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legislative special report

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Special Report: 2018 elections bring change

(These results are obtained from information compiled by the Pennsylvania [Department of State](#).)

PSBA congratulates all election winners and urges school officials to contact their newly elected and incumbent legislators to offer congratulations and assistance on any issues affecting public education.



On Nov. 6, Democrat Tom Wolf was reelected as Pennsylvania's governor, defeating Republican challenger Scott Wagner with 57.66% to 40.81% of the vote. The new lieutenant governor is Wolf's runningmate John Fetterman, the current mayor of Braddock, Pennsylvania.

The Republicans will retain control the state's General Assembly in the 2019-20 legislative session, with a 29-21 seat advantage in the Senate and a 109-92 seat advantage in the House of Representatives. Members of both chambers are expected to reconvene next week to select their leaders for the new session.

General Assembly overall results

In the General Assembly, all 203 of the seats in the House of Representatives and one-half of the 50 seats in the Senate were up for election. In the Senate, three senators did not seek re-election and one lost in the primary election. In the House, there were 24 members who did not seek re-election. Four members of the House ran for seats in the Senate, and one member ran for a U.S. House seat. There were nine incumbents in the Senate and 82 members of the House who ran unopposed. Reports indicate that Democrats made gains in each chamber, adding five seats in the Senate and 13 in the House.

PA Senate results

In the state Senate, the 25 even-numbered district seats were up for election. The Republicans will continue to hold the majority in the chamber, with a 29-21 lead.

A breakdown of election results shows that 11 Republican incumbents will return to the Senate in January: Robert Tomlinson (R-6) with unofficial results subject to recount, Patrick Browne (R-16), Elisabeth Baker (R-20), Robert Mensch (R-24), Patrick Stefano (R-32), Jake Corman (R-34), Ryan Aument (R-36), Mario Scavello (R-40), Camera Bartolotta (R-46), Michael Folmer (R-48) and Michelle Brooks (R-50).

A total of seven Democratic incumbents were re-elected to the Senate: Christine Tartaglione (D-2), Arthur Haywood (D-4), Anthony Williams (D-8), John Yudichak (D-14), Lisa Boscola (D-18), John Blake (D-22), Wayne Fontana (D-42).

Two incumbents were defeated: Thomas McGarrigle (R-26) and John Rafferty (R-44).

There will be seven new members of the Senate: Steven Santarsiero (D-10), Maria Collett (D-12), Timothy Kearney (D-26), Lindsey Williams (D-38) and Katie Muth (D-44). Moving from the House to the Senate are Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-28) and Judith Ward (R-30).

PA House results

Control of the House of Representatives will remain with the Republicans, who will now have a 109-92 margin. There are two vacancies in the House.

Ten incumbents were defeated: Kate Harper (R-61), Bryan Barbin (D-71), Thomas Quigley (R-146), Becky Corbin (R-155), Warren Kampf (R-157), Eric Roe (R-158), James Santora (R-163), Alexander Charlton (R-165) Duane Milne (R-167) and Helen Tai (D-178).

Two vacancies, special elections needed: Special elections will need to be held to fill the vacancies created by the death of Sid Kavulich (D-114) and the upcoming resignation of Vanessa Brown (D-190).

There will be 41 new members of the House next year (22 Democrats, 19 Republicans):

1. 2nd House District: Robert Merski (D-2)
2. 15th House District: Joshua Kail (R-15)
3. 26th House District: Timothy Hennessey (R-26)
4. 29th House District: Megan Schroeder (R-29)
5. 30th House District: Lori Mizgorski (R-30)
6. 39th House District: Michael Puskaric (R-39)
7. 40th House District: Natalie Mihalek Stuck (R-40)
8. 44th House District: Valerie Gaydos (R-44)

9. 53rd House District: Steven Malagari (D-53)
10. 54th House District: Robert Brooks (R-54)
11. 61st House District: Laura Hanbidge (D-61)
12. 62nd House District: James Struzzi (R-62)
13. 71st House District: James Rigby (R-71)
14. 74th House District: Dan Williams (D-74)
15. 76th House District: Stephanie Borowicz (R-76)
16. 79th House District: Louis Schmitt (R-79)
17. 80th House District: James Gregory (R-80)
18. 82nd House District: Jonathan Hershey (R-82)
19. 93rd House District: Paul Jones (R-93)
20. 105th House District: Andrew Lewis (R-105)
21. 112th House District: Kyle Mullins (D-112)
22. 143rd House District: Wendy Ullman (D-143)
23. 144th House District: F Todd Polinchock (R-144)
24. 146th House District: Joseph Ciresi (D-146)
25. 150th House District: Joseph Webster (D-150)
26. 153rd House District: Ben Sanchez (D-153)
27. 155th House District: Danielle Otten (D-155)
28. 157th House District: Melissa Shusterman (D-157)
29. 158th House District: Christina Sappey (D-158)
30. 162nd House District: David Dellosa (D-162)
31. 163rd House District: Michael Zabel (D-163)
32. 165th House District: Jennifer O'mara (D-165)
33. 167th House District: Kristine Howard (D-167)
34. 175th House District: Mary Louise Isaacson (D-175)
35. 177th House District: Joseph Hohenstein (D-177)
36. 178th House District: Wendi Thomas (R-178)
37. 181st House District: Malcolm Kenyatta (D-181)
38. 184th House District: Elizabeth Fiedler (D-184)
39. 193rd House District: Torren Ecker (R-193)
40. 197th House District: Danilo Burgos (D-197)
41. 199th House District: Barbara Gleim (R-199)

U.S. Congressional races

Turing to results in the U.S. Congress, all 435 members of the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate in 33 states were up for election. Republicans will retain control in the U.S. Senate, but Democrats will have the new majority in the House.

In Pennsylvania, incumbent U.S. Senator Bob Casey Jr., a Democrat, won with 55.61% of the vote over Republican challenger Lou Barletta, who received 42.75% of the vote. The other Pennsylvania Senate seat held by Republican Sen. Pat Toomey was not up for election.

This year's election placed Pennsylvania's U.S. House candidates in newly drawn districts. The state's 18-seat congressional delegation will now be evenly split 9-9 among Democrats and Republicans. Eleven incumbents won re-election to the

House, and seven new members were elected. Democrats picked up three seats, and the state delegation will include four women.

One incumbent member ran unopposed: Michael Doyle (D-18).

Six Republican incumbents won: Brian Fitzpatrick (R-1), Scott Perry (R-10), Lloyd Smucker (R-11), Tom Marino (R-12), Glenn Thompson (R-15), and Mike Kelly (R-16).

Four Democratic incumbents won: Brendan Boyle (D-2), Dwight Evans (D-3), Matt Cartwright (D-8) and Conor Lamb (D-17).

Seven newly elected members of the PA delegation include four Democrats and three Republicans: Madeleine Dean (D-4), Mary Scanlon (D-5), Chrissy Houlahan (D-6), Susan Wild (D-7), Dan Meuser (R-9), John Joyce (R-13), Guy Reschenthaler (R-14).

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