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## Clements wins governor's seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas oilman Bill Clements, Texas' only Republican governor in 100 years, recaptured the Governor's Mansion Tuesday by defeating the Democrat who ousted him four years ago, Gov. Mark White.

"What a night, what a night, what a night," a laughing, waving Clements shouted to supporters.

"I am very humble in accepting this election and the responsibility that goes with it," Clements said of his comeback.

With 74 percent of the statewide precincts reporting, the News Election Service

said Clements had 1,271,774 votes, about 54 percent of the total, to 1,095,748 votes, about 46 percent, for White.

Libertarian Theresa Doyle, 43, a San Antonio travel agent, had about 1 percent.

"You can see now why we won this election, it was a real team effort by everyone concerned, and I'm talking about you and all those other people across the state of Texas," said Clements, who first became governor after defeating Democrat John Hill in 1978.

About 11:10 p.m., White conceded in a three-minute speech before supporters.

"I hadn't really planned on having to make this speech tonight," White said. "But tonight the election did not go for us, and I congratulate Bill Clements on his success."

White said that despite his loss, he is proud of the educational improvements he pushed through the Legislature.

"I'm very proud of the work we've done and the accomplishments we've made," White said.

Texas Republican Party chairman George Strake said this year's election showed that White wasn't the Democrats' big draw four years ago.

"White is not a strong enough, credible candidate to carry the ticket by himself," Strake said. "He was drug into victory (in 1982) by (Lt. Gov. Bill) Hobby and (U.S. Sen. Lloyd) Bentsen."

"People saw through him and weren't enthusiastic enough to turn out at the polls like they did four years ago."

The gubernatorial race received national attention, as no Democrat has been elected president without carrying Texas and Democrats hoped to retain control of the governor's office this year.



Photo by John Makely

Pete Geren waits for news on election returns.



Photo by John Makely

Joe Barton jokes with supporters before heading for home to wait for the returns.

## Barton edges Geren with 35% tallied

The race for the 6th District congressional seat was still up in the air at 1 a.m. today as Republican incumbent Joe Barton had garnered 54 percent of the vote compared to 46 percent for Democratic challenger Pete Geren after 35 percent of the district's precincts reported totals.

In the early hours, Geren held a 53 percent to 47 percent lead with 20 percent of the precincts tallied, but his lead dissipated after 27 percent of the votes were counted.

During a stop Tuesday night in Culpeper Plaza, Barton told a group of his supporters that he was looking forward to a big victory.

After speaking to his supporters, Barton left for his home in Ennis to await the final election results.

"I think we have a chance to win about 10 of the 14 counties," Barton said. "If that's the case, then this is definitely a Republican district now."

Geren said he was happy with the early vote totals, and hoped the margin would stay that way through the end of the election.

"I'm glad it's this way, instead of the other way around," Geren said.

"We're pretty optimistic and just hoping for the best."

A crowd of about 200 supporters gathered at the College Station Ramada Inn to cheer Geren on.

But as the evening progressed and the vote shifted to Barton's side, the crowd dwindled.

Geren's press aide Jeff Crosby said the early lead could be attributed to strong community campaigning.

Crosby said Brazos, Montgomery and Tarrant counties would be extremely important to Geren's chances.

Vote totals in Ellis and Montgomery counties were slow coming in because they were being hand-tabulated, Crosby said.

Barton also said it was going to be a long night.

"If history is any indication, Brazos County will report at about 1 in the morning and Montgomery County will be in at about 2 in the morning," Barton said. "Those are the two big counties in the district."

But Barton said he still hoped to establish a lead before the late hours.

"By the time I get back to Ennis, with a little luck, we'll have this thing wrapped up and I'll be calling back down here to declare victory," he said.

## Texas Dems turn back Republican challenge

DALLAS (AP) — Democrats turned back challenges in state cabinet offices other than the governorship and held their traditional majority in the Texas congressional delegation in Tuesday's elections.

In other elections, Democrats won at least 17 congressional races and the Republicans eight, with GOP freshman incumbents narrowly leading in two other contests. U.S. Rep. Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, was perhaps the most significant winner since his re-election virtually assures his elevation from House Majority Leader to House Speaker.

Texas also approved four state constitutional amendments, including one allowing branch banking, and they elected Raul Gonzalez to the Texas Supreme Court, making him the first Hispanic elected to statewide office.

With 80 percent of the statewide precincts reporting, Clements had 1,348,579 votes, or 53.2 percent, to 1,164,627 votes, or 45.6 percent, for White. Libertarian Theresa Doyle had less than 2 percent.

"You can see now why we won this election," Clements said. "It was a real team effort by everyone concerned, and I'm talking about you and all those other people across the state of Texas."

Four years ago, White, 46, ousted Clements, 69, a retired Dallas oilman, in an upset victory over the first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

This year, the state's economy has worsened and falling oil and farm prices have driven the unemployment rate to 9 percent, two points above the national level.

The election replay was spiced up by negative advertising, sharp rhetoric, the discovery of an electronic bugging device in a Clements adviser's office. In a special legislative session, White found himself proposing higher taxes two months before the election.

Voter turnout across the state Tuesday appeared to be moderate under rainy skies. Earlier, Secretary of State Myra McDaniel had predicted that only about 44 percent, or 3.2 million, of the state's 7.28 million registered voters would turn out.

In the lieutenant governor's race, with almost 80 percent of the vote counted, Democratic 14-year veteran Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby easily defeated Republican business consultant David Davidson of Austin and Libertarian candidate Bill Howell of Dallas.

Incumbent Attorney General Jim Mattox dashed Republican San Antonio district judge Roy Barrera Jr.'s hopes of becoming the first Hispanic elected to statewide office by garnering almost 52 percent of the vote.

Barrera had attacked Mattox's ethics, pointing to an indictment in which the Democrat was accused of threatening to use his office to block the public bond business of a Houston law firm. Mattox was acquitted, and says it was his aggressiveness that prompted the indictment.

In the land commissioner's race, incumbent Democrat Garry Mauro beat Republican M.D. Anderson and Libertarian Honey Sue Lanham of Austin by garnering more than 61 percent of the vote.

One-term agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower sailed to victory carrying more than 60 percent of the vote, defeating Republican Bill Powers of Austin, a cattleman and executive vice president of the Texas Poultry Federation, and Libertarian Rebecca Reed, a university student in San Antonio.

In the race for Texas Railroad Commission, Democratic state Sen. John Sharp of Victoria defeated Republican state Rep. Milton Fox of Houston and Libertarian candidate Chloe "Jack" Daniels of Farmers Branch.

State treasurer Ann Richards and comptroller Bob Bullock, both Democrats won easy victories over Libertarian candidates.

All three challenged Texas Supreme Court justices were re-elected to the nine-member Democratic-controlled court, including Gonzalez, who was appointed two years ago. Both Gonzalez and James

## Democrats' bid for seats in Senate, House strong

(AP) — Democrats won Republican seats in Maryland and Florida on Tuesday and mounted a strong bid to gain control of the Senate for the final two years of the Reagan era. Democrats also were winning a new majority in the House as America picked its 100th Congress and selected 36 governors.

"If there was a Reagan revolution, it's over," said retiring House speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, who led the opposition to President Reagan.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd said he'd predicted a 52-48 victory to reestablish Democratic control, but as midnight approached, he "expected better."

His party needed to swing four seats to regain control and got early momentum in Florida where Sen. Paula Hawkins was unseated.

Retiring Republican Sen. Paul Laxalt said, "It's too early to tell." The GOP held a 53-47 majority in the 99th Senate.

Democrats also bid to pad their 73-seat majority in the 435-member House.

One early winner was Rep. Jim Wright of Texas, in line to replace Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. as speaker when the new Congress convenes.

Joseph Kennedy II, son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, won O'Neill's Massachusetts seat in the House. His sister Kathleen Kennedy Townsend conceded defeat in her House race in Maryland.

The GOP was faring better in gubernatorial elections — including Guy Hunt's election as Alabama's first Republican governor since Reconstruction. Former Texas Gov. Bill Clements defeated Democratic Gov. Mark White.

Among the incumbent governors, two Democrats mentioned as possible 1988 presidential candidates — Mario Cuomo of New York and Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts — won easily.

Gov. Bob Graham claimed Florida's Senate seat for the Democrats by defeating Hawkins, one of a handful of vulnerable GOP freshmen whose fate held the key to Senate control. Still vulnerable as the votes

were being tallied were freshman colleagues Mack Mattingly of Georgia, James Abdnor of South Dakota, Mark Andrews of North Dakota, Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and James Broyhill of North Carolina.

At 10:30 p.m., the national picture looked like this:

Democrats had won nine Senate seats, including two held by Republicans. They led for another seven, including five held by Republicans.

Republicans won seven, none held by Democrats, and were leading for four others, including two held by Democrats.

Democrats won eight governorships, including one held by a Republican. They were leading for eight more, including one held by the GOP.

Republicans won one seat from the Democrats — Alabama — and were leading in nine others, including five held by Democrats.

Republican Christopher Bond led in the race to fill Missouri's Senate seat being vacated by a Democrat.

President Reagan watched returns from the White House after returning from a 25,000-mile campaign odyssey on behalf of Republicans.

Democrats had to swing four Senate seats to gain control, and Byrd already was planning his legislative agenda. He pledged cooperation with Reagan "if he will work with us in a bipartisan way."

Rep. Barbara Mikulski won handily in Maryland's two-woman race, picking up a seat vacated by a retiring Republican.

Democrats looked for victories in North Carolina and Georgia, two seats where the television networks said GOP incumbents would fall. And an ABC poll showed Timothy Wirth running strongly for the Colorado seat of fellow Democrat Gary Hart.

Hunt's victory in Alabama's gubernatorial election came as the GOP sought

## State Election Results

Following are the projected winners of state races in Tuesday's general election. Projections are based on results from 73.2 percent of Texas' 6,764 voting precincts.

- Governor ..... Bill Clements
- Lieutenant Governor ..... Bill Hobby
- Attorney General ..... Jim Mattox
- Land Commissioner ..... Garry Mauro
- Agriculture Commissioner ..... Jim Hightower
- Railroad Commission ..... John Sharp
- Treasurer ..... Ann Richards
- Comptroller ..... Bob Bullock
- State Supreme Court Justice, Place 1 ..... Oscar Mauzy
- State Supreme Court Justice, Place 2 ..... Robert Campbell
- State Supreme Court Justice, Place 3 ..... James Wallace
- State Supreme Court Justice, Place 4 ..... Raul Gonzalez
- Proposition 1, providing apportionment of railroad rolling stock among counties for property taxes ..... Passes
- Proposition 2, requiring that the title of a bill introduced in either house of the Texas Legislature express the bill's subject ..... Passes
- Proposition 3, allowing political subdivisions to conduct business with authorized mutual insurance companies ..... Passes
- Proposition 4, allowing banks to offer full-service banking at more than one location in the city or county in which it is located ..... Passes

As of 2 a.m. final results were unavailable for the District 6 race between incumbent Joe Barton and challenger Pete Geren. The following results are based on reported balloting from 42 percent of District 6 precincts.

- U.S. Representative, District 6
- Joe Barton ..... 54%
- Pete Geren ..... 45%

## Brazos County Results

Results are based on final tabulations, with all 40 of Brazos County's precincts reporting, and include absentee balloting. With 80 percent of Brazos County precincts reporting, 19,148 of the county's 38,355 registered voters had been to the polls, making the voter turnout rate 49 percent.

Straight-ticket votes were cast by 3,971 of the voters, with 2,242, or 56 percent, voting a straight Democratic ticket and 1,620, or 40 percent, voting for all Republican candidates. The Libertarian Party picked up 109, or 2 percent, of the straight-party ticket votes.

- State Representative, District 14
- Richard Smith ..... 66%
- John Seaman ..... 33%
- County Judge
- R.J. "Dick" Holmgreen ..... uncontested
- Judge, County Court-At-Law No. 1
- Claude D. Davis ..... 53%
- Hugh W. Lindsay ..... 46%
- Judge, County Court-At-Law No. 2
- J.D. Langley ..... uncontested
- District Clerk
- Travis Nelson ..... uncontested
- County Clerk
- Frank Boriskie ..... uncontested
- County Treasurer
- W.B. "Stub" Davis ..... 42%
- Sandie Walker ..... 58%
- County Surveyor
- Mark Paulson ..... uncontested
- County Commissioner, Place 2
- Walter Wilcox ..... 50.5%
- E. Wayne Gibson ..... 49.5%
- County Commissioner, Place 4
- Milton Turner ..... 50.5%
- Rodger Lewis ..... 49.5%
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
- Tom Lyons ..... uncontested
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
- Mary Creed Horn ..... 49%
- Greta Norton ..... 50%
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
- Ray M. Truelove ..... uncontested
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
- Carolyn Hensarling ..... 64%
- Geraldine Hester ..... 35%
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5
- Antone Dobrovoly ..... uncontested
- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7
- North Bardell ..... 39%
- Wesley Hall ..... 60%