

Branch, Dade Rematch in 108th District Race

Candidates agree that school finance is top state issue

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The race for the 108th Legislative District has been overshadowed by the congressional race between Martin Frost and Pete Sessions, but in many ways it mirrors the federal election and could be influenced by turnout for the national race.

State Rep. Dan Branch (R) and challenger Malcolm Dade (D) are running in a district that covers some of the same area as the 32nd Congressional District. The 108th includes Dallas City Hall, the DISD administration building, parts of Turtle Creek, and all of the Park Cities.

It is a rematch for the two candidates. Two years ago Mr. Branch was elected to his first term to the state legislature after defeating Mr. Dade with 66 percent of the vote.

Mr. Branch thinks this year will be different.

"My guess is he'll do better this time," he said. "It was not a presidential election two years ago, and because of the Frost/Sessions race that will kick up the Democratic vote. We're not taking anything for granted."

Mr. Branch said he is running a serious campaign and believes he is deserving of a second term in



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FUTURE VOTERS: (top) Dan Branch greets young supporters.

MALCOLM DADE (bottom) talks with a fellow Democrat.

office because of his many accomplishments and appointments in his first term.

"I was appointed to the public

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