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Sunny but hazy skies with a slim chance of showers. High around 80. Southerly winds at 10 to 15 m.p.h. Details on Page 2A.

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Agriculture Department reports a sharp rise in the cost of retail foods, while meat prices reduced. See story on Page 8A.

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District Battles Shaping Up For Congressional Seats

TALLAHASSEE (AP)—Democratic-Republican battles are shaping up in 12 Florida congressional districts in an election year in which all incumbent congressmen are seeking reelection.

The upcoming congressional races will also be marked by a mad scramble for the three new seats without incumbents created by redistricting. These three posts attracted a total of 22 candidates.

Altogether, 49 candidates paid the \$2,125 qualifying fee to run for congressional seats, 29 were Democrats and 20 Republicans.

The fall elections will be the first to make use of a 15-district congressional plan created by the State Legislature during a recent redistricting session. Twelve of the districts are being sought by Florida's 12 incumbent congressmen.

Here is a district-by-district breakdown of what to expect in the congressional campaigns:

1st District: Includes all of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington, Bay and Gulf counties and part of Holmes. Incumbent Rep. Bob Sikes, a Crewsview Democrat, drew two Democratic challengers but no Republicans. The Democrats running against him are Amos Prannett of Pensacola and Harvie Belser since 1940 and considered the "dem" of the Florida congressional delegation, has never lost a reelection bid.

2nd District: Part of Holmes and all of Jackson, Calhoun, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Columbia, Baker, Union, Bradford and Alachua. Incumbent Don Fuqua, Altha Democrat, drew Democratic opposition from Nathan "Pete" Skinner, 29, former Peace Corps member from Lake City. Fuqua is considered



strong throughout the district, although a large student vote in Tallahassee for Skinner could cut into his apparent lead.

3rd District: Nassau and most of Duval. Incumbent Rep. Charles Bennett, a Jacksonville Democrat who boasts he's never missed a day since being elected to the House in 1949, drew only Republican opposition. He will meet John F. Bowen, a political unknown, in the general election.

4th District: South Duval, Putnam, St. Johns, Flagler, Marion, Volusia, and

North Lake. Incumbent Bill Chappell, an Ocala Democrat, will face Republican P. T. "Bud" Fleuchaus, a Daytona Beach Republican. Considered by many to be a "safe" Democratic district.

5th District: All of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco and Sumter and North Pinellas, South Levy, North Orange and most of Seminole. This is the first of the new districts and has no incumbent. Two Democrats—state Sen. Bill Gunter, D-Orlando and Milton Newton of Latz—and four R.ublicans—Pinellas County Commission Chairman Charles Rainey of Clearwater,

Jack Inso of Port Richey, Mike Snyder of Dade City and Jack Martin of Orlando—qualified. Gunter, Rainey and Inso are the best known in this wide-open race.

6th District: Most of Pinellas. Incumbent Rep. C. W. "Bill" Young, a St. Petersburg Republican, drew general election opposition from Michael O. Plunkett, a Clearwater Democrat. Young is considered extremely popular in this heavily Republican district.

7th District: Most of Hillsborough. Incumbent Rep. Sam Gibbons, a Tampa Democrat, will face Robert Carter, a Tampa Republican. Gibbons, a strong vote producer in Hillsborough County, easily defeated Carter in a 1970 race for the same post.

8th District: Polk, East Hillsborough, Manatee, North-west Sarasota and Hardee. Incumbent James Haley, a Sarasota Democrat, faces Roy Thompson, a Sarasota Republican. Haley is counting on a strong Democratic vote to counteract a possibly heavy Republican vote in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

9th District: Most of Orange and Brevard counties. Republican incumbent Frey is unopposed.

10th District: All of Osceola, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Highlands, Glades, Hendry, Collier, DeSoto, Charlotte and Lee counties and parts of

Sarasota, Orange and Palm Beach. This is the second new district. There are four Democratic candidates—a former state official in the business regulation department, Barton Thurnal of Arcadia, Bruce Scott of North Fort Myers, Bill Sikes of Clewiston and John A. Dartson of Stuart. There are two Republicans, former State Sen. L. A. "Skip" Bafalis of Palm Beach Gardens and Paul Myers of Cape Coral. Thurnal and Bafalis are the best known in the race.

11th District: Most of Palm Beach and North Broward. Incumbent Democrat Paul G. Rogers of West Palm Beach is being challenged by Republican State Sen. Joel Gustafson, Fort Lauderdale. It could be a close race. Rogers has been reelected every two years since 1955, but a heavy Republican constituency could swing the race over to Gustafson, who is popular in the district.

12th District: Most of Broward. Incumbent Rep. Terbert Burke, Hollywood Republican, is considered fairly strong. He

is being challenged by James T. Stephens, a Fort Lauderdale Democrat.

13th District: Northeast Dade and southwest Broward. This is the third new district and should be a free-for-all, with a total of 10 candidates qualified. They include Democrats Johnson E. Davis, Betty Page, Jay Kisliak, William Lehman, State Sen. Leo Weissenborn, State Rep. Louis Wolfson, George Balmer and Republicans Marvin Mendros, Paul Bethel and Ralph J. Milone, all of the Miami area.

14th District: Central Dade. Incumbent Claude D. Pepper, a Miami Democrat, drew primary opposition from Jay Derner of Miami Beach and Republican opposition from

Evello Estrella of Miami.

15th District: South Dade and Monroe. Incumbent Dante Paswell, Miami Democrat, drew primary opposition from Matt Norwick of Miami. Republicans filing for the seat were Joseph A. Pereira of Miami and Ellis Rubin of Miami Beach. Rubin, an attorney who heads up "Operation Backbone," will seek conservative south Dade votes in an attempt to topple Paswell.

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Lewis Pledges 'Reform Program'

By RICK BARRY Herald-Tribune Staff Writer

An aggressive young lawyer, state Sen. Gerald Lewis, D-Miami, pledged his weight behind a "positive action reform program" Wednesday if Florida voters elect him to a seat on the

influenced by 'mob rule,' said Lewis.

Lewis pledged to end secret meetings; to hold hearings at night to permit housewives and other consumers to testify; to form the "bared lobbyist" to study the cessation of permitting telephone com-

panies to charge for toll calls within county boundaries and to end discrimination on unreasonable telephone deposits.

Lewis is a practicing attorney in Miami and served in the House of Representatives for two terms after his elec-

tion in 1966. He was elected to the state senate in 1970.

Lewis is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He was commanding officer of a Special Forces (Green Beret) Detachment while on active duty in the Army.

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