

POLK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SEMINAR

We would like to update you on the elections which took place in Iowa at both the state and federal level. Iowa saw record turnout for this election with more than 1.697 million Iowans voting and over 1 million of those votes being voted absentee.

Based on the unofficial results, which will be canvassed this week and are subject to absentee ballots postmarked by November 2 and received by November 9, show that Iowa had a red wave. This fooled the pollsters for sure. Currently, all congressional seats but for CD 3 (Rep. Cindy Axne) will be held by Republicans. The State Senate will stay 32R/18D unless Senator Miller-Meeks wins in Congressional District 3. The Iowa House will move from 53R/47D to 59R/41D.

We have provided additional details below on upsets and open seats filled. We have also attached legislative maps for your reference. No sitting Republican Senator or Representative lost their reelection. The House lost six incumbent Democrat Representatives and the Senate lost one Democrat Senator.

If the election results remain unchanged, there will be 26 new legislators joining the General Assembly. Two of the new Representatives (Siegrist and Hanson) are returning to the legislature after retiring 18 years ago.

Five lawyers ran and did not win. Incumbents Karin Derry and Andy McKean both lost reelection. Challenger Warren Varley lost to Senator Jake Chapman. Challenger Jen Pellant lost to Brent Siegrist. Challenger Craig Clark lost to Representative Todd Prichard. Also, Christina Bohannon (U of I Law Professor) won her unopposed race in Iowa City to become a state representative.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you need additional information. We will let you know about any changes in votes that impact the various races.

The four caucuses will be meeting in the next few days to elect leadership and begin the process of setting up committees for 2021.

We have attached Senate and House district maps so you know where the districts are. FYI, this is the last election with these maps as this General Assembly will draw new maps based on the new census.

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Federal Races

- US Senate – Senator Joni Ernst (R) defeated Theresa Greenfield (D)
- Congressional District 1 – Ashley Hinson (R) defeated Incumbent Rep Abby Finkenauer (D)
- Congressional District 2 – Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R) Rita Hart (D) subject to a recount
- Congressional District 3 – Rep Cindy Axne (D) defeated David Young (R)
- Congressional District 4 – Randy Feenstra (R) defeated J.D. Scholten (D)

Iowa Senate - Chamber split will stay at 32 Republicans and 18 Democrats

- Upsets (Republicans plus one)
 - SD 42 – Jeff Reichman (R) defeated Incumbent Senator Rich Taylor (D)

- Open Seats (Democrats plus one)
 - SD 2 – Jeff Taylor (R) was unopposed to fill retired Senator Feenstra’s (R) seat
 - SD 6 - Craig Williams (R) defeated CJ Petersen(D) to fill retired Senator Segebart’s (R) seat
 - SD 22 – Sarah Garriott (D) defeated Scott Cirksena (R) to fill retired Senator Schneider’s (R) seat
 - SD 24 – Jesse Green (R) defeated Cynthia Paschen (D) to fill retired Senator Behn’s (R) seat
 - SD 28 – Mike Klimesh (R) defeated Matt Tapscott (D) to fill retired Senator Breitbach’s (R) seat
 - SD 38 – Dawn Driscoll (R) defeated Ivy Schuster (D) to fill retired Senator Kapucian’s (R) seat
 - SD 44 – Tim Goodwin (R) defeated Tom Courtney (D) to fill retired Senator Green’s (R) seat

Iowa House – Chamber split 59 Republicans and 41 Democrats. Was previously 53R/47D

- Upsets (Republicans plus 6)
 - HD 26 – Brooke Boden (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Scott Ourth (D)
 - HD 38 – Garrett Gobble (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Heather Matson (D)
 - HD 39 – Eddie Andrews (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Karin Derry (D)
 - HD 58 – Steven Bradley (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Andy McKean (D)
 - HD 81 – Cherielynn Westrich (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Mary Gaskill (D)
 - HD 83 – Martin Graber (R) defeated Incumbent Rep. Jeff Kurtz (D)
- Open (Republicans and Democrats each flipped one seat)
 - HD 3 - Dennis Bush (R) was unopposed to fill retired Rep. Huseman’s (R) seat
 - HD 7 - Henry Stone (R) defeated Debra Jensen (D) to fill retired Rep. Gassman’s (R) seat
 - HD 14 – Steve Hansen (D) defeated Robert Henderson (R) to fill retired Rep. Kacena’s (D) seat
 - HD 16 – Brent Siegrist (R) defeated Jan Pellant (D) to fill retired Rep. Hanusa’s (R) seat
 - HD 19 – Carter Nordman (R) defeated Nick Miller (D) to fill retired Rep. Hagenow’s (R) seat
 - HD 54 – Shannon Latham (R) defeated Karen Koenig (D) to fill retired Rep. Upmeyer’s (R) seat
 - HD 64 – Chad Ingels (R) defeated Jodi Grover (D) to fill retired Rep. Bearer’s (D) seat **FLIPPED**
 - HD 67 – Eric Gjerde (D) defeated Sally Ann Abbott (R) to fill Retired Rep. Hinson’s (R) seat **FLIPPED**
 - HD 71 – Sue Cahill (D) defeated Tony Reed (R) to fill retired Rep. Mark Smith’s (D) seat
 - HD 85 – Christina Bohannon (D) was unopposed after defeating Incumbent Rep. Lensing (D)
 - HD 91 – Mark Cisneros (R) defeated Kelcey Brackett (D) to fill retired Rep. Carlson’s (R) seat
 - HD 95 – Charlie McClintock (R) defeated Christian Andrews (D) to fill retired Rep. Zumbach’s (R) seat