



Omar Truman Burleson

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House

State: TX • **District:** 17

Biography

A Representative from Texas. Born in Anson, Jones County, Tex. , March 19, 1906. Attended the public schools, Abilene Christian College, and Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Tex. Graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. , in 1929. Admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Gorman, Tex. County attorney of Jones County, Tex. , 1931-1934. Judge of Jones County, Tex. , 1934-1940. Special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1940 and 1941. Secretary to Congressman Sam Russell of Texas in 1941 and 1942. General counsel for the Housing Authority, District of Columbia, in 1942. Served in the United States Navy from December 1942 to April 1946, with service in the South Pacific Theater. Elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth Congress. Reelected to the fifteen succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1947, until his resignation December 31, 1978. Chairman, Committee on House Administration (Eighty-fourth through Ninetieth Congresses), Joint Committee on the Library (Eighty-fourth through Ninetieth Congresses), Joint Committee on Printing (Eighty-fourth Congress). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress. Was a resident of Abilene, Tex. , until his death there on May 14, 1991. Interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Anson, Tex.

Legislative Activity (-)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0