



2020 General Election Legislative Results

Arizona Voter Turnout Sets Record

According to the Arizona Secretary of State's Office, an estimated 60,000 ballots remain to be counted statewide, out of nearly 3.4 million votes cast. The state will surpass 3 million votes for the first time, and turnout could potentially surpass the 1980 record of 80%. Nearly 2.64 million ballots were cast early, either by mail or in person, surpassing the total number of votes in the 2016 election and continuing the trend in Arizona of increased early voting. Statewide, Republicans returned 37.4% of early ballots, while Democrats returned 36.6% and independents 26%.

Senate President Karen Fann (LD1) and House Speaker Rusty Bowers (LD25) declared victory for Legislative Republicans: "Arizonans rejected the efforts of out-of-state Dark Money Democrat operatives who spent nearly \$10 million to elect their handpicked candidates. The people of Arizona want leaders who are focused on economic prosperity and safe communities, not progressive politicians who support the failing policies of California and Illinois." They continued, "we are proud of the legislative candidates this election cycle who earned the support of voters and look forward to getting back to work with them for the people of Arizona." If the current vote count stands, the Senate will be 16-14 Republican and the House will be 31-29 Republican. The only potential shift is the Legislative District 28 Senate race, where former Arizona Teacher of the Year Christine Marsh is leading incumbent Republican Senator Kate Brophy McGee. In the House, teacher and Democrat newcomer Judy Schwiebert defeated incumbent Republican Anthony Kern in Legislative District 20. Schwiebert's victory is so far the only Democratic pickup. Republicans will gain one seat in Legislative District 4 where Republican candidate and teacher Joel John defeated incumbent Representative Geraldine Peten.

The Senate will be comprised of the following members (16-14 Republican):

- **LD1-** Incumbent President Karen Fann (R)
- **LD2-** Representative Rosanna Gabaldon (D) (moving from House)
- **LD3-** Incumbent Senator Sally Gonzales (D)
- **LD4-** Incumbent Senator Lisa Otondo (D)

- **LD5-** Incumbent Senator Sonny Borrelli (R)
- **LD6-** Lt. Colonel Wendy Rogers (R)
- **LD7-** Incumbent Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (D)
- **LD8-** Representative TJ Shope (R) (moving from House)
- **LD9-** Incumbent Senator Victoria Steele (D)
- **LD10-** Representative Kirsten Engel (D) (moving from House)
- **LD11-** Incumbent Senator Vince Leach (R)
- **LD12-** Representative Warren Petersen (R) (moving from House)
- **LD13-** Incumbent Senator Sine Kerr (R)
- **LD14-** Incumbent Senator David Gowan (R)
- **LD15-** Representative Nancy Barto (R) (moving from House)
- **LD16-** Representative Kelly Townsend (R) (moving from House)
- **LD17-** Incumbent Senator JD Mesnard (R)
- **LD18-** Incumbent Senator Sean Bowie (D)
- **LD19-** Incumbent Senator Lupe Contreras (D)
- **LD20-** Incumbent Senator Paul Boyer (R)
- **LD21-** Incumbent Senator Rick Gray (R)
- **LD22-** Incumbent Senator David Livingston (R)
- **LD23-** Incumbent Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R)
- **LD24-** Incumbent Senator Lela Alston (D)
- **LD25-** Incumbent Senator Tyler Pace (R)
- **LD26-** Incumbent Senator Juan Mendez (D)
- **LD27-** Incumbent Senator Rebecca Rios (D)
- **LD28-** Christine Marsh (D)
- **LD29-** Incumbent Senator Martin Quezada (D)
- **LD30-** Incumbent Senator Tony Navarrete (D)

The House will be comprised of the following members (31-29 Republican):

- **LD1-** Judy Burges (R) and Quang Nguyen (R)
- **LD2-** Incumbent Representative Daniel Hernandez (D) and Senator Andrea Dalessandro (D) (moving from Senate)
- **LD3-** Incumbent Representative Alma Hernandez (D) and Incumbent Representative Andres Cano (D)
- **LD4-** Incumbent Representative Charlene Fernandez (D) and Joel John (R)
- **LD5-** Incumbent Representative Regina Cobb (R) and Incumbent Representative Leo Biasiucci (R)
- **LD6-** Incumbent Representative Walt Blackman (R) and Brenda Barton (R)
- **LD7-** Incumbent Representative Myron Tsosie (D) and Incumbent Representative Arlando Teller (D)
- **LD8-** Incumbent Representative David Cook (R) and Senator Frank Pratt (R) (moving from Senate)
- **LD9-** Incumbent Representative Randall Friese (D) and Incumbent Representative Pamela Powers Hannley (D)
- **LD10-** Incumbent Representative Domingo DeGrazia (D) and Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)
- **LD11-** Incumbent Representative Bret Roberts (R) and Incumbent Representative Mark Finchem (R)
- **LD12-** Incumbent Representative Travis Grantham (R) and Jake Hoffman (R)
- **LD13-** Incumbent Representative Tim Dunn (R) and Incumbent Representative Joanne Osborne (R)
- **LD14-** Incumbent Representative Gail Griffin (R) and Incumbent Representative Becky Nutt (R)
- **LD15-** Steve Kaiser (R) and Justin Wilmeth (R)
- **LD16-** Incumbent Representative John Fillmore (R) and Jacqueline Parker (R)
- **LD17-** Incumbent Representative Jennifer Pawlik (D) and Incumbent Representative Jeff Weninger (R)
- **LD18-** Incumbent Representative Jennifer Jermaine (D) and Incumbent Representative Mitzi Epstein (D)
- **LD19-** Incumbent Representative Diego Espinoza (D) and Incumbent Representative Lorenzo Sierra (D)
- **LD20-** Judy Schwiebert (D) and Incumbent Representative Shawna Bolick (R)
- **LD21-** Beverly Pingerelli (R) and Incumbent Representative Kevin

- Payne (R)
- **LD22-** Incumbent Representative Ben Toma (R) and Incumbent Representative Frank Carroll (R)
- **LD23-** Incumbent Representative John Kavanagh (R) and Joseph Chaplik (R)
- **LD24-** Incumbent Representative Amish Shah (D) and Incumbent Representative Jennifer Longdon (D)
- **LD25-** Incumbent House Speaker Rusty Bowers (R) and Incumbent Representative Michelle Udall (R)
- **LD26-** Melody Hernandez (D) and Incumbent Representative Athena Salman (D)
- **LD27-** Incumbent Representative Diego Rodriguez (D) and Incumbent Representative Reginald Bolding (D)
- **LD28-** Incumbent Representative Kelli Butler (D) and Incumbent Representative Aaron Lieberman (D)
- **LD29-** Incumbent Representative Cesar Chavez (D) and Incumbent Representative Richard Andrade (D)
- **LD30-** Incumbent Representative Raquel Teran (D) and Incumbent Representative Robert Meza (D)

To review the 2020 General Election Results via AZSOS, click [here](#).

House and Senate Republicans Elect Majority Leadership

Both House and Senate Republican caucuses have chosen leadership for the next session. Incumbent House Speaker Rusty Bowers (LD25) defeated challenger Representative Mark Finchem (LD11) for a second term as Speaker. Representative Ben Toma (LD22) was elected to serve as Majority Leader and Representative Leo Biasiucci (LD5) was elected as Majority Whip. Toma replaces Representative Warren Petersen (LD12), who moved to the Senate, and Biasiucci replaces Becky Nutt (LD14), who chose not to seek a leadership position. Bowers selected Representative Travis Grantham (LD12) as Speaker Pro Tempore. Grantham replaces Representative TJ Shope (LD8), who has moved to the Senate.

The Senate Republican Caucus re-elected incumbent President Karen Fann (LD1) and also re-elected Senator Rick Gray (LD21) as Majority Leader and Senator Sonny Borrelli (LD5) as Majority Whip.

Invest in Education Passes

Proposition 208, Invest in Education, was approved by voters 52% -- 48%. This measure will raise an estimated \$827 million each year for K-12 schools. Once certified, it will enact a 3.5% surtax, added to the 4.5% income tax already in place for individuals with incomes of \$250,000 (or \$500,000 for joint filers), the top 1% of tax filers in Arizona.

A breakdown of the Prop 208 revenue distribution includes:

- **50%** allocated to support hiring and increase the base compensation for teachers and classroom support personnel, such as nurses and counselors.
- **25%** allocated to hire and increase the base compensation of student support services personnel, such as classroom aides and transportation employees.
- **12%** allocated to funding the Career Training and Workforce Fund, which establishes career and technical programs for grades 9-12 (including vocational training programs, mentoring, and mental health services).
- **10%** allocated toward mentoring and retention programs for new

- teachers.
- **3%** allocated to the Arizona Teachers Academy to increase scholarship funding amounts.

To read the Invest in Education Act, click [Here](#).

Smart and Safe Arizona Act Passes

Proposition 207, the Smart and Safe Arizona Act, was approved by voters 60% -- 40%. This measure will legalize recreational marijuana in the state for persons at least twenty-one years old and require the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) to develop rules to regulate marijuana businesses.

Proponents expect the measure to generate \$300 million in new revenue. A 16% excise tax (the same as cigarettes and alcohol) is placed on recreational marijuana products. Money from the excise tax will be dedicated in part to various state agencies, while other funds will be dispersed between community college districts, police and fire departments, and the Highway User fund. The measure directs an expected \$20 million annually to AZDHS for addiction prevention, substance abuse treatment, teen suicide prevention and mental health programs. Individuals previously convicted of possessing less than one ounce of marijuana or growing six or fewer plants will be able to petition to have their records expunged. Proposition 207 will also allow Arizonans living alone to grow a maximum of six marijuana plants in their residence, or residences of two or more individuals to grow up to 12 plants, as long as the plants are in a lockable enclosed area away from public view. The use of marijuana in public places such as parks, restaurants and sidewalks will remain illegal, and there is zero-tolerance for driving, flying or boating impaired even to the slightest degree.

Once certified, legal recreational marijuana sales could start in March 2021.

To read the Smart and Safe Arizona Act, click [Here](#).

AZDHS Issues COVID-19 Update

Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) officials reported 2000 new daily COVID-19 cases, the highest level since mid-August. AZDHS Director Christ stated that “the increase this fall was expected with more Arizonans returning to school and reopening of many businesses.” Christ continued “while Arizona is currently experiencing an increase in cases, the magnitude is not as great as the state experienced over the summer and not as substantial as we see in other states.”

AZDHS figures show that 87% of inpatient beds and 87% of ICU beds were in use, which includes people being treated for COVID-19 and other patients. COVID-19 patients were using 13% of all inpatient beds and 15% of ICU beds. Overall, 31% of ventilators were in use. The state’s COVID-19 rate of spread (Rt) is above 1 at 1.20 (the average number of people a COVID-positive individual will infect). Of known test results from last week, AZDHS reported that 7% have come back positive. A positivity rate of 5% or less is considered a good indicator that the spread is being controlled.

For more information on free COVID-19 testing sites click [here](#).



Governor Ducey issues COVID-19 and Food Assistance Update



Arizona Update on the Issues



Coming soon: 2020 Arizona Senate Election Results

Coming soon: 2020 Arizona House General Election Results

Legislators' Birthdays



Happy Birthday Sen. David Bradley (D) Friday, November 13th

Representing LD10, Senator Bradley was first elected to the House in 2002 and has served in the Senate since 2012. Elected Minority Leader for 2019-2020, Bradley is termed out and will not be seeking re-election. Born in Seattle, he moved to Arizona in 1957 and is a United States Naval Veteran. Outside of the Legislature, Bradley serves as Chief Development Officer of *La Frontera Arizona* which provides outpatient and residential mental health and substance abuse treatment services to children, youth, and adults in Pima County. Last session, his top



Happy Birthday Rep. Kirsten Engel (D) Saturday, November 28th

Representing LD10, Representative and soon to be Senator Kirsten Engel will replace Senator David Bradley next session. First elected to the Legislature in 2016, Engel is a Professor at the University of Arizona College of Law. A Chicago native, Engel received her B.A. from Brown University and J.D. from Northwestern University. An environmental law expert, Engel worked for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was an assistant attorney general in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office until 2005. Last session, a top

legislative priority was SB1596 which would have established a three-year Arizona Community Schools Pilot Program to assist public elementary and middle schools in developing "community school" plans. To wish Senator Bradley happy birthday: dbradley@azleg.gov

Legislative priority for Engel was HB2162 which would have repealed statutes prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring an owner, operator or tenant of a business, commercial building or multifamily housing property to measure and report energy usage and consumption. To wish Representative Engel happy birthday: kengel@azleg.gov

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