

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2010 Election Wrap-Up

November 2010

One Party Rule

When the dust had settled on election night November 2, 2010, the Republican Party found itself in control of the entire apparatus of Indiana state government. The national mood of discontent swept throughout Indiana, and few Democrats escaped the tidal wave of angry voters. For the first time in many decades, Democrats will have virtually no voice in the shaping of policy in our state.

This sweep comes at a particularly opportune time for Republicans as the 2011 General Assembly will reapportion both state legislative and Indiana Congressional districts. In 2001, with Democrats controlling the House of Representatives, maps were drawn that allowed them to stay in power eight of the ten years of the decade even though they received far fewer statewide votes in each of the elections. With Republicans drawing the new maps, it will be very difficult for the Democrats to regain control for many years.

Though Governor Mitch Daniels was not on the ballot, he invested both significant money and personal effort to elect a Republican House. While it was widely assumed that the 52-48 majority for Democrats would be reversed, few predicted that the Republicans would win at least 59 seats (with one race still too close to call). It was also assumed that the 33-17 margin for the Republicans in the Senate was about as large as it could get,

yet the majority party gained an additional four seats. The new 37-13 margin allows the Republicans to conduct business without any input from the minority party.

Not a single Republican incumbent was defeated in either the House nor Senate. Two Democrat Senators were defeated and all of the open seats went Republican. In the House, eight Democrat incumbents were defeated and all of the open seats went Republican (with the possible exception of the race that has not yet been decided). Rep. Brian

Bosma will be the new Speaker of the House, with Rep. Bill Friend serving as Majority Floor Leader and Rep. Kathy Richardson the Caucus Chair. Rep. Pat Bauer, the former Speaker, becomes the Minority Leader, Rep. Linda Lawson becomes the Assistant Minority Leader and Rep. Dale Grubb remains the Caucus Chair. The leadership team in the Senate remains the same with Sen. David Long the President Pro-Tempore, Sen. Connie Lawson the Majority Leader, and Sen. Jim Merritt the Caucus Chair. Sen. Vi Simpson will remain the Democrat leader assisted by Sen. Tim Lanane and Sen. Jim Arnold the Caucus Chair.

Republicans also swept the three statewide races on the ballot with Charlie White becoming Secretary of State, Richard Mourdock re-elected State Treasurer, and Tim Berry re-elected State Auditor. The U.S. Senate seat vacanted by

Evan Bayh, was reclaimed by Republican Dan Coats who had held the same seat 12 years ago. The Congressional delegation went from 5-4 Democrat to 6-3 Republican with incumbent Baron Hill (D) losing to Todd Young (R) in the 9th district and Larry Bucshon (R) claiming the 8th district seat vacated by Brad Ellsworth (D) in his unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate seat. In addition, Todd Rokita (R) won the 4th district seat vacated by Steve Buyer (R), and Marlin Stutzman (R) won the open 3rd district seat.

It is anticipated that Governor Daniels will bring an aggressive agenda to the new legislature that convenes in January. He will seek a balanced two year budget without raising taxes, local government reform, education reform that includes merit pay for teachers and expansion of charter schools, and economic development measures. The state budget will be the biggest challenge as the governor does not intend to cut school funding any further, yet revenues may not be sufficient to fund the budget at 2010 levels. Other major issues to be debated will be funding of unemployment compensation, implementation of the new federal healthcare law, and probably a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

It's been a very active election year with many eventful changes. You can expect a productive legislative session, full of Governor Daniels' style large reform. It will certainly be one to watch!



Election Results 2010

 Newly Elected
 Undecided TBD

Indiana House of Representatives

District	Representative	District	Representative
1	Linda Lawson (D)	51	Dick Dodge (R)
2	Earl Harris (D)	52	David Yarde (R)
3	Charlie Brown (D)	53	Bob Cherry (R)
4	Ed Soliday (D)	54	Tom Saunders (R)
5	Craig Fry (D)	55	Tom Knollman (R)
6	Pat Bauer (D)	56	Phil Pflum (D)
7	David Niezgodski (D)	57	Sean Eberhart (R)
8	Ryan Dvorak (D)	58	Woody Burton (R)
9	Scott Pelath (D)	59	Milo Smith (R)
10	Charles Moseley (D)	60	Peggy Welch (D)
11	Dan Stevenson (D)	61	Matt Pierce (D)
12	Mara Candelaria Reardon (D)	62	Matt Ubelhor (R)
13	Chet Dobis (D)	63	Mark Messmer (R)
14	Vernon Smith (D)	64	Kreg Battles (D)
15	Don Lehe (R)	65	Eric Koch (R)
16	Doug Gutwein (R)	66	Terry Goodin (D)
17	Nancy Dembowski (R)	67	Randy Frye (R)
18	David Wolkins (R)	68	Jud McMillin (R)
19	Shelli VanDenburgh (D)	69	Dave Cheatham (D)
20	Tom Dermody (R)	70	Rhonda Rhoads (R)
21	Tim Wesco (R)	71	Steve Stemler (D)
22	Rebecca Kubacki (R)	72	Ed Clere (R)
23	Bill Friend (R)	73	Steve Davisson (R)
24	Rich McClain (R)	74	Susan Ellspermann (R)
25	Jeb Bardon (R)	75	Ron Bacon (R)
26	Randy Truitt (R)	76	Bob Deig (D) vs. Wendy McNamara (R) TBD
27	Sheila Klinker (D)	77	Gail Riecken (D)
28	Jeff Thompson (R)	78	Suzanne Crouch (R)
29	Kathy Richardson (R)	79	Matt Lehman (R)
30	Mike Karickhoff (R)	80	Phil GiaQuinta (D)
31	Kevin Mahan (R)	81	Win Moses (D)
32	Eric Turner (R)	82	Jeff Espich (R)
33	Bill Davis (R)	83	Kathleen Heuer (R)
34	Dennis Tyler (D)	84	Bob Morris (R)
35	Jack Lutz (R)	85	Phyllis Pond (R)
36	Terri Austin (D)	86	Ed Delaney (D)
37	Scott Reske (D)	87	Cindy Noe (R)
38	Heath VanNatter (R)	88	Brian Bosma (R)
39	Jerry Torr (R)	89	Cindy Kirchofer (R)
40	Greg Steurwald (R)	90	Mike Speedy (R)
41	Tim Brown (R)	91	Bob Behning (R)
42	Dale Grubb (D)	92	Phil Hinkle (R)
43	Clyde Kersey (D)	93	David Frizzell (R)
44	Jim Baird (R)	94	Cherrish Pryor (D)
45	Bruce Borders (R)	95	John Bartlett (D)
46	Bob Heaton (R)	96	Greg Porter (D)
47	Ralph Foley (R)	97	Mary Ann Sullivan (D)
48	Tim Neese (R)	98	Bill Crawford (D)
49	Wes Culver (R)	99	Vanessa Summers (D)
50	Dan Leonard (R)	100	John Day (D)

**District 76 has not declared a winner due to a very close election.

Indiana Senate: 36-13

District	Senator
1	Frank Mrvan (D)
2	Lonnie Randolph (D)
3	Earline Rogers (D)
4	Karen Tallian (D)
5	Ed Charbonneau (R)
6	Sue Landske (R)
7	Brandt Hershman (R)
8	Jim Arnold (D)
9	Ryan Mishler (R)
10	John Broden (D)
11	Joe Zakas (R)
12	Carlin Yoder (R)
13	TBD-Marlin Stutzman
14	Dennis Kruse (R)
15	Tom Wyss (R)
16	David Long (R)
17	Jim Banks (R)
18	Randy Head (R)
19	Travis Holdman (R)
20	Luke Kenley (R)
21	Jim Buck (R)
22	Ron Alting (R)
23	Phil Boots (R)
24	Connie Lawson (R)
25	Tim Lanane (D)
26	Doug Eckerty (R)
27	Allen Paul (R)
28	Beverly Gard (R)
29	Mike Delph (R)
30	Scott Schneider (R)
31	Jim Merritt (R)
32	Pat Miller (R)
33	Greg Taylor (D)
34	Jean Breaux (D)
35	Mike Young (R)
36	Brent Waltz (R)
37	Richard Bray (R)
38	Tim Skinner (D)
39	John Waterman (R)
40	Vi Simpson (D)
41	Greg Walker (R)
42	Jean Leising (R)
43	Johnny Nugent (R)
44	Brent Steele (R)
45	Jim Smith (R)
46	Ron Grooms (R)
47	Richard Young (D)
48	Lindel Hume (D)
49	Jim Tomes (R)
50	Vaneta Becker (R)

**Senate District 13 will be determined by a caucus vote prior to Christmas to fill the seat vacated by Marlin Stutzman who was elected as the 3rd District Congressman.



Election Results 2010

SENATE



Jim Banks-District 17

Banks is a former Whitley County Councilman and serves as the Whitley County Republican Chairman and Third District Republican Vice-Chairman. Banks, 30, is the Director of Business Development for The Hagerman Group, a 101-year old general contracting and construction management company headquartered in Fort Wayne. Prior to working at The Hagerman Group, Banks owned a public affairs and public relations company and worked in the public policy department at Focus on the Family. In 2008, Banks ran the successful campaign for Indiana's Attorney General Greg Zoeller.



Doug Eckerty-District 26

Doug Eckerty is a retired Real Estate investor from Delaware County. He worked for many years at State Farm Insurance. Doug became active in politics during the 2007 property tax crisis. He and his wife, Linda, live in Muncie.



Jim Smith-District 45

Jim is a former member of the Clark County Council. He is a Personal and Small Business Financial Consultant in Charlestown, Indiana.



Ron Grooms-District 46

Ron is a Pharmacist from Jeffersonville, Indiana. He was a member of the Jeffersonville City Council and former Treasurer of the Clark County Republican Party. He is currently servicing as the Jeffersonville Parks Authority President.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Tim Wesco-District 21

Tim Wesco, a Penn Township Firefighter, is the chairman of the St. Joseph County Young Republicans, and formerly worked for State Representative Jackie Walorski. He is also an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church in South Bend, where he serves as Music Director.



Rebecca Kubacki-District 22

Rebecca has spent the past 27 years being a wonderful stay-at-home mother and tireless volunteer for countless charities. She sits on several different local Boards and was named the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2006.



Mike Karickhoff-District 30

Mike has been the leader of Kokomo's Parks and Recreation Department, where he led several local community projects. Mike became facilities director for Ivy Tech Community College in 2002. At Ivy Tech, Mike has overseen the expansion and improvement of college facilities to handle their rapid growth in the past eight years. He has most recently been a member of the Kokomo Common Council.



Kevin Mahan-District 31

Kevin is a State Farm Agent in Blackford County. Prior to working for State Farm Kevin served as a patrolman, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Sheriff of Blackford County for over thirteen years. In 2005, Kevin was commissioned by Governor Mitch Daniels to build a new police and regulatory agency for the Indiana Gaming Commission.



Heath VanNatter-District 38

Heath owns and operates VanNatter Construction, a homebuilding and remodeling company in Howard County. Heath briefly served as State Representative in 2008, when the legislator from that district was elected to the Senate.



Jim Baird-District 44

Jim Baird graduated from Purdue University (BS, MS degrees) and the University of Kentucky (PhD), serving on the faculty at both as a graduate assistant. He owns and operates Baird Family Farms and a Home Health Care Agency. He is most recently been a Putnam County Commissioner.



Bob Heaton-District 46

Bob Heaton currently lives in Terre Haute. While in college Bob had the opportunity to play alongside Larry Bird as the Sycamores reached the 1979 NCAA basketball championship game. Heaton graduated from ISU in 1980 earning his Bachelors degree. Bob owns his own business, which aids clients as they decided on tough personal decisions concerning life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care, mutual funds and other retirement savings.



Matt Ubelhor-District 62

Matt is Operations Manager for Peabody Energy in Southwestern Indiana.



Randy Frye-District 67

Randy is a former Fire Fighter, EMT and Paramedic. He is serving in his 20th year as a Lieutenant with the City of Indianapolis Fire Department.



Jud McMillan-District 68

Jud practices law in Franklin County.



Rhonda Rhoads-District 70

Rhonda retired recently from teaching after 29 years in the North Harrison Community Schools. She was elected to the Harrison County Council in 2000.



Steve Davisson-District 73

Steve Davisson is a Pharmacist in Scott County.



Sue Ellspermann-District 74

Sue founded a consulting practice in 1986. She is the founding director of the University of Southern Indiana's Center for Applied Research. She is from Ferdinand, Indiana.



Ron Bacon-District 75

Ron currently lives in Warrick County with his wife, Karen. They have two children and 3 grandchildren. In addition to owning Freedom Medical, the only family-owned medical supply store in Southwest Indiana, and serving as an elected official in Warrick County, he is also actively involved in many community service organizations. He is currently a member of Vanderburgh County Right to Life, Indiana Right to Life, the National Rifle Association, and the Kiwanis, and formerly served as president of the Boonville Kiwanis, Boonville Junior League Baseball/Softball program, and secretary and treasurer of the Evansville West Side Optimist Club.



Kathy Heuer-District 83

Kathy is a former member of the Columbia City Council and the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation. She has also served as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Whitley County Republican Party.



Bob Morris-District 84

Bob Morris was recently selected to fill the seat of Randy Borrer who resigned from the State Legislature this summer. He was re-elected.



Cindy Kirchofer-District 89

Cindy has most recently served Perry Township in Marion County on the Government Board. She has also served on the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission. She works for St. Francis Hospital as a paralegal.



Mike Speedy-District 90

Mike was elected to the Indianapolis City-County Council in 2003. He operates his own real estate consulting and development firm. He lives on the southside of Indianapolis.



Top Issues for the 2011 Legislative Session

Likely to gain traction



Marriage amendment: A proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman is likely to get a hearing and plenty of support from conservatives. Previous attempts failed under Democrats' control of the House. Would take passage in two consecutive sessions and then a referendum to approve.

Education reform: This is a top priority of Gov. Mitch Daniels. Look for proposals to address merit pay for teachers, more flexibility to get rid of bad teachers, more charter schools and possibly vouchers, among other things. With backing from the business community, the GOP-led House and Senate could pass much of Daniels' education agenda.

Abortion: After four years of seeing anti-abortion legislation go nowhere in a Democrat-controlled House, social conservatives are hoping to enact some new provisions this year, particularly a law that would allow Indiana to opt out of any health-care exchange that would allow taxpayer dollars to fund abortion. Some Republicans want the issue to wait until lawmakers resolve more pressing fiscal issues but expect bills to be filed and given hearings and votes.

Immigration: It's a platform issue for House Republicans that's sure to come up. Previous attempts didn't get far in the House. Sticking point: Business lobbyists are leery about how such legislation could affect the economy.

Probably staying the same



Unemployment insurance: Daniels will be making a proposal to raise the premiums businesses pay and to cut benefits to deal with a program that is going broke. Cutting benefits would have been impossible last year with the strong, pro-union leadership in the House.

Local government reform: Another big push from Daniels that could get more support this year, including consolidation of services. But talk of eliminating township government could get pushback from both sides of the aisle.

Texting while driving: Last year's bill to ban this passed the House with bipartisan support, but died in the Senate. A change in leadership might push this down the priority ladder a few steps, but public support to curtail the dangerous behavior might persuade enough lawmakers to approve a ban.

Issues likely to decline



Gambling: Last year, lawmakers voted down an attempt to allow land-based casinos. It's difficult to say no to an industry that feeds nearly \$900 million to the state government. But a more conservative legislature might not see enough value in that revenue to stomach a vice with which they have issues.

Smoking ban: Anti-smoking advocates are hoping to build on last year's momentum to finally get a statewide smoking ban in public places. But with GOP control in both houses, the chances of getting anything passed this year are slim.

Sunday liquor sales: Attempts to allow Sunday sales of alcohol in Indiana were well-received by moderates in the House. But with more conservatives and GOP control, this is not likely to pass anytime soon.

Source: Schneider, Mary Beth. "10 Indiana issues affected by the election." Indianapolis Star 7 Nov. 2010



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Filing Deadlines

- Nov 30: Compensated & Employer Activity Reports - (May 1 through October 31)
- Jan 15: Lobbyist Registration
- Jan 19: 2010 Annual Report

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