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GOP Poll

# Reagan's Star Shines in State

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The Republican party of Texas has conducted a presidential preference poll which is expected to reinforce State Chairman Jack Warren's opinion that Texans prefer Ronald Reagan.

"If you held a presidential primary in Texas today, I think Reagan would win it—if he and President Ford were the only two on the ticket," Warren said Thursday.

But he added that if former Treasury Secretary and Texas Gov. John Connally were in the race, he "wouldn't do badly."

In a telephone interview from state GOP headquarters in Austin, Warren confirmed that the party has polled some 6,000 average contributors in the state on both peresidential and vice-presidential preference.

Tabulation of the first 10 per cent shows Reagan "running a little ahead of Ford," and for vice-president, Reagan leads the field, followed by U.S. Sen. John Tower and George Bush (former Texas congressman and national GOP chairman who is now envoy to China).

Warren said he feels the first 10 per cent is a "pretty good indication" of what the final tabulation will show.

The results are expected to be communicated to the White House, in a move to gain Reagan a berth on the 1976 ticket in place of Nelson Rockefeller.

Warren and other Southern Republican state chairmen have said Ford should recognize Reagan's popularity in Texas and the South.

But, said Warren, "I'm not sure Ford has ever taken seriously the impact Reagan has, at least in the conservative part of the Republican party."

The poll was conducted as part of a fund-raising effort by the state party among persons who regularly contribute "in the neighborhood of \$10 to \$100," Warren said.

It asked the respondent to indicate a choice for President "if the 1976 election were held today," among Ford, Rockefeller, Reagan, Sen. Charles Percy (of Illinois), Tower or list any other choice.

On vice-president, it asked for a preference between Rockefeller, Reagan, Tower, Bush, former presidential counselor Anne Armstrong, or any other choice.

While the poll was statewide, Warren said a large part of the sample came from Dallas and Houston, where there is Republican strength.

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### Fund Shuffling To Gain Support OK'd by Panel

Dallas County Commissioners agreed Thursday to shuffle some of the funds in the proposed \$170 million bond program in an effort to gain support for the May 29 bond election from the City of Farmers Branch.

If the Farmers Branch City Council passes a resolution supporting the election as a result of commissioners' action, Mesquite will be the only city still withholding support. Commissioner Jim Jackson said such a resolution is expected.

The proposed bond issue allocates \$2 million for construction of a 3-lane bridge where Valley View Lane crosses the Trinity River in Farmers Branch.

The shuffle commissioners approved Thursday will add \$2,456,000 to that, to make the bridge six instead of three lanes.

That money will be taken from two other Farmers Branch projects, which will be eliminated from the bond program. Those two projects would have widened Valley View from Templeton to Marsh Lane, and Marsh Lane from Brookhaven to Belt Line Road.