

***2014 Election Report***

***Election Day has finally come and gone. Here is a rundown of last night’s results in Ohio…***

After pumping his fists to the beat of AC/DC’s *Thunderstruck,* Gov. John Kasich exulted in a landslide re-election victory, saying, “We’re having magic in Ohio.”

The Republican, who was declared the winner just two minutes after the polls closed, said, “This is not just another election, this is not just another political campaign, this is a movement.”

With more than 90 percent of the statewide vote counted, he was maintaining a 2-to-1 lead over Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald, who was troubled by personal revelations and a lack of campaign cash. *The Columbus Dispatch* The Columbus Dispatch, 5300 Crosswind Dr, Columbus, OH 43228

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**Republican incumbents sweep statewide executive offices**

Like the governor’s race, the other statewide executive races were not very exciting. Rep. Connie Pillich (D-Cincinnati) likely had the best chance to pull off an upset, but she fell short of knocking off Treasurer Josh Mandel, 57-43%. There had also been speculation that Rep. John Carney (D-Columbus) might make a run at Auditor Dave Yost, but Yost easily won 57-38%.Secretary of State Jon Husted and Attorney General Mike DeWine, ran away with their races as well. Husted defeated Sen. Nina Turner (D-Cleveland) 60-35%, while DeWine beat former Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper 62-38%. (Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 230 E Town St, Columbus, OH 43215)

**GOP adds to majority in the House, holds in Senate**

Like 2012, the strength of incumbency was again the message in General Assembly races. The GOP already had a 60-39 partisan advantage, and was able to add to it on Tuesday bringing the total number of seats to 65. In the Senate, there were no upsets, meaning the GOP will continue to hold a 23-10 majority. The following is a summary of the results in each General Assembly race, beginning with the Senate and then moving to the House.

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***Race-by-Race: Ohio Senate***



* **Senate District 1: *Sen. Cliff Hite*** was unopposed and will return for his second term.
* **Senate District 3:** Despite the district having a Democratic lean, ***Sen. Kevin Bacon*** easily defeated Democrat Star Johnson 61-39%.
* **Senate District 5:** The RSCC dedicated considerable resources to this race in the final weeks of the campaign to make sure ***Sen. Bill Beagle*** crossed the finish line successfully. He defeated former Tipp City Mayor Dee Gillis 57-43%.
* **Senate District 7: *Sen. Shannon Jones*** was unopposed and will return for her second term.
* **Senate District 9:** It will be former Cincinnati City Councilman ***Cecil Thomas*** replacing term-limited Sen. Eric Kearney. He defeated current Cincinnati City Councilman Charlie Winburn, who many thought had an outside shot to win, 57-43%.
* **Senate District 11:** Former Toledo mayor and state representative Jack Ford tried to run as an independent, but was kicked off the ballot in August. That opened the door to an easy victory for ***Sen. Edna Brown***. She defeated Ernest McCarthy 64-36%.
* **Senate District 13: *Sen. Gayle Manning*** may have been vulnerable heading into 2014, but political newcomer Marcus Madison was unable to take advantage of the opportunity. Manning won going away, taking 64% of the vote.
* **Senate District 15: *Sen. Charleta Tavares*** had no problem getting re-elected, winning 76-24% over challenger Joseph Healy.
* **Senate District 17: *Sen. Bob Peterson*** was unopposed and will return for his first full term.
* **Senate District 19:** Four years ago, ***Sen. Kris Jordan*** defeated Democrat Neil Patel with 69% of the vote. In a rematch, Jordan won easily again, this time taking 61%.
* **Senate District 21: *Rep. Sandra Williams*** won a three-way primary in May and will now officially replace Sen. Shirley Smith in the Senate. She beat Sikiru Kafaru 86-14%.
* **Senate District 23: *Sen. Mike Skindell*** will return for a second term in the Senate, winning 62-38%.
* **Senate District 25:** It didn’t take ***Kenny Yuko*** very long to find his way back to the General Assembly. After being term-limited from the House in 2012, he will be returning to the General Assembly to replace Sen. Nina Turner in 2015. He beat Hasani Crider 75-25%.
* **Senate District 27: *Sen. Frank LaRose*** won easily over George Rusiska, taking an impressive 68% of the vote.
* **Senate District 29: *Sen. Scott Oelslager*** has been serving in the General Assembly for 30 years, and now he’ll add four more. He beat Connie Rubin 67-33%.
* **Senate District 31: *Rep. Jay Hottinger*** served in the Senate from 1998-2006, and now he’ll return after defeating Democrat John Carlisle 65-35%.
* **Senate District 33: *Sen. Joe Schiavoni*** was unopposed and will return for his second term.

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***Race-by-Race: Ohio House***

* **House District 1: *Rep. Ron Amstutz*** was unopposed and will return for his fourth term.
* **House District 2:** Small business owner ***Rep. Mark Romanchuk*** easily won a second term, defeating Don Bryant 70-30%.
* **House District 3: *Rep. Tim Brown*** came out on top of a three-way race and will serve a second term after taking 63% of the vote.
* **House District 4:** After a long absence from the General Assembly where he served as a Supreme Court Justice, ***Bob Cupp*** will be returning in 2015. He beat Bo Huenke 74-26%.
* **House District 5:** In one of the few upsets of the night, Republican ***Tim Ginter*** of Salem defeated Rep. Nick Barborak 60-40%. The district, which covers all of Columbiana County, leans slightly Republican. Barborak had won in 2012 over Craig Newbold by only a few hundred votes.
* **House District 6: *Rep. Marlene Anielski*** faced off with Democrat Anthony Fossaceca again and had no problem winning. She took 59% of the vote to his 41%.
* **House District 7: *Rep. Mike Dovilla*** was unopposed and will return for his third term.
* **House District 8:** Rep. Armond Budish is term-limited and now the Cuyahoga County Executive-elect. His replacement is ***Kent Smith***, who won a three-way race with 71% of the vote.
* **House District 9:** Rep. Barbara Boyd’s daughter ***Janine Boyd*** will be a newcomer to the General Assembly in January. She defeated Charles Hopson 85-15%.
* **House District 10: *Rep. Bill Patmon*** overcame a primary challenge and then didn’t have a Republican opponent in the General Election. He took 82% of the vote, beating 3 Independent candidates.
* **House District 11: *Stephanie Howse*** was unopposed and will serve her first term.
* **House District 12: *Rep. John Barnes*** was unopposed and will return for his third term.
* **House District 13: *Rep. Nickie Antonio*** rolled to an easy victory taking 72% of the vote. She will return to the House for her third term.
* **House District 14:** Cleveland City Councilman ***Martin Sweeney***, will now be moving on to the General Assembly. He’ll replace Rep. Mike Foley after defeating Anna Melendez 62-38%.
* **House District 15: *Rep. Nick Celebrezze*** has now won his second election for state representative after defeating Republican Patty Gascoyne 57-43% in a rematch from 2012. He won that race 63%-37%.
* **House District 16: *Rep. Nan Baker*** will serve her last term in the House due to term limits after handily defeating challenger Todd LeVeck 62-38%.
* **House District 17:** There was speculation that ***Rep. Mike Curtin*** might not run for a second term, but in the end he decided to continue his service in the House. He will serve a second term after beating Michael Newbern 55-45%.
* **House District 18:** The Stinziano name again proved its strength, as ***Rep. Michael Stinziano*** took 74% of the vote and will serve his third term starting in January.
* **House District 19:** In one of the most watched races this fall, ***Rep. Anne Gonzales*** was able to fend off a challenge from Democrat Michael Johnston and well-funded Libertarian Chad Monnin. The final tally was 59% for Gonzales, 32% for Johnston, and 8% for Monnin.
* **House District 20: *Rep. Heather Bishoff*** went up with TV ads in the days leading up to Election Day to make sure she would hold her seat. It worked, as she defeated Dan Mefford 57-43%.
* **House District 21: *Rep. Mike Duffey*** had a strong showing, taking 62% of the vote. That’s more than 2012, when he narrowly won 52-48%.
* **House District 22:** After a 30 year hiatus, ***David Leland*** will be returning to the House. He is replacing Rep. John Carney, and will perhaps be the Minority Leader, after beating Andrew Hall 62-38%.
* **House District 23:** Ohio Democratic Party Chairman Chris Redfern’s brother Rick was unable to knock off ***Rep. Cheryl Grossman***. She will return for her fourth and final term after a 64-36% victory.
* **House District 24: *Rep. Stephanie Kunze***’s district leans Republican by only a couple points. Despite being in a tough three-way race, she was able to take an impressive 57% of the vote. She’ll be serving her second term.
* **House District 25:** Former Ohio Treasurer ***Rep. Kevin Boyce*** won easily over Seth Golding, 82-18%.
* **House District 26:** Columbus City Councilman ***Hearcel Craig*** will be moving his office to the Statehouse after a solid win, taking 76% of the vote.
* **House District 27: *Tom Brinkman*** served in the House from 2001-2008 and will now be returning. He beat Democrat Joe Otis 68-32% on Tuesday, but truly won the seat in May when he defeated Rep. Peter Stautberg in the primary.
* **House District 28:** After a nasty finish to the campaign, this Republican leaning district will switch to Republican control after ***Jonathan Dever*** defeated Micah Kamrass 56-44%. He will be replacing Rep. Connie Pillich.
* **House District 29:** A Blessing will continue to represent the west side of Cincinnati as Rep. ***Louis (Bill) Blessing III*** took 67% of the vote in a three-way race.
* **House District 30: *Rep. Lou Terhar*** had no problem winning a second term. He beat Mark Childers 74-26%.
* **House District 31: *Rep. Denise Driehaus*** is heading into her fourth and final term after defeating Republican Mary Yeager and Libertarian Queen Noble, 66-31-3%.
* **House District 32:** A 70-30% victory over Brian McIntosh has earned ***Christie Bryant*** a spot in the 131st General Assembly. She will be replacing Rep. Dale Mallory.
* **House District 33: *Rep. Alicia Reece*** was unopposed and will return for a third term.
* **House District 34:** Another Sykes will be representing Akron, but this time it’s not current representative Vernon or his wife Barbara, a former state rep. Come January, it will be their daughter ***Emilia Sykes*** serving at the Statehouse. She beat Cynthia Blake 72-28%.
* **House District 35: *Greta Johnson*** beat Rep. Zack Milkovich in the primary, leading to Tuesday night’s easy win over Linda Johnson 62-38%.
* **House District 36: *Rep. Anthony DeVitis*** was in a tough battle with Paula Prentice, a well-funded Summit County Councilwoman. The district leans slightly Democratic, but that didn’t stop DeVitis. He will be returning for his second term following a dominant 60-40% victory.
* **House District 37:** Despite being in a competitive district, ***Rep. Kristina Roegner*** easily disposed of her opponent, David Worhatch, 59-41%.
* **House District 38: *Rep. Marilyn Slaby*** was appointed to replace her husband, Lynn Slaby, in 2012 after he was appointed PUCO commissioner. She won her first full term in 2012, and will now be serving her second term after taking 60% of the vote.
* **House District 39: *Rep. Fred Strahorn*** easily won a second term, defeating Jeffrey Dalton 78-18%.
* **House District 40: *Rep. Mike Henne*** won 55-45% in 2012 over Carl Fisher. He beat that performance this year, taking 66% of the vote against Democrat David Richards.
* **House District 41: *Rep. Jim Butler***, who is a candidate for Speaker of the House, won going away on Tuesday. He beat Wayne Small 68-32%.
* **House District 42: *Niraj Antani***, a 23 year old law student, was selected to replace Rep. Terry Blair after he passed away in June. Antani easily won this heavily Republican district 65-35% over Democrat Patrick Merris. **House District 43:** Rep. Roland Winburn was in the crosshairs of the House Republican Caucus and could not overcome a challenge from attorney ***Jeff Rezabek***, losing by a final tally of 58-42%.
* **House District 44: *Rep. Michael Ashford*** will be back for a third term. He defeated John Insco 81-19%.
* **House District 45:** A third term lies ahead for ***Rep. Teresa Fedor*** following a solid 64-36% victory over Republican James Nowak.
* **House District 46: *Rep. Michael Sheehy*** was appointed to replace former Rep. Matt Szollosi in 2013, and now he’ll serve a term of his own after beating Andrew Blaszik 57-43%.
* **House District 47: *Rep. Barbara Sears*** was unopposed and will return for a fourth term.
* **House District 48: *Rep. Kirk Schuring*** was unopposed and will return for a third term.
* **House District 49: *Rep. Stephen Slesnick*** had a strong showing, beating Republican Dallas Charton 64-36%.
* **House District 50: *Rep. Christina Hagan*** will return for her second full term after defeating Democrat Deborah Cain 68-32%.
* **House District 51:** Winning a second term was a breeze for ***Rep. Wes Retherford***, who beat Democrat Lucinda Greene 70-30%.
* **House District 52:** Like Retherford, ***Rep. Margy Conditt*** won a second term with an easy victory over Democrat Cathina Hourani 76-24%.
* **House District 53:** Democrat Suzi Rubin came up short against ***Rep. Tim Derickson*** for a second time. He won in 2012 by a count of 61-39%, and this year 69-31%.
* **House District 54:** Businessman ***Paul Zeltwanger*** won a tough three-way primary in May, beating Rep. Pete Beck and Mary Jo Kubicki. In such a heavily Republican district it was a given that he would win the General Election, and he did, taking 72% of the vote. He’ll be a newcomer to the House in January.
* **House District 55:** Rep. Matt Lundy was term-limited, opening the door for a competitive open seat race between Democrat Brendan Mackin, a prosecutor in Stow, and Republican ***Nathan Manning***, an attorney and son of Sen. Gayle Manning. In the end, Manning picked up the seat for Republicans, winning 56-44%.
* **House District 56: *Rep. Dan Ramos*** was unopposed and will return for a third term.
* **House District 57: *Rep. Terry Boose*** easily won a fourth term, beating Democrat teacher Matt Lark and Libertarian Robert Sherwin 59-36-5%.
* **House District 58: *Michele Lepore-Hagan***, wife of Rep. Bob Hagan, was unopposed and will serve her first term.
* **House District 59: *Rep. Ron Gerberry*** started his career in the General Assembly when he was appointed to the House in 1982. He won yet another term on Tuesday with 54% of the vote, but he’ll face term limits in 2016, just like he did back in 2000.
* **House District 60:** The competitive nature of this district led House Republicans to think George Phillips might have an outside shot of knocking off ***Rep. John Rogers***. It didn’t come to fruition, as Rogers scored a 54-46% victory.
* **House District 61: *Rep. Ron Young*** secured another term in the House by defeating Democrat Rick Walker 65-35%. It will be his third consecutive term.
* **House District 62: *Rep. Ron Maag*** has a lock on the conservative 62nd House District in Warren County. He took 72% of the vote, easily winning a fourth term.
* **House District 63:** Republican Devon Stanley was no match for ***Rep. Sean O’Brien***, who won going away 66-34%.
* **House District 64:** Former Trumbull County Commissioner and Warren Mayor ***Michael O’Brien*** will replace term-limited Rep. Tom Letson in the House. He beat former Republican Rep. Randy Law 49-45%, with a Green party candidate taking 6%.
* **House District 65: *Rep. John Becker*** will be returning for a second term after defeating Democrat Charlie Carlier 75-25%.
* **House District 66:** Democrat Ken McNeely lost to ***Rep. Doug Green*** in 2012 73-27%. He didn’t fare any better in 2014, losing 77-23%.
* **House District 67: *Rep. Andrew Brenner*** did not receive much of a challenge in 2012 when he took 63% of the vote. It was the case again this year, as he took an even higher 68%.
* **House District 68:** After defeating John Ryerson in 2010 and 2012, ***Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl*** had a new opponent this year in Democrat Joyce Skocic. Nonetheless, the result was the same – an easy win for Ruhl. This time it was 66-25%.
* **House District 69:** Republican Medina County Commissioner ***Steve Hambley*** will have the privilege of replacing Speaker Bill Batchelder in the House. He defeated former teacher Richard Javorek 69-31%.
* **House District 70: *Rep. Dave Hall*** fought off a primary challenge in May and then sailed to a victory on Tuesday, beating Democrat James Riley 69-31%.
* **House District 71:** Newark businessman and Licking County Treasurer ***Scott Ryan*** will be replacing Rep. Jay Hottinger in the House after a 67-33% win over Democrat Ann Rader.
* **House District 72: *Rep. Bill Hayes*** originally won his seat in 2010 with only 47% of the vote in a three-way race. It was easier in 2012 when he took 57%, and better still this year as he beat Janee Bowman 67-33%.
* **House District 73: *Rep. Rick Perales*** easily earned a second term, defeating Democrat Dave Ogan 71-29%.
* **House District 74: *Rep. Bob Hackett*** was unopposed and will return for his fourth term.
* **House District 75: *Rep. Kathleen Clyde*** strolled to a 61-39% victory over Republican challenger Nick Skeriotis in 2012. In a rematch this year, she did nearly the same, this time winning 55-45%.
* **House District 76: *Sarah LaTourette***, the daughter of longtime Congressman Steve LaTourette, will begin her political career in January after easily defeating Joseph Lanese 68-32%.
* **House District 77: *Sen. Tim Schaffer*** will be flipping to the House in the 131st General Assembly. He beat Democrat Hollie Saunders 68-32%.
* **House District 78: *Rep. Ron Hood*** returned to the House after a six year hiatus with a win in 2012. He will continue serving in the House after a commanding 66-34% win over Laina Fetherolf Rogers.
* **House District 79:** In one of the most competitive districts in the state, ***Kyle Koehler***, a small business owner from Springfield, defeated former Deputy Sherriff Darrell Jackson by an impressive tally of 61-39%. Koehler will replace term-limited representative Ross McGregor.
* **House District 80:** Although Rep. Matt Huffman is term-limited and on his way out, there will still be a Huffman serving in the House come January. His cousin, medical doctor and Miami County Coroner ***Steve Huffman***, took 77% of the vote in his bid to replace retiring Rep. Dick Adams.
* **House District 81:** Republican ***Robert McColley*** rolled to an easy victory over Democrat John Lymanstall 70-30%. He’ll take over for Rep. Lynn Wachtmann, who is term-limited.
* **House District 82: *Rep. Tony Burkley*** was unopposed and will return for a second term.
* **House District 83: *Rep. Robert Sprague*** dominated with 67% of the vote in 2012, and had a repeat performance this year as he took 75% against Independent Kevin Rettig and Libertarian Gregory Norris.
* **House District 84: *Rep. Jim Buchy*** was unopposed and will return for his second term.
* **House District 85: *Nino Vitale***, a businessman from Urbana, was unopposed and will serve his first term.
* **House District 86: *Rep. Dorothy Pelanda*** strolled to a victory over Democrat John Babik 73-27%.
* **House District 87:** No problems for ***Rep. Jeff McClain*** as he sought his fourth term in the House. He easily disposed of challenger Jeff Lehart in a rematch from 2012, 73-27%.
* **House District 88:** Rep. Rex Damschroder was forced to withdraw from this race due to faulty petitions, opening the door for car dealership owner ***Bill Reineke***. Reineke went on to win the Republican primary and now the General Election. He defeated Bill Young 59-41%.
* **House District 89:** In easily the biggest upset of the night, ***Rep. Chris Redfern*** lost to Republican challenger Steve Kraus 51-49%.
* **House District 90: *Rep. Terry Johnson*** had little trouble with challenger Thomas Davis, winning 64-36%.
* **House District 91: *Rep. Cliff Rosenberger*** was unopposed and will return for his third term.
* **House District 92: *Rep. Gary Scherer*** was unopposed and will return for his second term.
* **House District 93: *Rep. Ryan Smith*** beat Josh Bailey by 28 points in 2012. He beat Bailey again this year, but by even more – 70-30%.
* **House District 94: *Rep. Debbie Phillips*** was barely able to beat back a challenge from Republican Yolan Dennis. She snuck by with a 194 vote win (50.34-49.66%).
* **House District 95: *Rep. Andy Thompson*** had a tough race against Charlie Daniels in 2012. He came out on top by a narrow 53-47% margin. Daniels came back to challenge Thompson again, and again Thompson held him off. This time it was 57-33%.
* **House District 96:** It was quite a different picture for ***Rep. Jack Cera*** this year relative to 2012. Two years ago, he was unopposed. This year, he was in a real fight. There was speculation Republican Ron Ferguson might pull off an upset, but he came up short 54-46%.
* **House District 97: *Rep. Brian Hill*** will be back for a second term after defeating Libertarian Nelson Roe 75-25%.
* **House District 98: *Rep. Al Landis*** can sleep easy after an impressive 68-32% victory over Jeremiah Johnson. You may remember that Landis won by only eight votes in 2012.
* **House District 99: *Rep. John Patterson*** will hold his seat for another term after an easy win over Republican Nancy McArthur 58-42%.

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**Results of Voting on November 4**

**County Board of DD Levy Issues**

**Following are results for the issues on November 4 ballots affecting Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities:**

* Ashland County: 2.1 mills, renewal — PASSED, by 63.8 percent
* Athens County: 1.5 mills, additional — PASSED, by 58.8 percent
* Holmes County: 2.5 mills, renewal — PASSED, by 64.8 percent
* Marion County: 1.75 mills, additional — FAILED, 59.4 percent rejected
* Monroe County: 1.0 mill, renewal — PASSED, by 66.9 percent
* Montgomery County: 7.21 mills renewal and 1 mill increase – as part of a combined health and human services levy to provide funding to five county agencies, the measure — PASSED, by 64.1 percent
* Paulding County: 1.0 mill, renewal — PASSED, by 61.9 percent
* Perry County: 3.5 mills, replacement — FAILED, 51.6 percent rejected
* Pike County: 1.0 mill, renewal — PASSED, by 61.7 percent

**November 2014 Behavioral Health Levy Results by Board**

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| Board Name | Millage | Years |  Levy Type |  PASS / FAIL |
| Ashtabula | .6 mill | 5 years |  Replacement | **PASS** 59% for 41% against |
| Butler CMH | .5 mill | 5 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 71% for 29% against |
| Erie-Ottawa | .3 mill +.02 | 5 years |  Renewal/Additional | **PASS** 59% for 41% against |
| Fairfield | .75 mill | 10 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 61% for 39% against |
| Huron | .5 mill | 10 years |  Replacement | **PASS** 54% for 46% against |
| Lake | .9 mill | 10 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 64% for 36% against |
| Lorain CMH | 1.2 mill | 5 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 65% for 35% against |
| Lucas | .5 mill | 10 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 63% for 37% against |
| Putnam | .03 + .04 mill | 5 years |  Renewal/Additional | **PASS** 51% for 49% against |
| Trumbull | 1 mill | 10 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 62% for 38% against |
| Wood | 1.6 mill | 10 years |  Renewal | **PASS** 65% for 35% against |
| Montgomery (HHS Levy) |  7.21 mill + 1 mill | 8 Years |  Renewal/Additional | **PASS** 64% for 36% against |

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