

# Elections of U.S. Senators from Texas

Following is given a compilation of past U.S. senatorial elections in Texas insofar as information is available to the Texas Almanac. Prior to 1916, U.S. senators were appointed by the Legislature.

## 1906

### **Democratic Primary**

J.W. Bailey (unopposed)..... 283,315

## 1910

### **Democratic Primary**

C.A. Culberson (unopposed) ..... 359,939

## 1912

### **Democratic Primary**

Morris Sheppard ..... 182,907  
Jacob F. Wolters ..... 146,214  
Choice B. Randall ..... 40,693  
Matthew Zollner ..... 3,960  
Total vote ..... 373,774

## 1916

### **Democratic Primary**

Charles A. Culberson..... 87,421  
Robert L. Henry ..... 37,726  
O.B. Colquitt ..... 119,598  
S.P. Brooks ..... 78,641  
T.M. Campbell..... 65,721  
John Davis..... 9,924  
\*G.W. Riddle ..... 335  
Total vote ..... 399,366

*\*Had withdrawn*

### **Democratic Runoff**

Charles A. Culberson..... 163,182  
O.B. Colquitt ..... 94,098  
Total Vote ..... 257,280

### **General Election**

Charles A. Culberson (Democrat)..... 301,905  
Alex W. Acheson (Republican) ..... 48,775  
E.H. Conibear (Prohibitionist)..... 2,313  
T.A. Hickey (Socialist)..... 18,616  
Total Vote ..... 371,609

## 1918

### **Democratic Primary**

Morris Sheppard (unopposed)..... 649,876

### **General Election**

Morris Sheppard (Democrat) ..... 155,158  
J. Webster Flanagan (Republican) ..... 22,183  
M.A. Smith (Socialist) ..... 1,587  
Total vote ..... 178,928

**1922**

**Democratic Primary**

C.A. Culberson .....	99,635
Earle B. Mayfield .....	153,538
Cullen F. Thomas.....	88,026
James E. Ferguson .....	127,071
Clarence Ousley .....	62,451
R.L. Henry .....	41,567
Sterling P. Strong.....	<u>1,085</u>
Total vote.....	573,373

**Democratic Runoff**

Earle B. Mayfield .....	273,308
James E. Ferguson .....	<u>228,701</u>
Total vote.....	502,009

**General Election**

Earle B. Mayfield (Democrat) .....	264,260
George E.B. Peddy (Republican) .....	<u>130,744</u>
Total vote.....	395,004

**1924**

**Democratic Primary**

Morris Sheppard.....	440,511
Fred W. Davis .....	159,663
John F. Maddox .....	<u>80,070</u>
Total vote.....	680,244

**General Election**

Morris Sheppard (Democrat).....	592,059
T.M. Kennerly (Republican) .....	<u>101,252</u>
Total vote.....	693,331

**1928**

**Democratic Primary**

Thomas L. Blanton .....	126,758
Tom Connally.....	178,091
Minnie Fisher Cunningham.....	28,944
Earle B. Mayfield .....	200,246
Jeff McLemore.....	9,244
Alvin Owsley .....	<u>131,755</u>
Total vote.....	675,038

**Democratic Runoff**

Tom Connally.....	320,071
Earle B. Mayfield .....	<u>257,747</u>
Total vote.....	577,818

**General Election**

Tom Connally (Democrat).....	566,139
T.M. Kennerly (Republican) .....	129,910
David Curran (Socialist).....	690
John Rust (Communist).....	<u>114</u>
Total vote.....	696,853

## 1930

### Democratic Primary

Morris Sheppard .....	526,293
C.A. Mitchner .....	40,130
Robert L. Henry .....	<u>174,260</u>
Total vote.....	740,683

### Republican Primary

(158 counties reporting)

Doran John Haesly .....	3,645
*Harve H. Haines.....	2,568
*C.O. Harris .....	<u>2,784</u>
Total vote.....	8,997

\*No runoff; candidates withdrew.

### General Election

Morris Sheppard (Democrat) .....	265,054
D.J. Haesly (Republican).....	38,910
Guy L. Smith (Socialist).....	808
W.A. Berry (Communist).....	<u>294</u>
Total vote.....	305,066

## 1934

### Democratic Primary

Joseph W. Bailey .....	355,963
Tom Connally.....	567,139
Guy B. Fisher.....	<u>41,421</u>
Total vote.....	964,523

### General Election

Tom Connally (Democrat).....	439,375
U.S. Goen (Republican) .....	12,895
W.B. Starr (Socialist) .....	1,828
L.C. Keel (Communist) .....	<u>310</u>
Total vote.....	454,408

## 1936

### Democratic Primary

Morris Sheppard .....	616,293
Guy B. Fisher.....	89,215
Richard C. Bush .....	37,842
Joseph H. Price .....	45,919
Joe H. Eagle .....	136,718
J. Edward Glenn .....	<u>28,641</u>
Total vote.....	954,628

### General Election

Morris Sheppard (Democrat) .....	774,975
Carlos G. Watson (Republican).....	59,491
W.B. Starr (Socialist) .....	958
Gertrude Wilson (Union).....	<u>1,836</u>
Total Vote .....	837,260

## 1940

### Democratic Primary

Tom Connally.....	923,219
A.P. Belcher .....	66,962
Guy B. Fisher.....	<u>98,125</u>
Total vote.....	1,088,306

### General Election

Tom Connally (Democrat).....	978,095
George Shannon (Republican).....	59,340
Homer Brooks (Communist).....	<u>408</u>
Total vote.....	1,037,843

## **1941 Special Election**

*Held on June 28 to replace Sen. Morris Sheppard,  
who had died in office.*

W. Lee O'Daniel.....	175,590
Lyndon B. Johnson.....	174,279
Gerald C. Mann.....	140,807
Martin Dies.....	80,551
*Others.....	<u>4,459</u>
Total vote.....	575,786

*\*The total number of candidates was 25 Democrats, 2  
Republicans, 1 independent and 1 Communist.*

## **1942**

### **Democratic Primary**

James V. Allred.....	317,501
Dan Moody.....	178,471
W. Lee O'Daniel.....	475,541
Floyd E. Ryan.....	<u>12,213</u>
Total vote.....	983,726

### **Democratic Runoff**

James V. Allred.....	433,203
W. Lee O'Daniel.....	<u>451,359</u>
Total vote.....	884,562

### **General Election**

W. Lee O'Daniel (Democrat).....	260,629
Dudley Lawson (Republican).....	12,064
Charles L. Somerville (People's Unity Party).....	<u>1,934</u>
Total vote.....	274,627

## **1946**

### **Democratic Primary**

Tom Connally.....	823,818
Cyclone Davis.....	74,252
Floyd E. Ryan.....	85,292
Terrell Sledge.....	66,947
Laverne Somerville.....	<u>42,290</u>
Total vote.....	1,092,599

### **General Election**

Tom Connally (Democrat).....	336,931
Murray C. Sells (Republican).....	43,750
Write-in.....	<u>5</u>
Total vote.....	380,686

## **1948**

### **Democratic Primary**

Otis C. Myers.....	15,330
F.B. Clark.....	7,420
Roscoe H. Collier.....	12,327
Coke R. Stevenson.....	477,077
Cyclone Davis.....	10,871
Frank G. Cortez.....	13,344
Jesse C. Saunders.....	7,401
George E.B. Peddy.....	237,195
Lyndon B. Johnson.....	405,617
Terrell Sledge.....	6,692
James F. Alford.....	9,117
Write-in.....	<u>1</u>
Total vote.....	1,202,392

### Democratic Runoff

Lyndon B. Johnson .....	494,191
Coke R. Stevenson.....	<u>494,104</u>
Total vote.....	988,295

### General Election

Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat).....	702,985
Jack Porter (Republican).....	349,665
Sam Morris (Prohibitionist).....	<u>8,913</u>
Total vote.....	1,061,563

### 1952

#### Democratic Primary

Price Daniel .....	940,770
Lindley Beckworth .....	285,842
E.W. Napier .....	<u>70,132</u>
Total vote.....	1,296,744

#### General Election

Price Daniel (Democrat) .....	1,425,007
Price Daniel (Republican).....	469,494
Price Daniel (No Party).....	<u>591</u>
Total vote.....	1,895,192

### 1954

#### Democratic Primary

Lyndon B. Johnson.....	883,264
Dudley T. Dougherty .....	<u>354,188</u>
Total vote.....	1,237,452

#### General Election

Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat).....	538,417
Carlos G. Watson (Republican).....	95,033
Fred T. Spangler (Constitution).....	<u>3,025</u>
Total vote.....	636,475

### 1957 Special Election

*Held on April 2. Price Daniel had resigned to run for governorship.*

Elmer Adams .....	2,228
H.J. Antoine Sr.....	576
M.T. Banks.....	2,153
Jacob Bergolofsky .....	890
Searcy Bracewell.....	33,384
John C. Burns Sr. ....	600
*H.Frank Connally Jr.....	514
Frank G. Cortez.....	1,350
*J.Cal Courtney .....	879
*R.W. (Waire) Currin.....	646
Martin Dies .....	290,803
C.O.Foerster Jr. ....	776
Curtis Ford.....	767
Ralph W. Hammonds.....	2,372
James P. Hart .....	19,739
*Charles W. (Jack) Hill.....	1,025
Thad Hutcheson .....	219,591
Walter Scott McNutt.....	500
Clyde R. Orms .....	356
John C. White.....	11,876
J.Perrin Wills.....	817
Hugh Wilson .....	851
Ralph W. Yarborough .....	<u>364,605</u>
Total vote.....	957,298

*\*Withdrew after ballots printed.*

**1958**

**Democratic Primary**

William A. Blakley .....	535,418
Ralph W. Yarborough .....	761,511
Write-in .....	<u>4</u>
Total vote.....	1,296,933

**General Election**

Ralph W. Yarborough (Democrat).....	587,030
Roy Whittenburg (Republican) .....	185,926
Bard A. Logan (Constitution) .....	<u>14,172</u>
Total vote.....	787,128

**1960**

**Democratic Primary**

Lyndon B. Johnson.....	1,407,109
Write-in .....	<u>145</u>
Total vote.....	1,407,254

**General Election**

Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat).....	1,306,625
John G. Tower (Republican) .....	926,653
Bard A. Logan (Constitution) .....	<u>20,506</u>
Total vote.....	2,253,784

**1961 Special Election**

*Held April 4 to replace Lyndon B. Johnson, who had resigned to assume office of Vice President.*

John G. Tower .....	327,308
William A. Blakley .....	190,818
Jim Wright.....	171,328
Will Wilson.....	121,961
Maury Maverick Jr. ....	104,992
Henry B. Gonzalez .....	97,659

The remaining 71 candidates were: Dr. G.H. Allen, 849; Jim W. Amos, 527; Dale Baker, 612; Dr. Mali Jean Rauch Barraco, 434; Tom E. Barton, 395; R.G. Becker, 462; Jacob Bergolofsky, 377; Dr. Ted Bisland, 831; G.E. Blewett, 474, Lawrence S. Bosworth Jr., 410; Joyce J. Bradshaw, 352; Chester D. Brooks, 711; W.L. Burlison, 1,695; Ronald J. Byers, 175; Joseph M. Carter, 185; George A. Davisson, 897, Mrs. Winnie K. Derrick, 327, Harry R. Diehl, 293, Harvill O. Eaton, 178; Rev. Jonnie Mae Eckman, 342; Paul F. Eix, 317; Ben H. Faber, 363; Dr. H.E. Fanning, 293, Charles Otto Foerster Jr., 133; Harold Franklin, 196; George N. Gallagher Jr., 985; Richard J. Gay, 939; Van T. George Jr., 307; Arthur Glover, 1,528; Delbert E. Grandstaff, 2,959; Curtis E. Hill, 389; Willard Park Holland, 669; John N. Hopkins, 490; Mary Hazel Houston, 726; Ben M. Johnson, 681; Guy Johnson, 748; Morgan H. Johnson, 334; C.B. Kennedy, 770; H. Springer Knoblauch, 186; Hugh O. Lea, 651; V.C. Logan, 314; Frank A. Matera, 599, Brown McCallum, 323; James E. McKee, 762; Steve Nemecek, 1,017; George E. Noyes, 174; Floyd Payne, 227; Cecil D. Perkins, 773; W.H. Posey, 592; George Red, 99; Wesley Roberts, 386; D.T. Sampson, 417; Eristus Sams, 4,490; A. Dale Savage, 400; Carl A. Schrade, 283; Albert Roy Smith, 341; Homer Hyrim Stalarow, 735; Frank Stanford, 240; John B. Sypert, 252; Mrs. Martha Tredway, 1,227; S.S. Vela, 241, Bill Whitten, 350; Hoyt G. Wilson, 2,165; Hugh Wilson, 2,997; Marcos Zertuche, 442; Write-ins, 42.

Total vote..... 1,058,124

**\*Runoff Election held May 27**

William A. Blakley .....	437,874
John G. Tower .....	<u>448,217</u>
Total vote.....	886,091

*\*Change in state law following 1957 special election required runoff.*

**1964**

**Democratic Primary**

Ralph W. Yarborough .....	905,001
Gordon McLendon.....	672,573
Write-in .....	<u>23</u>
Total vote.....	1,577,607

**Republican Primary**

George Bush .....	62,985
Jack Cox.....	45,561
Milton V. Davis.....	6,067
Robert Morris.....	<u>28,279</u>
Total vote.....	142,892

**Republican Runoff**

George Bush .....	49,751
Jack Cox.....	<u>30,333</u>
Total vote.....	80,084

**General Election**

Ralph Yarborough (Democrat).....	1,463,958
George Bush (Republican) .....	1,134,337
Jack Carswell (Constitution).....	5,542
Write-in .....	<u>19</u>
Total vote.....	2,603,856

**1966**

**1st Democratic Primary**

John R. Willoughby.....	226,598
Waggoner Carr .....	<u>899,523</u>
Total vote.....	1,126,121

**General Election**

Waggoner Carr (Democrat) .....	643,855
John G. Tower (Republican) .....	842,501
Jas. Barker Holland (Constitution).....	<u>6,778</u>
Total vote.....	1,493,134

**1970**

**Democratic Primary**

Lloyd Bentsen.....	814,316
Ralph Yarborough.....	<u>726,447</u>
Total vote.....	1,540,763

**Republican Primary**

George Bush .....	96,806
Robert Morris.....	<u>13,659</u>
Total vote.....	110,465

**General Election**

Lloyd Bentsen (Democrat).....	1,226,568
George Bush (Republican) .....	1,071,234
Other.....	<u>1,808</u>
Total vote.....	2,299,610

## 1972

### Democratic Primary

Thomas M. Cartledge .....	66,240
Barefoot Sanders.....	787,504
Alfonso Veloz.....	53,938
Hugh Wilson .....	125,460
Ralph Yarborough.....	<u>1,032,606</u>
Total vote.....	2,065,748

### Democratic Runoff

Barefoot Sanders.....	1,008,499
Ralph Yarborough.....	<u>928,087</u>
Total vote.....	1,936,586

### Republican Primary

John G. Tower (unopposed) .....	107,648
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### General Election

John G. Tower (Republican) .....	1,822,877
Barefoot Sanders (Democrat).....	1,511,985
Flores Amaya (La Raza Unida) .....	63,543
Tom Leonard (Socialist Workers) .....	14,464
Other.....	<u>1,034</u>
Total vote.....	3,413,903

## 1976

### Democratic Primary

Lloyd Bentsen.....	970,983
Leon Dugi .....	19,870
Phil Gramm.....	427,597
Hugh Wilson .....	109,715
Other.....	<u>1,003</u>
Total vote.....	1,529,168

### Republican Primary

Louis Leman .....	40,651
Alan Steelman .....	251,252
Hugh Sweeney .....	<u>64,404</u>
Total vote.....	356,307

### General Election

Lloyd Bentsen (Democrat).....	2,199,956
Alan Steelman (Republican).....	1,636,370
Marjorie P. Gallion (American).....	17,355
Pedro Vasques (Socialist Workers) .....	<u>20,549</u>
Total vote.....	3,874,230

## 1978

### Democratic Primary

Joe Christie.....	701,892
Robert Krueger.....	<u>853,485</u>
Total vote.....	1,555,377

### Republican Primary

John G. Tower (unopposed) .....	142,202
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### General Election

John G. Tower (Republican) .....	1,151,376
Robert Krueger (Democrat) .....	1,139,149
Luis A. Diaz de Leon (La Raza Unida) .....	17,869
Miguel Pendas (Socialist Workers).....	4,018
Other.....	<u>128</u>
Total vote.....	2,312,540

**1982**

**Democratic Primary**

Lloyd Bentsen.....	987,985
Joe Sullivan .....	<u>276,453</u>
Total vote.....	1,264,438

**Republican Primary**

Don I. Richardson.....	18,616
Jim Collins .....	152,469
Walter H. Mengden Jr.....	<u>91,780</u>
Total vote.....	262,865

**General Election**

Lloyd Bentsen (Democrat).....	1,818,223
Jim Collins (Republican).....	1,256,759
John E. Ford (Libertarian).....	23,494
Lineaus H. Lorette (Constitution).....	4,564
Darryl Anderson (Write-in).....	39
Other.....	<u>88</u>
Total vote.....	3,103,167

**1984**

**Democratic Primary**

Lloyd Doggett .....	456,173
Kent Hance.....	456,446
Robert Krueger.....	454,886
Harley Schlanger.....	14,149
Robert Sullivan .....	34,733
David Young .....	<u>47,062</u>
Total vote.....	1,463,449

**Democratic Runoff**

Lloyd Doggett .....	491,251
Kent Hance.....	<u>489,906</u>
Total vote.....	981,157

**Republican Primary**

Phil Gramm.....	246,716
Henry Grover.....	8,388
Robert Mosbacher.....	26,279
Ron Paul.....	<u>55,431</u>
Total vote.....	336,814

**General Election**

Phil Gramm (Republican).....	3,111,348
Lloyd Doggett (Democrat) .....	2,202,557
Other.....	<u>273</u>
Total vote.....	5,314,178

**1988**

**Democratic Primary**

Lloyd Bentsen.....	1,365,736
Joe Sullivan .....	<u>244,805</u>
Total vote.....	1,610,541

**Republican Primary**

Beau Boulter.....	228,676
Milton E. Fox.....	138,031
Wes Gilbreath.....	275,080
Ned Snead.....	<u>107,560</u>
Total vote.....	749,347

### **Republican Runoff**

Beau Boulter.....	111,134
Wes Gilbreath.....	<u>73,573</u>
Total vote.....	184,707

### **General Election**

Lloyd Bentsen (Democrat).....	3,149,806
Beau Boulter (Republican) .....	2,129,228
Other.....	<u>43,989</u>
Total vote.....	5,323,023

### **1990**

#### **Democratic Primary**

Hugh Parmer .....	766,284
Harley Schlanger .....	<u>249,445</u>
Total vote.....	1,015,729

#### **Republican Primary**

Phil Gramm (unopposed) .....	687,170
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#### **General Election**

Phil Gramm (Republican) .....	2,302,357
Hugh Parmer (Democrat) .....	1,429,986
Gary Johnson (Libertarian).....	89,089
Other.....	<u>725</u>
Total vote.....	3,822,157

### **1993 Special Election**

*Held on May 1. Lloyd Bentsen had resigned to assume post as U.S. Secretary of Treasury.*

Kay Bailey Hutchison.....	593,338
Robert Krueger.....	593,239
Joe Barton .....	284,135
Jack Fields.....	277,560
Richard Fisher .....	165,564

Others: Billy Brown, 2,187; Louis C. Davis, 1,548; Rick Draheim, 5,677; Rose Floyd, 2,301; Jose Angel Gutierrez, 52,103; Lottie Bolling Hancock, 2,242; Rober Henson, 3,092; Stephen Hopkins, 14,753; Charles Ben Howell, 3,866; Gene Kelly, 11,331; C. (Sonny) Payne, 6,782; Don Richardson, 6,209; Chuck Sibley, 2,406; Thomas D. Spink, 2,281; Herbert Spiro, 4,459; Maco Stewart, 1,260; James Vallaster, 2,124; Clymer Wright, 5,111; Lou Zaeske, 2,191.

Total vote..... 2,045,759

#### **Runoff Election held June 5**

Robert Krueger .....	576,538
Kay Bailey Hutchison.....	<u>1,188,716</u>
Total vote.....	1,765,254

## 1994

### Democratic Primary

Michael A. Andrews .....	159,828
Richard Fisher .....	387,989
Evelyn K. Lantz.....	63,517
Jim Mattox .....	<u>416,342</u>
Total vote.....	1,027,676

### Democratic Runoff

Richard Fisher .....	400,227
Jim Mattox .....	<u>346,414</u>
Total vote.....	746,641

### Republican Primary

James C. Curry.....	15,625
Roger Henson .....	14,021
Stephen Hopkins .....	34,703
Kay Bailey Hutchison.....	467,975
M. Troy Mata.....	8,632
Ernest J. Schmidt .....	8,690
Tom Spink.....	<u>5,692</u>
Total vote.....	555,338

### General Election

Kay Bailey Hutchison (Republican) .....	2,604,218
Richard Fisher (Democrat) .....	1,639,615
Pierre Blondeau (Libertarian) .....	<u>36,107</u>
Total vote.....	4,279,940

## 1996

### Democratic Primary

John Bryant .....	267,545
Jim Chapman .....	239,427
Victor Morales.....	322,218
John Will Odam .....	<u>61,433</u>
Total vote.....	890,623

### Democratic Runoff

John Bryant .....	235,281
Victor Morales.....	<u>246,614</u>
Total vote.....	481,895

### Republican Primary

Phil Gramm.....	838,339
Henry C. Grover .....	72,400
David Young .....	<u>75,463</u>
Total vote.....	986,202

### General Election

Phil Gramm (Republican) .....	3,027,680
Victor M. Morales (Democrat).....	2,428,776
Michael Bird (Libertarian) .....	51,516
John Huff (Natural Law Party) .....	<u>19,469</u>
Total vote.....	5,527,441

## 2000

### Democratic Primary

H. Gerald Bintliff .....	33,979
Don Clark.....	139,243
Charles Gandy.....	140,636
Gene Kelly .....	220,531
Bobby Wightman .....	<u>83,643</u>
Total vote.....	618,032

### **Democratic Runoff**

Charles Gandy.....	101,984
Gene Kelly.....	<u>143,366</u>
Total vote.....	245,350

### **Republican Primary**

Kay Bailey Hutchison (unopposed) .....	955,033
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### **General Election**

Kay Bailey Hutchison (Republican) .....	4,082,091
Gene Kelly (Democrat) .....	2,030,315
Mary J. Ruwart (Libertarian) .....	72,798
Douglas S. Sandage (Green) .....	<u>91,448</u>
Total vote.....	6,276,652

## **2002**

### **Democratic Primary**

Ken Bentsen .....	255,501
Ed Cunningham.....	22,016
Gene Kelly.....	44,038
Ron Kirk.....	316,052
Victor Morales.....	<u>317,048</u>
Total vote.....	954,655

### **Democratic Runoff**

Ron Kirk.....	370,878
Victor Morales.....	<u>249,423</u>
Total vote.....	620,301

### **Republican Primary**

John Cornyn .....	478,825
Lawrence Cranberg .....	17,757
Douglas G. Deffenbaugh .....	43,711
Bruce Rusty Lang .....	46,907
Dudley F. Mooney.....	<u>32,202</u>
Total vote.....	619,302

### **General Election**

John Cornyn (Republican).....	2,496,243
Ron Kirk (Democrat).....	1,955,758
Scott Lanier Jameson (Libertarian) .....	35,538
Roy H. Williams (Green).....	25,051
James W. (Jim) Wright (Write-in).....	<u>1,422</u>
Total vote.....	4,514,012

## **2006**

### **Democratic Primary**

Darrel Reece Hunter.....	93,609
Gene Kelly.....	191,400
Barbara Ann Radnofsky.....	<u>215,776</u>
Total vote.....	500,785

### **Democratic Runoff**

Barbara Ann Radnofsky.....	124,663
Gene Kelly.....	<u>82,589</u>
Total vote.....	207,252

### **Republican Primary**

Kay Bailey Hutchison (unopposed) .....	627,163
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### **General Election**

Kay Bailey Hutchison (Republican) .....	2,661,789
Barbara Ann Radnofsky (Democrat).....	1,555,202
Scott Lanier Jameson (Libertarian) .....	<u>97,672</u>
Total vote.....	4,314,663