prospered as a realtor (he is the president of Glenwood, Inc.). Hobson has an extensive track record of public service. He initially entered electoral politics in the 1970s, serving briefly as mayor of Lexington. He was elected to the House in 1978, moving up to the Senate in 1990, where he is vice-chairman of Appropriations and chairs the Public Safety and Judiciary Subcommittee. Criminal justice reform (HB 1213) and education (including work on HB 1017) are areas where Hobson can claim important legislative successes. In fact, referring to him as the "prime architect" of criminal justice reform, the *Oklahoma Observer* named Hobson as a "legislator of the year" in 1997.

Maxine Horner (D) 11th District

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Elected: 1987
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: January 17, 1933
Church: Not Available
Education: Graduated Langston University, B.S., 1985
Family: Married, Donald M.;
children, Shari Horner-Tisdale & Donald Jr.
Occupation: Congressional Staff Assistant,
1984 - 1986
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 428 - B
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 598)
Home Address: 3917 N. Elgin, Tulsa, OK 74101
Home Phone: 918-425-8205
Leadership Positions: Democrat Caucus Chair
Committees: Appropriations, Business & Labor,
Finance, Tourism



The gleaming towers of downtown Tulsa were built by oil money. To the north of central Tulsa are Lake Yabola and Mohawk Park, also built by oil with liberal assistance from nature and taxation. Tulsa has been referred to as the "Oil Capital of the World". Saudi Arabia might dispute that title, but there are still nearly 5,000 independent oil producers in Oklahoma. Production well-heads in the state are down substantially from two or three decades ago, although oil production itself is up from the bust. Tulsa, like the other major cities of the Oil Patch — New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, and Oklahoma City, is getting past the bad times of the past decade with a more diversified economy and stable (but not stellar) oil prices.

This district is unusual for Republican Tulsa. The incumbent, Maxine Cissel Horner (D-Tulsa), confronted no major party opposition for reelection. Horner has long been active in the various employment programs and served as a congressional aide prior to election to the Senate in 1986. She now chairs the Democratic Caucus. She chairs the Government Operations and Agency Oversight Committee and served on both Appropriations and Budget and the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (Natural Resources and Regulatory Services).

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Maxine Horner - D | unopposed | |
| 1992 | Maxine Horner - D | 14,973 | 85.0% |
| | Curtis Mullins - I | 2,632 | 15.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 22,444 Republican: 5,264 Independent: 2,308

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$8,901.97 | \$19,208.52 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Medical PAC, \$1,200.00
 Tulsa Gen. Drivers, Local 523, \$1,000.00
 Bobby Woodward, Westview Partnership, \$1,000.00
 Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE PAC, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 80 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 6

11th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$20,328 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 6% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 0% | Percent College-Educated: 14% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 70% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 5% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 3% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 23% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 32% |
| Percent African American: 52% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Robert M. Kerr (D) 38th District

Hometown: Friendship, Oklahoma
Elected: 1987
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: May 20, 1932
Church: Methodist
Education: Attended Altus Junior College;
Oklahoma State University, B.S.
Agriculture, 1976 - 1986
Family: Married, Robbie Clay (Tinney);
children, Robert Keith, Robin Markay,
Rodger Tinney
Occupation: Farmer; Real Estate Developer
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 412 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 612)
Home Address: #1 Confederate Road,
Altus, OK 73521
Home Phone: 580-482-3966
Leadership Positions: Chair, Rules
Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural Development, Education, Rules, Select
Committee on NAFTA, Tourism, Transportation, Veterans & Military Affairs &
Public Safety



When Oklahoma first organized as a territory open for settlement, some of the lands in the state were in dispute. In southwest Oklahoma, Greer County was claimed by both Texas and Indian Territory. The dispute went to the Supreme Court, which in 1896 declared that Greer County was indeed part of Oklahoma. Since that time, Greer County proper has shrunk, being parted into Beckham, and Harmon Counties. These two counties, plus Jackson, Roger Mills, and Custer Counties and part of Dewey County, constitute the massive, horseshoe-shaped Senate District 38.

Ranching and agriculture are important out here, and there is still a substantial oil presence in Roger Mills. Jackson County is a strong player in the district, and Altus Air Force Base dominates Jackson County. Altus is the biggest employer in the district, although an agricultural economy is sustained in cotton, sorghum, and wheat.

The politics of the area are very southern. Democrats dominate registration and local offices, while Republicans have dominated presidential races since 1972. Independents run well here: Ross Perot ran ahead of his state average in Jackson County, and Wes Watkins pulled 30 percent of the District vote in 1994.

Incumbent Democrat Bob Kerr, proud bearer of a proud name, has represented his birthplace, Altus, in the Senate for a number of years. A farmer and developer, Kerr has chaired both the Agriculture and Rules Committees in the last decade, and on two occasions has stepped up to head the state Department of Agriculture on an interim basis. He currently chairs the Rules

Committee and served on the Judiciary and Public Safety and Law Enforcement Services Subcommittee of the General Conference Committee on Appropriations and the related subcommittee of Appropriations and Budget.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Robert M. Kerr - D | 9,696 | 58.4% |
| | Don Black - R | 6,920 | 41.6% |

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$55,083.52 | \$52,850.80 | \$57.33 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Self-Employed Farmer

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Bankers PAC, \$1,150.00
Oklahoma Hospital Association, \$800.00
Democrats for the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00
NRA PAC, \$1,000.00
Jackson Real Estate, Weatherford, \$1,000.00
Oklahoma Wheat Growers, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10
Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25
The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 23

38th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$26,744 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 22% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 15% | Percent Employed in Service: 64% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 14% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 22% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 29% |
| Percent African American: 6% | Percent Hispanic American: 9% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Owen Laughlin (R) 49th District

Hometown: Eldora, Iowa

Elected: 1997

Term Limit: 2008

Date of Birth: January 8, 1951

Church: New Covenant Church, Woodward

Education: Attended Barkley College, Haviland,
Kansas; graduated Southern Nazarene

University, Bethany, B.A., 1973; Oklahoma City
University, J.D., 1976

Family: Married, Charlette (Bronson)

Occupation: Attorney

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 521

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 626)

Home Address: 2201 S. W. Main,
Woodward, OK 73801

Home Phone: 405-256-8498

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural Development, General Government,
Tourism, Transportation, Wildlife



The late Texas comedian Grady Nutt observed of extreme western Oklahoma, "it contains a whole lot of nothing, which people put fences around, to keep your something off their nothing." The western counties of District 49 — Ellis, Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Woodward, Dewey, and Major — reflect this observation.

The 49th District is one of the physically-largest state legislative districts in the United States. There are far more cattle than people. In 1930, these counties combined had almost twice as many residents as today, and, in the malapportioned state legislature of the 1930s, elected about 10 percent of the general assembly. Taking in extreme western Oklahoma (the Panhandle), this was the last part of the continental U. S. to be organized as a territory and have the rule of law brought to it. This is ranching and herding country. Almost 7 million acres of the district are dedicated to agriculture, although oil and natural gas also contribute to the economy. Texas County produces more natural gas than any county in the U.S.

In northwestern Oklahoma, local Republican officeholders are common (about 35 percent of local officials), and Republicans usually receive generous support in statewide races. The current incumbent has benefitted from this jayhawker tradition. A first-termer, who barely beat Don Williams for this seat, Owen Laughlin (R-Woodward) attended Southern Nazarene University and Oklahoma City University (Law School), and settled in Oklahoma. A former assistant district attorney, Laughlin is also a certified flight instructor. A member of both the Appropriations Committee and the General Government Committee, Laughlin was appointed to the Subcommittee on General Government of the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

Keith C. Leftwich (D) 44th District

Hometown: Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
Elected: 1990
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: July 6, 1954
Church: United Methodist
Education: attended University of Oklahoma;
graduated Oklahoma City University, B.S.
Family: Married, Debbe (McLain)
Occupation: Legislator; Businessman
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1990 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 427 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 557)
Home Address: 1424 S. W. 62nd St.,
Oklahoma City, OK 73159
Home Phone: 685-2104
Leadership Positions: Majority Whip; Vice Chair,
Transportation
Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor,
Human Resources, Rules, Small Business, Transportation



The residential area between I-35 and I-44, to the south of the Downtown Airpark is represented by Senate District 44. This area is less prosperous than the neighborhoods to the north, but still middle class. At the southern end of the district is the shiny campus of Oklahoma City Community College.

Unlike the House districts in this part of OKC, Senate District 44 was not crafted and molded to fit the needs requirements of population. Instead, it is nearly a model of compactness, taking in 16 square miles in a perimeter of 21 miles.

The senator from this south Oklahoma City district is Keith C. Leftwich. An Oklahoma City Democrat, Leftwich is the Majority Whip of the Senate. A broadcaster and stockbroker, he has been in the Senate since 1990, after serving a six-year stint in the state House. He is a member of the Appropriations and Budget Committee and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee. He also serves on several interim and special committees related to transportation issues.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Keith Leftwich - D | 9,667 | 58.0% |
| | Scott P. Sanders - R | 7,067 | 42.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 20,064 Republican: 12,204 Independent: 2,444

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$86,306.59 | \$94,728.93 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

- LEGAL PAC, \$1,000.00
- Realtors PAC of Oklahoma, \$1,000.00
- Lawyers Encouraging Government and Law, \$2,500.00
- Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE PAC, \$1,000.00
- Democrats of the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00
- American Federation of State, County, and Federal Employees, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

- OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100
- Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 50
- Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10
- The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 20

44th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$26,009 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 10% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 12% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 21% | Percent Employed in Service: 68% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 9% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 2% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 26% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 30% |
| Percent African American: 4% | Percent Hispanic American: 8% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Rick Littlefield (D) 1st District

Hometown: Vinita, Oklahoma

Elected: 1992

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: July 27, 1952

Church: Not available

Education: Attended Northeastern State University;

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College;

Oklahoma Police Academy

Family: Married, Alicia (Gibbes);

children, Creed Steen

Occupation: Legislator

Political Career: Member, Oklahoma State Senate

1992 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 515 - B

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 561)

Home Address: P. O. Box 1748, Grove, OK 74344

Home Phone: 918-257-5341

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, General Government,

Tourism, Transportation



This district, in the extreme northeast corner of the state, encompasses Delaware County, Ottawa County, and over half the residents of Craig County, including part of Vinita. This is an area with an especially strong Native American heritage: More Indian tribes have resided in Ottawa County than anywhere else in the U.S. One of the best-preserved stretches of Route 66 runs through the district in Afton. Residents in this district are also served by House Districts 5, 6, and 7.

Incomes here are higher than to the south, but public assistance nonetheless constitutes about 10 percent of total income in Ottawa County. Beef production, chicken processing, and dairying are the other major industries in the district. Crime rates here are low, but not as low as in some rural counties.

Most local offices are won and held by Democrats, and registered Democrats far outnumber Republicans. However, Democrats suffer from the debilitating disease noted by Rogers County son, Will Rogers, who said "I am a member of no organized party; I am a Democrat." Republican candidates have run well here at the national and statewide level, although this was one of Jack Mildren's best districts in the 1994 governor's race.

Rick Littlefield, a Democrat from Grove, was reelected to his second term in 1996 with over three-fourths of the votes. He had served in the House for eight years prior to election to the Senate. Littlefield chairs the Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Regulatory Services. With Grand Lake in his district, he also serves on the Tourism and Recreation Committee. He is also a member of the Grand River Dam Authority Lakes Advisory Commission.

Lewis Long (D) 37th District

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: November 30, 1936
Church: Olivet Baptist
Education: Graduated Daniel Webster High School;
cont. ed. in business, trade, and industry
Family: Married, Patricia (Jarvis);
children, Christina Francis & Kathy Smith
Occupation: Independent Businessman
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 428
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 600)
Home Address: P. O. Box 888, Glenpool, OK 74033
Home Phone: 918-224-7986
Leadership Positions: Chair, Business and Labor
Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor,
Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory
Affairs, Judiciary, Rules, Wildlife



Tulsa County is shaped roughly like a “T”; the longer leg, to the west of downtown, is divided between two Senate districts, the 37th and the 33rd. District 37 takes in most of the western part of the “T”, except for a small stretch of land nearer downtown and to the north of the Arkansas River. The District stretches west from the neighborhoods around Chandler Park and Oakhurst. Then, the District traces along a section-wide stretch of land to the south and then broadens out to encompass all of south Tulsa county running over to Broken Arrow, which for intents and purposes could have its own district with a population of 60,000 residents.

Lewis Long, Jr. (D-Glenpool) is a successful businessman with union ties. In the Senate, he is appropriately placed. He chairs the Senate Business and Labor Committee, which, among other things, deals with the occasionally topical issue of right-to-work. He is also a member of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, including being the Vice-Chair of the Human Service Subcommittee. He is currently chairing an interim study on the Oklahoma personnel system.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Lewis Long, Jr. - D | 12,638 | 54.31% |
| | Tim Plinsky - R | 10,630 | 45.69% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 17,079 Republican: 14,488 Independent: 2,198

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$106,225.52 | \$103,429.66 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Commercial Real Estate, Tulsa, Sign Co.
 Horse Sales and Racing

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

IBEW Education Committee PAC, \$2,700.00
 Oklahoma United Auto Workers PAC, \$3,100.00
 Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, \$5,000.00
 Tulsa General Drivers, \$4,500.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00
 Pipe Liners Voluntary Fund, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

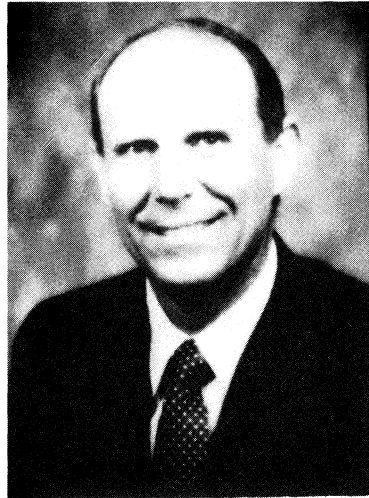
OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10

37th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$31,359 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 17% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 20% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 26% | Percent Employed in Service: 66% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 4% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 18% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 23% |
| Percent African American: 5% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Jim Maddox (D) 32nd District

Hometown: Chickasha, Oklahoma
Elected: 1995
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: October 23, 1938
Church: none given
Education: Graduated Southwestern State College,
B.A., Speech Education
Family: Married, Leslie (Hamm);
children, Cathy Maddox Lindley, Debbie, Mike
Occupation: Educator; Pest Control
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1995 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 514 - B
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 567)
Home Address: 803 N. W. 48th, Lawton, OK 73505
Home Phone: 405-248-5188
Leadership Positions: Chair, Small Business;
Vice Chair, General Government
Committees: Appropriations, Economic Development,
General Government, Select Committee on NAFTA, Small Business, Sunset,
Transportation



Lawton was founded in 1901 when the lands of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache were opened to white settlement, and it is the third largest city in the state. Lawton relies heavily on the presence of Fort Sill to sustain its economy. However, unlike other military towns, Lawton is surprisingly tame. About a third of Lawton is in District 31; the balance, almost 70,000 people, live in District 32.

The Democrats dominate the local and state politics of Lawton. No Republican has ever been sent to the legislature from Comanche County. Often the Republicans do not field candidates. At the national level, the GOP has carried this district since 1968, while gubernatorial success is more fleeting.

Jim Maddox (D-Lawton), like several members of the Senate, started his legislative career in the House. Maddox did three terms in House District 62, leaving the seat in 1994 to move up to the Senate. He has been a successful legislator, serving on major committees and acting as Vice-Chair for General Government. He also serves as the Chair of the Small Business Committee.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Jim Maddox - D | unopposed |

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$65,045.54 | \$63,501.69 | \$1,708.85 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Maddox Pest Control (sale of business)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Bankers PAC, \$1,150.00
 Southwestern Bell EMPAC, \$1,000.00
 Oklahoma Dental PAC, \$1,000.00
 Bill Bentley, Lawton Publishing Co., \$1,250.00
 Tom Love, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 50
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 8 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 40

32nd District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$29,719 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 14% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 25% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 14% | Percent Employed in Service: 72% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 11% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 2% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 16% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 20% |
| Percent African American: 18% | Percent Hispanic American: 7% |
| Percent Asian American: 3% | |

Carol Martin (R) 24th District

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
Elected: 1995
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: February 28, 1952
Church: Ray of Hope Church, Comanche, OK
Education: Graduated from Lawndale High School,
Lawndale, CA, 1971
Family: Married, W.J. (Billy)
Occupation: Goldsmith; Jeweler; Retail Jewelry
Store Owner
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1995 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 529 - B
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 569)
Home Address: Route 3, Box 24,
Comanche, OK 73529
Home Phone: 580-255-5658
Leadership Positions: Minority Whip
Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural
Development, Education, Sunset, Tourism, Transportation



Take I-44 east from Lawton and you pass through the heart of the Chickasaw Nation. To the south of the interstate is Chickasha and Rush Springs; to the west, Anadarko. And, to the north, is a rural stretch of Grady County and the town of Union City in Canadian County. A narrow stretch of land running halfway across Oklahoma from Canadian County to the Texas border is Senate District 24.

This is agricultural country, with both large operations utilizing the huge irrigation and watering systems, and smaller scrub farms. Once upon a time the Big Pasture positively teemed with primordial beasts that surged up and down, bowing down their great steel heads and then surging up again, driving liquid crude from the ground. Hundreds of producing oil wells dotted Stephens and Jefferson Counties. Now the wild-catters are long gone, and oil sells for less than 20 percent of its 1980 price. Oil is still important (but not like the 1950s), as are agriculture and ranching.

Politics are still Democratic at the local level, with an overwhelming number of voters registered Democratic, and still voting somewhat Democratic at the top of the ticket when given a reason. However, this is country the Democrats should worry about. Republican legitimacy is gaining from the gubernatorial and presidential races. Republican Congressman J. C. Watts defied tradition here in 1996, nearly carrying the counties of District 51, including over 40 percent of registered Democrats. His support has continued to grow here since his corporation commission campaign in 1990. Given the right circumstances, Republicans can win in this part of Oklahoma.

A part of that circumstance is support from the Christian Coalition. Incumbent Republican Carol Martin (R-Comanche) was elected to the Senate in the Republican year of 1994 over a first-

term Democratic incumbent. She is next up for reelection in 1998. A businesswoman (before entering the Senate she owned a jewelry store), Martin has served on both Appropriations and Finance since entering the Senate. While the Senate is her first elective experience, Martin has extensive organizing experience, and is an active member of the Christian Coalition. Before she entered the Senate she had lobbied on right-to-life issues in the legislature. The continued presence of Christian candidates like Martin, who can mobilize that constituency, spells trouble for Democrats in rural Oklahoma. Within the Senate, Martin serves as the Minority Whip and has membership on both the Appropriations and Budget Committee and the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (1997). She also serves on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Carol Martin - R | 12,385 | 55.0% |
| | Larry Lawler - D | 10,246 | 45.0% |

District Voter Registration

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 25,213 | Republican: 9,650 | Independent: 1,451 |
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1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$61,513.58 | \$29,498.81 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

D.J. Hogstad, Elliot Manufactured Homes, \$2,100.00
 Cecil Zachary, Elliot Manufactured Homes, \$1,500.00
 Stephens County Republican Committee, \$1,196.78
 Oklahoma State Republican Party, \$2,500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

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| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 | OK Christian Coalition (0-100): 100 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 4 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 80 |

24th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$29,539 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 16% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 18% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 20% | Percent Employed in Service: 59% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 14% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 23% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 29% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Billy A. Mickel (D) 6th District

Hometown: London, England

Elected: 1989

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: July 7, 1945

Church: Not Available

Education: Graduated Eastern State College A.S.;
Northeastern State College, B.S.; Oklahoma City
University, J.D.

Family: Married, Fran (Bailey); children, Matt

Occupation: Attorney

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 423

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 586)

Home Address: P. O. Box 207, Durant, OK 74702

Home Phone: 918-924-2878

Leadership Positions: Majority Floor Leader

Committees: Appropriations



Little Dixie stretches west from the Arkansas border to the Chisholm trail. The geographic heart of this region is five counties — Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Johnston, and Marshall — that constitute Senate District 6.

Coal mining was once a major industry in south-central Oklahoma. However, a lot of the mines closed 70 years ago, and many residents either left or turned to farming. Unemployment is lower than the state average, but far higher in Coal County than elsewhere in the district, where textile and mineral extraction create jobs. Bryan County, nestled on the Texas border where the Blue and Red rivers converge, has incomes above the average for Little Dixie, and low unemployment thanks to the presence of several manufacturing concerns and the presence of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Oil has been very important in this part of the state, and the local economies also rely on the extraction of oil, natural gas, and propane, as well as agriculture and manufacturing.

Democrats dominate politics here, and outnumber registered Republicans almost 9 to 1. Republicans have not carried the district for any major office in living memory. That loyalty may be soft. All of the local officials here are Democratic, but this area, like so much of south Oklahoma, has a Dixified habit of increasingly voting Republican at the national level. National and state Democrats still win in this district, but the margins pale compared to thirty years ago. In 1994 Wes Watkins carried over half of the district vote as an independent. This area is also represented in the House by Districts 20, 21, and 49.

Incumbent Billy Mickel (D) did not face the voters in 1996, and will next be on the ballot in 1998. In the meantime, he serves as the Majority Floor Leader. He also served on the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (Subcommittee on Judiciary, Public Safety, and Law Enforcement Services) in 1997. Mickel, an attorney by profession, has served in the Senate since 1989. Prior to election, he served in a number of local positions, including Mayor of Durant and as an Associate District Judge.

Electoral History

Year Candidate
 1994 Billy Mickle - D

Vote
 unopposed

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 36,290

Republican: 3,717

Independent: 1,488

1994 Campaign Financial History

Contributions
 \$53,445.00

Expenditures
 \$12,006.10

Funds Remaining
 \$45,724.62

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Mickel, Rainbolt, and Wilhite Law Firm
 FYI Marketers, Inc.
 Sooner Acquisition

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

CPA PAC, \$1,200.00
 NRA PAC, \$2,000.00
 OKIE PAC, \$1,000.00
 Byron Wilhite, \$1,700.00
 Allen Wheeler, \$5,000.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00
 Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE PAC, \$1,000.00
 Oklahoma Employees Association, \$1,250.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10

6th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$22,311 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 8% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 17% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 25% | Percent Employed in Service: 60% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 6% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 10% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 28% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 37% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Robert V. Milacek (R) 19th District

Hometown: Enid, Oklahoma

Elected: 1997

Term Limit: 2008

Date of Birth: January 17, 1942

Church: St. Gregory the Avant, Enid

Education: Graduated Panhandle State University,
B.S.; Phillips University, Masters degree

Family: Married, Linda G. (Petersen);
children, Pam, Kim, Stephanie

Occupation: Farmer; Educator; Crop Insurance

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 512

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 630)

Home Address: Route 2, Box 64,
Waukomis, OK 73773

Home Phone: 405-758-3762

Leadership Positions: none

Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural

Development, Business and Labor, Economic Development, Finance, Government
Operations



The land that traces the southern shore of the Arkansas River is rich with agriculture and cattle ranching. All of Garfield County and parts of Noble, Logan, and Kingfisher counties make up District 19. Garfield County provides most of the district population, but Noble County has provided a lot of the political distinction. Two governors, two congressmen, and a U.S. Senator have been provided by this tiny county that contains less than 1/2 percent of the state's population.

Incumbent Ed Long (D-Enid) was opposed for reelection by Robert Milacek (R-Waukomis), an instructor at Phillips University. Ed Long hoped to be starting his third term in the Senate, where he chaired the Education Committee starting in 45th Legislature. Three-term former state representative Robert Milacek ended those aspirations, unseating Long and returning the Garfield county seat to its Republican roots. A farmer and former educator, the new senator sits on the Agriculture and Rural Development, Appropriations, and Business and Labor Committees, among others. Milacek also gained appointment to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Forest Reserve Lands.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Robert Milacek - R | 13,551 | 53.2% |
| | Ed Long - D | 11,912 | 46.8% |
| 1992 | Ed Long -D | 19,072 | 65.0% |
| | Jim McBlair - R | 10,181 | 35.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 16,092 Republican: 19,687 Independent: 1,652

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$56,020.41 | \$51,296.01 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Farming
 Retirement (public schools)
 Oil and Gas (oil lease)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Republican Party, \$2,098.87
 Myra and Lew Word, \$1,500.00
 State Employees Rights Campaign, \$1,759.12
 William R. Bartmann, Commercial Financial Services, \$2,000.00
 Oklahoma State Republican Senatorial Committee PAC, \$4,800.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 80 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 50
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 60

19th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$28,587 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 12% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 21% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 14% | Percent Employed in Service: 70% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 6% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 11% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 25% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 30% |
| Percent African American: 3% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Angela Monson (D) 48th District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Elected: 1993
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: July 31, 1955
Church: Baptist
Education: Oklahoma City University, B.S.;
University of Oklahoma, M.P.A.
Family: single
Occupation: Government Service
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1993 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 514 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 531)
Home Address: 720 N. E. 42nd,
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Home Phone: 405-427-3575
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Business and Labor
Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural
Development, Business and Labor, Government
Operations, Human Resources, Judiciary, Small Business



This is a sizeable district that lies to the northeast of Oklahoma City, and centers on Lake Aluma. Neighborhoods here are somewhat more worn than in much of the city, and residual of an ancient past of Jim Crow segregation lives on in the housing patterns of this part of Oklahoma County. There is a substantial black population here, and the elections are typically decided in the Democratic Party primary.

Angela Monson (D-Oklahoma City) has served in the Senate since 1993. Previously, she held an Oklahoma City House seat from 1990-1993. Monson is a fiscal analyst by trade and holds a masters degree in Public Administration. She quickly established herself in the leadership structure, chairing the Retirement and Group Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee and serving as Vice Chair of Business and Labor after less than three years in the Senate. A hard-working and articulate advocate for issues she finds important, Monson is leading a large number of interim studies and special committees, many in the area of health insurance. For her efforts in this area, Frosty Troy named her one of the top legislators for 1997. She also is one of five members of the Black Legislative Caucus.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Angela Monson - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 24,190 | Republican: 7,009 | Independent: 2,132 |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$27,474.20 | \$27,465.71 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

OKIE PAC, \$750.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00
 OEA PAC, \$500.00
 Willco OK PAC, \$500.00
 Oklahoma State Employees PAC, \$500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

| | |
|--|--|
| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 13 |

48th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$28,682 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 22% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 16% | Percent Employed in Service: 70% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 12% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 2% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 21% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 27% |
| Percent African American: 62% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Mike Morgan (D) 21st District

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Elected: 1996
Term Limit: 2008
Date of Birth: January 26, 1955
Church: First United Methodist Church
Education: Graduated Oklahoma State University,
B.S., 1976; University of Tulsa, J.D., 1979
Family: Children, Abby Dawn
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 520
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 572)
Home Address: P. O. Box 1507
Stillwater, OK 74076
Home Phone: 405-743-3770
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Education
Committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy,
Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs,
Judiciary, Small Business, Wildlife



Stillwater, in Payne County, is the home of Oklahoma State University, which is also the largest employer in the county. In 1990, Payne County was just big enough to create a Senate district; however, the legislature split it in two, with Stillwater and western Payne County joining the small portion of Logan County containing Langston University to create District 21.

Oil was discovered here, and there is also agriculture. However, there are also the consequences of rapid development. Some environmental damage is still evident from the polluting practices of refineries in the 1920s and 1930s.

Politics here leans Democratic, with Republicans having success in state and local offices. The extent of this partisanship is evident from the experiences of Stillwater resident, Wes Watkins. Watkins pulled a plurality countywide in his 1994 gubernatorial bid, but this was the weakest county for Watkins in his old congressional district. He then carried a solid majority in the 3rd District part of Stillwater in 1996.

The senator from this district was a Democrat, incumbent Bernice Shedrick (D-Stillwater), who served in the Senate for nearly two decades. This former school teacher went to law school as a freshman legislator, and learned well: she chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee starting in the 45th Legislature. She did not seek a fifth term in the Senate.

Four candidates — two Democrats, two Republicans — sought to succeed her in office. On the Democratic side, Terry Hyman, a coordinator of student projects at OSU, opposed Mike Morgan, a local attorney. In the Republican Primary, Sandy McIlnay of Stillwater opposed insurance man Randy Wedel.

Morgan emerged from this field to retain the seat for the Democrats. An attorney with a J.D. from University of Tulsa, he entered the Senate after twelve years of prior public service as a municipal court judge in Stillwater. Having emerged victorious by only a handful of votes,

Morgan was fortunate to gain favorable committee assignment for his educationally-conscious constituents. He has positioned himself on the important Appropriations Committee, and was named vice-chair of Education.

| Electoral History | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
| 1996 | Mike Morgan - D | 12,944 | 50.0% |
| | Randy Wedel - R | 12,912 | 49.9% |
| 1992 | Bearnice Shedrick - D | 18,170 | 56.0% |
| | Gary McCune - R | 14,153 | 44.0% |

| 1996 Campaign Financial History | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
| \$100,427.00 | \$84,498.00 | \$25.43 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 City of Stillwater
 Ellis and Morgan Law Practice

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Hal Ellis, attorney, \$1,250.00
 Leon Rogers, Action Inc., \$1,100.00
 David & Cherry Cockrell, optometrist, \$1,000.00
 Larry & Diane Witt, abstractor, \$1,800.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 0

| <u>21st District Profile</u> | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$26,474 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 33% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 16% | Percent Employed in Service: 74% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 5% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 6% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 18% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 23% |
| Percent African American: 7% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 3% | |

Paul Muegge (D) 20th District

Hometown: Lamont, Oklahoma
Elected: 1991
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: September 28, 1936
Church: none given
Education: Graduated Oklahoma State University,
1958, B.S., Agriculture Economics
Family: Married, Nancy (Voorhees);
children, Timothy, Jeffrey, Shawn Kent,
Amy Kristen
Occupation: Farmer
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1991 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 513 - B
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 628)
Home Address: 1310 E. Tonkawa,
Tonkawa, OK 74653
Home Phone: 405-628-3600
Leadership Positions: Chair, Agriculture and Rural
Development; V-Chair, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs
Committees: Agriculture and Rural Development, Business and Labor, Energy,
Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Finance, Select Committee on
NAFTA



Ponca City is the home of one of the most powerful politicians in America, the Assistant Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Don Nickles. Other Republicans do well here, routinely winning local and statewide. Ponca City grew up as a trading town located between Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma City. The discovery of gas and oil in the 1920s set this city on the road to industrialization and economic prosperity. Incomes in the district are just below that for the more prosperous districts in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

The 1990 census indicated that there were about 50,000 people in Kay County. When district boundaries were drawn, the county was partitioned into two Senate districts. Ponca City, the major town in Kay County, is divided by those districts. District 20 stretches west from Ponca City for over 100 miles.

At the height of the New Deal, Republicans were wiped out in a variety of states, especially in the south and border south. However, even throughout the Great Depression and the New Deal, a tier of Oklahoma counties along the Kansas border elected Republicans to local and state legislative offices, and had a brief flirtation with FDR's brand of social salvation. Alfalfa and Grant counties are among the most historically Republican counties in Oklahoma. Today they are paired with portions of Kay County and Major County to form a predominantly Republican Senate district.

National Democrats have run closer to Ross Perot and Wes Watkins than to the GOP front-runners. These were Watkins' strongest counties outside Little Dixie in 1994. Paul Muegge (D-Lamont) has served in the legislature since 1991. He comes up for reelection again in 1998. A farmer, he has an Agriculture Economics degree from Oklahoma State University, and currently

serves as the chairman of the Senate committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. He is active in any number of agricultural organizations including chairing an interim study on confined animal feeding operations.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | Paul Muegge - D | 12,005 | 51.0% |
| | William P. Connor - R | 11,563 | 49.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 18,656 Republican: 19,390 Independent: 2,247

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$66,301.88 | \$65,060.93 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Paul Muegge, farmer, Tonkawa

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Southard Enterprises, \$1,000.00
Neal Harrison, \$1,000.00
Fred L. Boettcher, \$1,000.00
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, \$5,000.00
Democrats of the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10

20th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$28,751 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 23% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 24% | Percent Employed in Service: 57% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 4% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 15% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 29% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 35% |
| Percent African American: 1% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Bruce Price (D) 23rd District

Hometown: Lookeba, Oklahoma
Elected: 1993
Term Limit: 2004
Date of Birth: November 2, 1942
Church: First Baptist, Hinton
Education: Graduated Oklahoma State University,
1965, B.S., Agronomy
Family: Children, Shana, Tracy, Wade
Occupation: Farmer; Businessman
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1993 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 515 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 537)
Home Address: P. O. Box 160, Hinton, OK 73047
Home Phone: 405-542-3399
Leadership Positions: Chair, Select Committee on
NAFTA; Vice Chair, Agriculture and Rural
Development; Vice Chair, Small Business
Committees: Appropriations, Agriculture and Rural Development, Business and Labor,
Finance, Select Committee on NAFTA, Small Business, Tourism



Caddo County is sufficiently large to make up over half of a Senate district; however, it finds itself split in the modern Oklahoma legislature. District 23 takes in much of Caddo County, plus parts of Grady, Canadian, and Blaine counties to create a district that rests on the upper reaches on the Anadarko Basin.

Republicans have been increasingly competitive in this area. The gubernatorial vote in Caddo County was nearly evenly split among the three candidates in 1994, with less than 100 votes separating the three candidates (out of 7,900 cast).

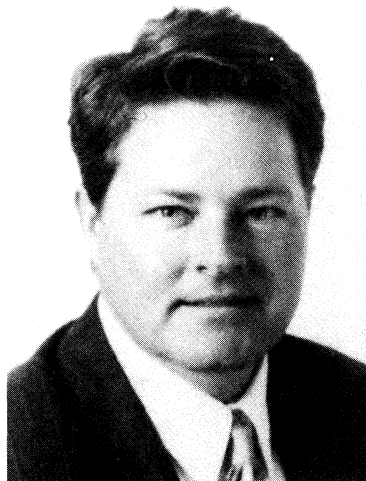
The economy is tied to the performance of petroleum. There is still a great deal of oil and gas exploration here. One of the largest employers out here is U.S. Gypsum; the largest gypsum deposit in the U.S. is in Blaine County. Even in the wake of the oil bust, incomes are higher than in most of the state.

Politics is competitive, with Democrats and Republicans both doing well. More recently, Democrats have prevailed in the local races while Republicans have done well in statewide contests.

Bruce Price (D-Hinton) has served in the Senate since 1993. In the 45th Legislature he chaired two special committees: the Joint Committee on Federal Funds and the Select Senate Committee on NAFTA. He is also vice chairman for Agriculture and Rural Development. A farmer and a businessman, Hinton has been active both in agricultural organizations and community affairs. He currently chairs the Select Agencies Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Budget Committee and served on the General Government Subcommittee of the General Conference Committee on Appropriations. He is also chair of the Select Committee on NAFTA and vice-chair of the Small Business Committee.

Jeff Rabon (D) 5th District

Hometown: Hugo, Oklahoma
Elected: 1996
Term Limit: 2008
Date of Birth: May 18, 1962
Church: St. Mark Episcopal
Education: Attended Oklahoma State University,
1980 - 1985
Family: Married, Dana (Bates); children, Jeff II
Occupation: Consultant / Legislator
Political Career: Member, Oklahoma State Senate
1997 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 421
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 614)
Home Address: P. O. Box 416, Hugo, OK 74743
Home Phone: 680-326-6779
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Tourism
Committees: Appropriations, General Government,
Tourism and Recreation, Transportation, Wildlife



Who were the mysterious people who built the Caddoan mounds? These gracious monuments of a past civilization are nestled in McCurtain County, the far-southeastern corner of Oklahoma. The district encompasses four counties: Pushmataha, Choctaw, the southeast corner of Atoka, and McCurtain County.

Forestry and agriculture are part of a fairly diverse economy that also includes tire manufacturing and garments. This is poor country. Average incomes were less than \$9,000 in 1990, and the divorce rate compared to marriages is high. Property values were declining in the first part of the decade. Choctaw County is the economically less-developed part of the district, relying mainly on agriculture. Agriculture is also the basis of the economy in Pushmataha, but manufacturing helps to keep unemployment low.

If the Caddoan mound-builders were around today, they would probably be members of the Democratic party, another ancient monument in this distinctly Southern part of Oklahoma. Like much of Little Dixie, Democrats dominate local and legislative races. However, that loyalty is as much to individuals as to party. Independent Wes Watkins won an easy majority of the vote in this district in 1994, and he ran ahead of the rest of the GOP ticket here in his 1996 congressional bid. This part of Little Dixie is also represented by House Districts 1, 19, and 20.

Incumbent Jack Bell (D-Idabel) was opposed in the Democratic primary by Jeff Rabon (D-Hugo), a "legislative consultant." Jeff W. Rabon defeated Bell. The new incumbent Democrat from Hugo has an impressive political resume. At various times he served on the staffs of Democrats Bill Brewster (Democratic congressman from Little Dixie), Jack Mildren (former Lieut. Governor), and former senator David Boren, and he also worked for the NRA. Much of that experience was in campaign and field representative work which is considered to be the ideal vehicle for cultivating future campaign skills. Rabon's success earned him a seat on the Appropriations and Budget Committee and the vice-chairmanship of the Tourism and Recreation Committee. Rabon also chairs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Forest Reserve Land.

Darryl F. Roberts (D) 14th District

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Elected: 1982
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: November 9, 1944
Church: Methodist
Education: Graduated Southeastern Oklahoma State University, B.S., 1968; University of Oklahoma, J.D., 1974
Family: Married, Kathleen M. (Forrestal); children, Jill & Allison
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate 1982 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 416
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 607)
Home Address: P. O. Box 1568, Ardmore, OK 73402
Home Phone: 405-223-5521
Leadership Positions: none
Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, Economic Development, Education, Judiciary, Rules, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public Safety



The Washita River flows from the Texas Panhandle across south central Oklahoma, and then passes through the Arbuckle Mountains south of Pauls Valley. Senate District 14 traces this valley all the way to Lake Texhoma.

Oil has been very important in this part of the state. Local economies still rely on the extraction of oil, natural gas, and propane, as well as agriculture and manufacturing. This area prospered from oil early in the history of Oklahoma. Heaton field once produced over 95,000 barrels of oil a day. Despite the early presence of oil, the economy is diversified, with manufacturers and agriculture.

Even here on the western edge of Little Dixie, local politics are Democratic. All of the local officials here are Democratic. This area habitually votes Democratic "where they know ya" while voting Republican at the national level. However, national and statewide politics are trending Republican, Frank Keating ran well here in 1994, and Bill Clinton ran behind his performance in the rest of Little Dixie. Redistricting will probably push the district further to the north to increase its population in 2002.

Darryl Roberts (D-Ardmore) has served in the Senate since 1982. He defeated the Democratic Majority Leader to enter the Senate, and, six years later, had not only the 14th District seat, but also the job as Majority Leader, which he held until 1994. Roberts was reelected without opposition in 1994. He failed in a bid to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996, and is next up for reelection to the state senate in 1998. Currently, he is active on education issues and chairs the Education Subcommittee on both the Appropriations and Budget Committee and the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

moved from Dallas to Oklahoma to attend school, and, with the exception of his tour in the Marines, never left.

In 1996, Roberts tried to move up the political ladder to the U.S. Congress, seeking the open 3rd district seat in Little Dixie. Roberts won the Democratic primary runoff handily, and, in any other year, would have had a well-financed campaign for election. However, Roberts could not overcome former congressman (and former Democrat) Wes Watkins' substantial spending advantage in the general election. Roberts ran strongest in the parts of the 3rd where Bill Clinton ran strong, and ran especially well in the central part of the district. All indications are that Roberts has ruled out a run for statewide office in 1998.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Darryl Roberts - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 32,303 Republican: 6,180 Independent: 1,650

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$1,300.00 | \$12,059.51 | \$5,408.51 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Darryl F. Roberts Law Office

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Stratton Taylor, \$500.00
OK AGC PAC, \$500.00
Gerald Grimes, \$500.00
Union Pacific Fund, \$800.00
Oklahoma Opthamologists PAC, \$500.00
Southwestern Bell EMPAC, \$500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

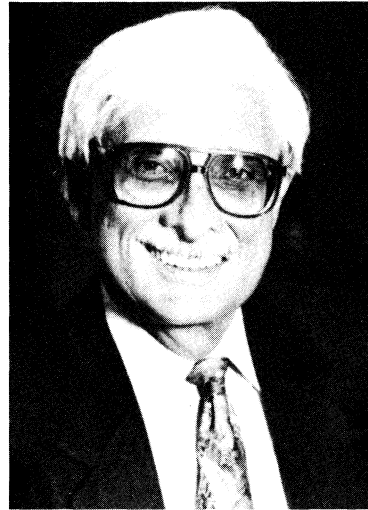
OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 10

14th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$27,481 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 11% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 16% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 61% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 4% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 13% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 27% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 32% |
| Percent African American: 6% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Ben H. Robinson (D) 9th District

Hometown: Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: January 23, 1934
Church: St. Paul United Methodist Church
Education: University of Missouri, B.S., 1960
Family: Married, Marcia Lee (Henley);
children, Chanda Lyn & Bret Harton
Occupation: Independent Insurance Agent,
Muskogee and Tahlequah
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 511
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 533)
Home Address: P. O. Box Drawer X,
Muskogee, OK 74402
Home Phone: 918-683-3856
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Deregulation;
Vice Chair, Finance
Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, Education, Finance, Human Resources, Rules



District 9 and Muskogee County are one and the same. Increasingly part of metro Tulsa, this area has a rich history and a strong independent economic presence in the form of the Port of Muskogee.

This district has been voting Republican in presidential elections since the 1960s, and went Republican in two of the past three gubernatorial contests. Local politics is still decidedly Democratic. There are no locally elected Republicans. Still, the potential for Republican growth exists, although it is difficult to link a conservative small-town legislator to the national Democratic Party in a constituency where everyone “knows better”. This district is also represented in the House by Districts 13, 14, and 15.

Ben “Bulldog” Robinson, a Muskogee Democrat, is having a second political career in a second state. Robinson was a local elected official in Boonville, Missouri, in the 1960s. However, this expatriate politician has a diversity of talents. He is also active in community theater. Robinson chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee for Human Resources, and also serves on the Finance Committee. Incumbent Robinson was opposed for reelection by Debra Lienhart (R), a 37-year-old homemaker from Haskell. Robinson captured over three-fourths of the votes to be elected to his third term. He is an independent insurance agent. He chairs the Health and Social Service Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Budget Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services of the General Conference Committee on Appropriations in 1997. He also serves as vice-chair of both the Finance and Deregulation Committees. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Federal Funds.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Ben Robinson - D | 17,403 | 79.2% |
| | Debra Lienhart - R | 6,705 | 27.8% |
| 1992 | Ben Robinson - D | unopposed | |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 29,603 Republican: 7,497 Independent: 1,951

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$103,622.00 | \$97,430.00 | \$8,070.65 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 The Insurance Place (insurance salary)
 Beckman Agency (insurance commissions)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, \$5,000.00
 Oklahoma Campaign Democratic Committee, \$5,000.00
 Columbia HCA OK Good Government Fund, \$1,000.00
 DRIVE PAC, \$1,000.00
 David M. Garrett, \$1,700.00
 Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 90 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 33
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 13

9th District Profile

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| Median Household Income: \$26,051 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 13% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 19% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 26% | Percent Employed in Service: 64% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 6% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 25% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 33% |
| Percent African American: 14% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Herb Rozell (D) 3rd District

Hometown: Welling, Oklahoma

Elected: 1976

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: November 30, 1931

Religion: Baptist

Education: Graduated Northeastern Oklahoma State University, B.S. Education, 1954; M.Ed. 1967; attended University of Arkansas, 1970 - 1971, graduate work

Family: Married, Carol Margaret (Randall); children, Mike & Rene

Occupation: Teacher; Contractor; Rancher

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1977 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 424

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 574)

Home Address: 1106 W. 4th St.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Home Phone: 918-456-8408

Leadership Positions: Assistant Majority Floor Leader

Committees: Appropriations, Finance, General Government, Government Operations,
Rules, Tourism



This district, nestled on the Arkansas border, includes all of Adair and Cherokee counties and the northern half of Sequoyah County. Cattle ranching and horse breeding are popular activities here, and the first parimutuel track in Oklahoma was established in this district. District residents are represented in the House in Districts 2, 4, and 86.

The district media comes from two directions — Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Tulsa — which historically meant that state legislators from this district did not have great attention brought to their activities in Oklahoma City.

Republican party politics are also emerging, Democrats still far outnumber Republicans here by registration, but the GOP has a long record of gubernatorial and presidential competitiveness in the district. Republicans won control of the county commission in Adair, but have had far less success in the other parts of the district. No Republican has ever represented Sequoyah County in the legislature.

Incumbent Herb Rozell (D-Tahlequah) was challenged for reelection by Republican Tom Gann, a Fort Gibson property manager, in 1996. Rozell garnered nearly 60 percent of the votes in that contest. A teacher, coach, and principal by background, Rozell has served in the Senate since 1977. He is currently the Assistant Majority Floor Leader. He also chairs the Deregulation Committee and is vice-chair of the Wildlife Committee. He is also involved in corrections issues.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Herb Rozell - D | 14,453 | 59.2% |
| | Tom Gann - R | 9,972 | 40.8% |
| 1992 | Herb Rozell - D | unopposed | |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 28,434 Republican: 9,193 Independent: 1,711

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$49,508.90 | \$28,963.88 | \$22,507.54 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Glenpool Management, Nursing Home, partnership
 Glenpool Health Care, Nursing Home, shareholder
 Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$1,000.00
 Democrats of the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00
 Cherokee County Federated Women's Democratic Club, \$3,500.00
 Oklahoma State AFL-CIO COPE PAC, \$1,000.00
 Phillip M. Green, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition: 25
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 20

3rd District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$23,531 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 9% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 19% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 25% | Percent Employed in Service: 60% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 5% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 9% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 23% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 30% |
| Percent African American: 1% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Frank Shurden (D) 8th District

Hometown: Henryetta, Oklahoma

Elected: 1987

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: October 8, 1940

Church: Baptist

Education: Attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Associate of Commerce, 1960; Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Business Management, 1962

Family: Married, Kathryn; children, Mark Denney, Todd Alan, Shelly Ann, Susan Denise, Autumn Marie, Winter Falene, Mandy Dawn

Occupation: Rancher

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1987 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 412

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 588)

Home Address: 506 W. Division
Henryetta, OK 74437

Home Phone: 918-652-3588

Leadership Positions: Chair, Wildlife

Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Rules, Sunset, Transportation, Wildlife



Okmulgee and McIntosh counties, parts of Okfuskee County and Tulsa County, and southwestern Wagoner County make up Senate District 8. Okmulgee County is the core of this oddly-shaped district. Well over half of the district residents are from this county. The district is another example of redistricting artistry, using a “bottleneck”—a thin stretch of land connecting two larger areas—to link southwest Wagoner County via a land bridge with the bulk of the county. This contortion, which takes the district into Tulsa County, leaves Muskogee County intact as a Senate district.

This is country originally settled by the Creek. The county seat and principal city in the district, Okmulgee, is where the Creek Tribe has always maintained its capital. To date no tornado has ever struck the city, verifying the judgement of tribal decision makers. Shipping is an important industry here. Deaths exceed births, and divorce is on a pace with marriages here. Unemployment is typically high compared to much of the state. This area is represented in the House by Districts 15, 16, and 24.

Incumbent Frank Shurden (D) was reelected to a third term in 1994 and faces reelection in 1998. Shurden is a rancher with an extensive history in government. A legislator for nearly 20 years, he also served as a school board member in Hanna during the early 1970s. Shurden initially entered the legislature as a house member in 1979. In 1986, he stepped up to the Senate. Within three years he was a committee chair, taking over Wildlife. He returned to that chairmanship in 1995. He also served on the General Conference Committee on Appropriations in 1997. Shurden is the vice-chair of the Battlefield Preservation and Development Commission.

Electoral History

Year Candidate
 1994 Frank Shurden - D

Vote
 unopposed

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 32,407

Republican: 6,809

Independent: 1,549

1994 Campaign Financial History

Contributions
 \$19,048.00

Expenditures
 \$12,557.64

Funds Remaining
 \$10,0008.81

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

H.O.U.N.D. Trust, \$500.00
 Oklahoma Optometric PAC, \$500.00
 Harry Brotton, \$500.00
 Stratton Taylor, \$500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 25
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 5 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 50

8th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$23,177 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 8% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 15% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 25% | Percent Employed in Service: 64% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 5% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 7% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 28% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 35% |
| Percent African American: 10% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Jerry L. Smith (R) 39th District

Hometown: Muskogee, Oklahoma
Elected: 1981
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: December 6, 1943
Church: Methodist
Education: Graduated Oklahoma State University, 1967, B.A.; University of Tulsa, 1970, J.D.
Family: Married, Sally (Howe); children, Tucker
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate 1981 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 528 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 620)
Home Address: 1424 Terrace Dr., Tulsa, OK 74104
Home Phone: 918-749-3528
Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Judiciary
Committees: Appropriations, Deregulation, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs, General Government, Judiciary, Rules, Small Business



House District 39 takes parts of Tulsa, and then runs southeast toward Broken Arrow. Jerry L. Smith (R-Tulsa) is an attorney by trade, educated at OSU and the University of Tulsa. He was elected to the House in 1972, just two years after completing Law School at TU; he was the Republican House Whip in the 35th Legislature. Smith entered the Senate in 1981, and by 1983 he was the GOP Whip. He was Assistant Floor Leader in 1985, and Floor Leader in 1987. Currently he is vice-chairman of Judiciary and a member of the Appropriations and Budget Committee. He also serves on a variety of interim study committees including those dealing with sex offender registration and victims' rights.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Jerry L. Smith - R | 20,147 | 73.0% |
| | Jon Zelis - D | 7,463 | 27.0% |
| 1992 | Jerry L. Smith - R | unopposed | |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 15,683 Republican: 23,982 Independent: 2,315

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$32,640.66 | \$39,856.27 | \$15,047.39 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Tulsa County / County Clerk

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma Independent Energy PAC, \$1,000.00
LEGAL PAC, \$2,500.00
Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$1,000.00
Oklahoma State Republican Senatorial Committee, \$1,500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 60 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 66
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 73

39th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$39,898 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 28% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 5% | Percent College-Educated: 41% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 17% | Percent Employed in Service: 77% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 2% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 24% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 22% |
| Percent African American: 5% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Mark Snyder (R) 41st District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: August 14, 1946
Church: Not Available
Education: Oklahoma State University, B.S.,
Hotel and Restaurant Administration
Family: Married Dianne (Garmany);
children, Shele & Leah
Occupation: Independent Life and Health
Insurance Agent
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 527 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 622)
Home Address: 520 W. 8th, Edmond, OK 73034
Home Phone: 405-348-2878
Leadership Positions: Assistant Minority Floor Leader;
Vice Chair, Government Operations
Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor, Economic Development, Government
Operations, Rules, Small Business, Transportation



The town of Edmond “sprang up overnight” in 1891. A product of the great Oklahoma land rush, Edmond was founded in a day around the Santa Fe railroad station. Now, it is one of the more prosperous suburban adjuncts to Oklahoma City, but nonetheless possessed by a distinctiveness that indicates that it is a place separate from its urban neighbor. The University of Central Oklahoma is located here.

In the House, Edmond is divided among several legislative districts, while in the Senate it is largely unified in District 41. The incumbent here reflects the Republican nature of local politics. Mark S. Snyder (R-Edmond) is completing ten years as a legislator from Edmond. He got his start as a young city councilor in Edmond in the late 1970s. Elected in a special election in late 1989, this former hardware store owner and insurance agent serves as the Assistant Floor Leader for the GOP and as vice-chair of the Senate Government Operations and Agency Oversight Committee. He is a member of the Education Subcommittee of both the Appropriations and Budget Committee and the 1997 General Conference Committee on Appropriations. He is also a member of the interim study on Elementary and Independent School Districts Financial Equity Issues.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1996 | Mark Snyder - R | unopposed |
| 1992 | Mark Snyder - R | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 17,204 Republican: 29,829 Independent: 2,832

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$16,225.00 | \$16,225.00 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Snyder Barnes Insurance / life & health ins., sales

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Ronnie Nutt, contractor, \$500.00
 Debra S. Mitchell, M.D., \$500.00
 James S. Logan, \$500.00
 Robert E. Howard, II, \$500.00
 Oklahoma Medical PAC, \$400.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 60 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 53

41st District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$47,123 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 34% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 7% | Percent College-Educated: 46% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 13% | Percent Employed in Service: 74% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 6% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 13% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 15% |
| Percent African American: 3% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

Gene Stipe (D) 7th District

Hometown: Blanco, Oklahoma
Elected: 1956
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: October 21, 1926
Church: First Baptist Church of McAlester
Education: Graduated University of Oklahoma, 1949
Family: Married, Agnes Leota (Minter);
children, Mary Elizabeth
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1957 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 418
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 604)
Home Address: P. O. Box 1368, McAlester, OK 74502
Home Phone: 918-423-6368
Leadership Positions: Chair, Transportation
Committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor,
Human Resources, Rules, Transportation



This district, centered on Pittsburg County and the town of McAlester, also includes all of Haskell and Latimer counties, and parts of Atoka and Coal counties. House Districts 15, 17, 18, and 20 also represent the residents of this area.

This area was first settled by Creeks, and later by the Choctaw. The county seat of McIntosh, Eufaula, takes its name from an old Creek town in Alabama. McAlester is the unofficial capital of Little Dixie. The politics here are overwhelmingly Democratic, and McAlester has a tradition of producing politicians that make their mark in state politics.

Agriculture, especially cash crops and meat processing (the McAlester Union Stockyards are among the largest in the Southwest), are important to the local economy. The economy here includes meat packing, milling, and shipping. Incomes are below the state average. This is an area that also collects government institutions. The U.S. Army has a large ammunition plant here, and the Oklahoma State Penitentiary is a major presence.

All local officials in the area are Democrats and have been for as long as anyone can remember. Richard Nixon carried this district in 1972, but even then George McGovern ran ahead of his statewide performance. The county has been solidly Democratic in presidential elections since then. Independent Wes Watkins carried a plurality of the vote here in 1994. Ross Perot (1992) and George Wallace (1968) both ran ahead of their statewide performances in Pittsburgh County.

McAlester Democrat Gene Stipe reigns as one of the most enduring legislators in American history. Universally acclaimed as the Dean of the Senate and the Dean of the Legislature, Stipe is the longest-serving public official in Oklahoma history. Initially entering the Oklahoma House in 1949 at the age of 23, he moved to the Senate after a 1956 special election, and has been there ever since. The 1995 defeat of Louisiana state representative, B.B. "Sixty" Rayburn left Stipe as the longest-serving state legislator in the South. Stipe is also one of the most successful attorneys in the state, having handled numerous large cases including the Mullendore Case, which is cited in the Guinness Book of World Records. Stipe has chaired numerous committees in the Senate, and formally served in both the House and Senate leadership. It almost goes without saying

that this man understands Oklahoma politics better than anyone.

Senator Stipe confronted numerous opponents for reelection. In the primary, Democrats Cliff Davis, a college administrator, and Ken McDonald, a Hartshome businessman, challenged the incumbent. On the Republican side, Pat Key, a Christian school administrator, and Bill Stone, a Krebs maintenance man, vied for the right to challenge Stipe in the general election. After two vigorous campaigns, Stipe was returned to the Senate. A major power in state politics even without formal positions, Stipe chairs the Transportation Committee, serves on the Appropriations and Budget Committee, and, in 1997, on the General Conference Committee on Appropriations.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Gene Stipe - D | 14,780 | 56.3% |
| | Pat Key - R | 11,463 | 43.7% |
| 1992 | Gene Stipe - D | unopposed | |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 38,773 Republican: 3,838 Independent: 1,231

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$277,535.00 | \$267,609.88 | \$6,683.80 |

Personal Financial History

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|-----------------------|--|
| Oklahoma State Senate | various oil and gas companies |
| Little Dixie Radio | Pryor Publishing Co. |
| Stipe Law Firm | various abstract offices & rental properties |

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C. Wayne Litchfield, \$5,000.00 | Anthony Laizure, \$4,250.00 |
| James Belote, \$3,000.00 | Russell Uselton, \$4,000.00 |
| Eddie Harper, \$4,000.00 | Clyde Stipe, \$4,000.00 |
| Thomas Frazier, \$5,000.00 | Paul Beavers, \$3,000.00 |
| Harry Murphy (Dallas, TX), \$5,000.00 | OK AGC PAC, \$5,000.00 |
| LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00 | |

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

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| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 60 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 6 |

7th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$23,787 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 8% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 16% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 21% | Percent Employed in Service: 59% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 10% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 10% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 29% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 29% |
| Percent African American: 3% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Stratton Taylor (D) 2nd District

Hometown: Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Elected: 1983
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: January 25, 1956
Church: Baptist
Education: Graduated Rogers State
College, 1976; University of Tulsa, B.S., 1978,
J.D., 1982
Family: Married, Carolyn (Thompson);
children, Abbey & Carson
Occupation: Legislator
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
Capitol Address: Rm. 422
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 555)
Home Address: 422 State Capitol,
Oklahoma City, 73105
Home Phone: none given
Leadership Positions: President Pro Tempore,
Ex-Officio
Committees: voting member of all committees



Virtually all of Rogers County and Mayes County around the town of Pryor make up Senate District 2. Most of the economy here is based on agriculture, (Mayes County is the third-biggest producer of dairy products in the state) shale and coal mining. The port of Catoosa is in the far western reach of the district, and the district also takes in Claremore, home of the Will Rogers museum. This district is also served by House Districts 6, 8, and 9.

Powerful incumbent Democrat Stratton Taylor next comes up for reelection in 1998. Born in Sallisaw, OK, Taylor is an attorney by profession, trained at Tulsa University. After serving two terms in the House, Taylor moved into the Senate a decade ago. He currently serves in the traditionally powerful role of Senate President Pro Tempore of the chamber. Before ascending to the chamber leadership, he acted as chairman of the vital Appropriations Committee for six years. He has received a number of awards, including being included in Frosty Troy's list of top ten legislators.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1994 | Stratton Taylor - D | unopposed |

District Voter Registration

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat: 27,537 | Republican: 13,279 | Independent: 1,935 |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$233,457.78 | \$119,732.67 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Taylor, Burrage, Foster, and Singhal Legal Services
 Rogers University (spouse)
 Fidelity Investments (dividends)

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Coastal Employee Action Fund, \$2,500.00
 DRIVE Political Fund, \$2,000.00
 Jim Barker, lobbyist, \$3,100.00
 James L. Barrett, \$2,000.00
 William H. Skeith, \$2,500.00
 Oklahoma Medical PAC, \$4,150.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00
 Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$2,200.00
 Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government, \$2,300.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

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|--|---|
| OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 | Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0 |
| Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 8 | The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 6 |

2nd District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$31,947 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 18% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 20% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 29% | Percent Employed in Service: 61% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 4% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 6% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 21% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 26% |
| Percent African American: 1% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Trish Weedn (D) 15th District

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: May 10, 1950
Church: Purcell Pentecostal Holiness Church
Education: Graduated from Lexington High School
Family: Married, James A.
children, Marnie & Mindy
Occupation: McClain County Assessor, 1979 - 1988
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 417 - A
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 535)
Home Address: 904 Mockingbird Lane,
Purcell, OK 73080
Home Phone: 527-5912
Leadership Positions: Chair, General Government
Committees: Appropriations, General Government,
Human Resources, Judiciary, Wildlife



Senate District 15 divides itself into rough thirds: the southern third is most of Garvin County; in the middle is McClain County; and, at the northern end are the Norman suburbs to the west of I-35 in Cleveland County. This produces a disparate constituency. A smattering of both liberal Norman voters and conservative Republican suburbanites, Native Americans, farmers, ranchers, and textile workers are all included in this district.

This district sits on the edge of Little Dixie. Traditionally Democratic voting habits apply, but the areas around Norman and Moore have been increasingly Republican. And, redistricting will probably make this district more Democratic, as it will probably give up parts of Garvin County to District 14. Mapmakers had to compensate for the needs of rural legislators in the past, and will likely do so again in the future.

The current incumbent, Trish Weedn (D-Purcell), has served in the Senate since 1989, and will be term limited before her redrawn district comes up in 2004. She is a career public servant, having spent almost ten years as the McClain County Assessor. Weedn chairs the Senate Committee on General Government, and also serves on the important Appropriations Committee. Her areas of focus are county and city government, the elderly, children, and transportation. Interestingly, she is a politician who sees room to expand herself after a career in politics: Weedn is completing her undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Oklahoma.

Incumbent Weedn (D-Purcell) attracted three potential GOP challengers: Hoppy Heidleberg (R-Blanchard), a farmer noted for his ten gallon hat; Rick Liles, a retired member of the ABLE Commission from Newcastle; and Rod Cleveland, a 29-year-old Norman businessman. Cleveland defeated Heidleberg in a primary runoff before being dispatched by incumbent Weedn in the general election.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Trish Weedn - D | 16,474 | 59.8% |
| | Rod Cleveland - R | 11,083 | 40.2% |
| 1992 | Trish Weedn - D | 19,068 | 68.1% |
| | Joseph Hill - R | 8,907 | 31.9% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 28,584 Republican: 11,947 Independent: 1,753

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$118,350.20 | \$106,710.63 | \$3,542.29 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Southwestern Bell EMPAC, \$1,200.00
 DRIVE Political Fund, \$1,500.00
 OKIE PAC, \$1,000.00
 AFL-CIO PAC, \$1,000.00
 LEGAL PAC, \$2,500.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 50
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 9 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 20

15th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$32,550 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 18% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 3% | Percent College-Educated: 25% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 17% | Percent Employed in Service: 67% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 9% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 22% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 26% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

Kathleen Wilcoxson (R) 45th District

Hometown: Lawton, Oklahoma
Elected: 1997
Term Limit: 2008
Date of Birth: January 2, 1948
Church: Church of the Redeemer, Oklahoma City
Education: B.S., Elementary Education; M.S. Special Education; Ed.D., Curriculum and Instruction
Family: Married, Lynden; children, Stacy
Occupation: Teacher
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 533
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 618)
Home Address: 10101 Carter Court,
Oklahoma City, OK 73159
Home Phone: 405- 692-2708
Leadership Positions: none
Committees: Appropriations, Education, Finance,
Tourism, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public Safety



Southwest Oklahoma County is really where the sun meets the plains. Political scientist David Morgan has shown that there is a breakpoint in the partisan makeup of Oklahoma politics, with the Northwest corner being decidedly more Republican than the southeast, and the urban corridor holding the balance. District 45 is one part of the urban corridor where the balance has been systematically tipping toward the GOP for some time.

Helen Cole (R-Oklahoma City) served three terms in the state House and three non-consecutive terms in the state Senate, from 1985-1988, and then from 1992 to the present. She was extensively awarded for her public service, including being designated one of the "Ten Best Legislators in Oklahoma" by the *Oklahoma Observer* on a half-dozen occasions. And, one of her sons also carved out something of a name in Oklahoma political circles. Tom Cole, a political strategist and former state GOP chair, is currently the Secretary of State of Oklahoma.

Cole retired in 1996. Her successor, Republican Kathleen Wilcoxson, is an Oklahoma City elementary school teacher who has been active in chamber of commerce circles for some time. She gained appointment to the Education Committee as well as the Appropriations and Budget Committee.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Karl Rysted - D | 7,761 | 30.8% |
| | Kathleen Wilcoxson - R | 17,463 | 69.2% |
| 1992 | Helen Cole - R | 18,900 | 67.0% |
| | Donald N. Leonard - D | 9,464 | 33.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 18,436 Republican: 19,301 Independent: 2,534

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$47,860.27 | \$39,980.75 | \$5,826.89 |

Personal Financial History

Not Available

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

William R. Bartmann, Commerical Financial Services, \$3,000.00
 Sen. Don Nickles Republican Majority Fund, \$2,000.00
 Oklahoma State Republican Senatorial Committee, \$4,800.00
 Jim and Melinda Daugherty, manufactured home sales, \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 80 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 6 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 70

45th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$38,705 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 27% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 24% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 66% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 10% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 3% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 11% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 13% |
| Percent African American: 2% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 3% | |

Dick Wilkerson (D) 13th District

Hometown: Antlers, Oklahoma
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: March 19, 1943
Church: Methodist
Education: Graduated East Central University, B.A.;
Oklahoma City University, M.C.J.A.
Family: Children, Kim, K.C., Kathy
Occupation: Rancher
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 417 - B
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 541)
Home Address: P. O. Box 127, Atwood, OK 74827
Home Phone: 405-986-2179
Leadership Positions: Chair, Finance
Committees: Appropriations, Economic
Development, Finance, General Government,
Rules, Small Business, Veterans & Military
Affairs & Public Safety



Pontotoc County plus Pottawatomie County south of Shawnee constitute Senate District 13. Agriculture is important to the local economy, as are the extraction of natural resources, including mineral mining and some of the richest oil production in Oklahoma. This is an area with Mississippi roots. Pontotoc County was named for the original home of the Chickasaw Indians in Mississippi.

Local politics are decidedly Democratic and all of the local officials in the district are Democrats. However, Republicans have carried this district for president with increasing consistency since the 1960s, and Frank Keating won a plurality in Pottawatomie County in 1994.

James R. (Dick) Wilkerson (D-Atwood) has represented District 13 since 1989. Wilkerson attracted two potential Republican challengers: Barbara Young, a property manager from Ada, and Rodney Brown of Stonewall. But Wilkerson easily gained his third term with nearly two-third of the votes. A rancher, Williams had a previous career in law enforcement, serving as the Deputy Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. He serves as a member of the Public Safety and Judiciary Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Budget Committee and served on the related subcommittee of the General Conference Committee on Appropriations in 1997. He also chairs the Finance Committee in the Senate.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Dick Wilkerson - D | 16,275 | 65.3% |
| | Barbara Young - R | 8,642 | 34.7% |
| 1992 | Dick Wilkerson - D | unopposed | |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 34,149 Republican: 6,121 Independent: 1,493

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$66,315.98 | \$64,015.86 | \$1,050.90 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
 Orion Systems, Pre-Employment Testing (royalty)
 Old Schoolhouse Ranch, Horse Breeding, Sales and Fees

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Mike Wilkerson, \$5,000.00
 Patrick McCoy, PEC Ent., \$5,000.00
 Don J. Guy, \$5,000.00
 Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$1,000.00
 Kelly Mitchell, \$5,000.00
 Pat Wilkerson, U.S. Marshal, \$5,000.00
 Democrats of the Oklahoma State Senate, \$5,000.00
 CN General Fund (Chicksaw Nation), \$5,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 100 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 0
 Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 10 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 0

13th District Profile

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|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$24,109 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 9% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 1% | Percent College-Educated: 17% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 62% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 7% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 9% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 28% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 36% |
| Percent African American: 3% | Percent Hispanic American: 1% |
| Percent Asian American: 0% | |

Penny Williams (D) 33rd District

Hometown: New York, New York
Elected: 1989
Term Limit: 2006
Date of Birth: May 6, 1937
Church: Episcopalian
Education: Attended Sarah Lawrence College,
1955 - 1956; University of Tulsa, 1968 - 1976
Family: Children, Joseph Hill Jr., Peter Baldwin,
James Chesnut
Occupation: Homemaker
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1989 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 415
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 551)
Home Address: 1366 E. 25th St., Tulsa, OK 74114
Home Phone: 918-742-2002
Leadership Positions: Chair, Education; Vice Chair,
Human Resources
Committees: Appropriations, Education, Government
Operations, Human Resources, Rules, Transportation



Tulsa has one of the most beautiful skylines in the Southwest, especially when the sun reflects off the shiny towers built by commerce and oil. The Osage reservation lies to the north; to the west, the Arkansas River. Much of downtown Tulsa near 1st Street is in Senate District 33, and a variety of Tulsa institutions are in or near the district, such as the University of Tulsa, Oral Roberts University, Expo Square, the downtown medical centers, and the Philbrook Museum of Art. The Port of Tulsa is not far away (Tulsa is the westernmost inland water port city in the U.S.).

Many old Tulsa neighborhoods and parts of the business district are in the district which covers the intersection of the "T" that is Tulsa County. In Republican Tulsa County, this district votes Democratic. Incumbent Penny Williams (D-Tulsa) is in her third term in the Senate. Williams has a strong interest in education, and has previously served as co-chair of the Senate's teacher preparation task force. She is currently Chair of the Senate Education Committee and a member of the Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Education. She is further involved in or leading a large number of interim studies and special committees exploring a myriad of educational issues.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1996 | Penny Williams - D | 14,807 | 56.1% |
| | Brian Lehman - R | 11,573 | 43.9% |
| 1992 | Penny Williams - D | 18,247 | 61.0% |
| | Shirley Forsythe - R | 11,825 | 39.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 18,478 Republican: 17,245 Independent: 3,080

1996 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$155,036.00 | \$129,699.00 | \$21,191.51 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Diamond Head Rental Property

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

Oklahoma State AFL-CIO, \$5,000.00
Democrats of Oklahoma State, \$5,000.00
Scott Holden, Safe Tire Disposal, \$1,000.00
Robert Lorton, publisher, \$3,500.00
Jack Zarrow, Sooner Pipe and Supply, \$3,200.00
George B. Kaiser, Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., \$1,800.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 80 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 33
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 8 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 23

33rd District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$34,270 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 15% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 4% | Percent College-Educated: 31% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 21% | Percent Employed in Service: 72% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 3% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 4% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 25% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 29% |
| Percent African American: 4% | Percent Hispanic American: 2% |
| Percent Asian American: 1% | |

James Williamson (R) 35th District

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Elected: 1997
Term Limit: 2008
Date of Birth: May 27, 1951
Church: Grace Fellowship
Education: Graduated University of Tulsa,
B.S., 1972; J.D., 1975
Family: Married, Sandra;
children, Joshua, Angela, Kenn, Andrew
Occupation: Attorney
Political Career: Member, OK State Senate
1997 - present
Capitol Address: Rm. 530
Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 624)
Home Address: 1605 E. 63rd St., Tulsa, 74136
Home Phone: 918-744-6050
Leadership Positions: none
Committees: Appropriations, Economic
Development, General Government, Government
Operations, Judiciary, Sunset



Senate District 35 is another example of what redistricting scholars call a “bacon strip” — a district that is long and narrow, and runs from older urban neighborhoods with less population, into suburban or rural areas. In this case, the strip starts to the east bank of Tulsa proper, and then heads south across the Arkansas River toward Little Dixie. Oral Roberts University is in the neighborhood, near the Arkansas River and just to the south of the Skelly Drive Highway. Incomes in this district range from high to lower middle class, and the politics are generally conservative.

James A. Williamson (R-Tulsa) is an attorney and former school teacher with degrees from the University of Tulsa. In his first term in the Senate, Williamson is another of the set of former Republican state House members who arrived in the Senate in 1996. However, Williamson took a ten-year sabbatical before returning to the legislature. He sets himself an ambitious agenda, planning on authoring legislation in the areas of tax relief, economic development, workers compensation reform, and reducing government and regulations. He serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Gerald "Ged" Wright (R) 54th District

Hometown: Wagoner, Oklahoma

Elected: 1983

Term Limit: 2006

Date of Birth: July 7, 1942

Church: Episcopalian

Education: Oklahoma State University, 1964, B.S.;

University of Tulsa Law School, 1978, J.D.

Family: Married, Linda (Quimby);

children, Brian, Brent, Janna

Occupation: Attorney; Northwest Airlines Pilot

Political Career: Member, OK State Senate

1983 - present

Capitol Address: Rm. 533 - A

Capitol Phone/Fax: 405-524-0126 (ext. 602)

Home Address: 406 S. Boulder, Suite 701,

Tulsa, OK 74103

Home Phone: 918-455-5402

Leadership Positions: Vice Chair, Veterans & Military

Affairs & Public Safety

Committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory

Affairs, Judiciary, Rules, Veterans & Military Affairs & Public Safety



Broken Arrow takes its name from a Georgia town that was brought by Creek Indians across the Trail of Tears. The Creek settlement grew with the arrival of white ranchers, and a variety of industries including coal mining, railroads, and farming (and oil) have contributed to the local economy. Now the city of Broken Arrow is part of the Tulsa metropolitan area, and counts nearly 60,000 residents. Still, it is broken into three districts.

Incumbent Gerald "Ged" Wright (R-Tulsa) was born in Wagoner. Before arriving in the legislature in 1984, he had taken his JD from the University of Tulsa and served as Assistant City Attorney and Assistant City Prosecutor for the city of Tulsa. Wright has been in the minority leadership almost since the beginning of his career, serving as Republican Caucus Chairman and Minority Whip before becoming the Republican floor leader in 1995. Currently his most important Senate position is membership on the Appropriations Committee. He also serves on the Joint Committee on Federal Funds, a variety of task forces and interim study committees, and co-chairs the golf course tax policy interim study.

Electoral History

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1994 | J. B. Meehan - D | 7,375 | 39.0% |
| | Gerald Ged Wright - R | 11,380 | 61.0% |

District Voter Registration

Democrat: 14,675 Republican: 19,645 Independent: 2,443

1994 Campaign Financial History

| <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Funds Remaining</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$94,539 | \$91,799 | \$0.00 |

Personal Financial History

Oklahoma State Senate
Oklahoma National Guard
Wright & Wright, Law Practice

Major Sources of Campaign Contributions

NRA PAC, \$1,000.000
OK State GOP Candidate Reserve Fund, \$1,000.00
LEGAL PAC, \$5,000.00
Jode R. Wilson, Tri J. Oil Porperties, \$1,000.00
Mike Baab, Paragon Films, \$1,000.00
Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government, \$1,000.00

1997 Interest Group Ideological Rankings

OPEA Advocate (1-100): 70 Oklahoma Christian Coalition (0-100): 75
Coalition for America's Children (1-10): 7 The Oklahoma Constitution (0-100): 70

54th District Profile

| | |
|--|--|
| Median Household Income: \$34,381 | Percent Greater than \$50,000: 21% |
| Percent Greater than \$100,000: 2% | Percent College-Educated: 28% |
| Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 22% | Percent Employed in Service: 72% |
| Percent Employed in Government: 3% | Percent Employed in Agriculture: 3% |
| Percent Over Age 55: 12% | Percent Receiving Social Security: 14% |
| Percent African American: 5% | Percent Hispanic American: 3% |
| Percent Asian American: 2% | |

