



PAACC FEDERAL UPDATE – SPECIAL EDITION ELECTION RECAP

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Mid-Term Election Recap

2018 Pennsylvania General Election Overview

Pennsylvania's 18 Congressional districts were redrawn in early 2018 as the result of court-ordered redistricting. The combination of new districts and retirements left seven open seats and created the only race in the country in which two incumbents ran for the same seat. Democrats picked up three congressional seats, splitting the delegation evenly at nine Republicans and nine Democrats. Pennsylvania will also see its number of women Representatives increase from zero to four. All four Freshman women will represent parts of Southeastern Pennsylvania, further illustrating the Democratic shift of Philadelphia's collar counties.

For the high-profile statewide races for U.S. Senator and Governor, incumbents Bob Casey and Tom Wolf were easily declared winners not long after the polls closed. Pennsylvania will have a new Lieutenant Governor: John Fetterman, Mayor of Braddock. However, Republicans held on and overcame some high-profile congressional challenges, including Congressman Scott Perry (R-10) and Congressman Mike Kelly (R-16), both of whom were re-elected by less than 3% in districts that overwhelmingly supported Trump in 2016.

New federal legislators - statewide

District 4 – Democrat State Representative Madeleine Dean won the seat over Republican Dan David. Dean's priorities include affordable health care for all; universal pre-k, affordable college and trade school, interest free student loans; women's issues/reproductive rights; gun safety legislation to end gun violence; immigration; and the opioid epidemic. In the state House, Dean was a strong advocate for clean drinking water and gun safety.

District 5 – Mary Gay Scanlon, a Democrat, defeated Republican opponent Pearl Kim. Scanlon is an attorney who ran on issues including education, voting rights, immigration, reducing gun violence, gender equality, criminal justice reform, healthcare, LGBTQ

rights, environment, net neutrality, and reducing poverty. Scanlon will be the first woman to represent Delaware County in Congress.

District 6 – Democrat Chrissy Houlahan, a nonprofit director, won the seat over Republican opponent Greg McCauley. She is the Founding COO of B Lab, a nonprofit that serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good. Houlahan ran on issues including health care, education, jobs/living wage, campaign finance reform, environment, veterans, and women's health.

District 7 – Susan Wild, a Democrat, defeated Republican Marty Nothstein. Wild has served as the solicitor for the City of Allentown. Her top issues are jobs/economy, Medicare/Social Security, universal health care, opioid epidemic, LGBTQ issues, environment, criminal justice reform, campaign finance reform, immigrants/refugees, women's issues/reproductive rights, education, and supporting veterans.

District 9 – Republican Dan Meuser defeated Democrat Denny Wolff. Meuser previously served as the PA Secretary of Revenue under Gov. Tom Corbett. His top issues include: embracing American First business plans; making the federal tax cuts permanent; replacing Obamacare with a more affordable health care program; reforming immigration laws and securing the border; supporting the military; and draining the swamp.

District 13 – Dr. John Joyce, a Republican, won the seat over Democrat Brent Ottoway. Joyce is a dermatologist. Joyce's priority issues are social security and medicare, health care, immigration, military and veterans, transportation, and jobs.

District 14 – Republican State Senator Guy Reschenthaler defeated Democrat Bibiana Boerio. Reschenthaler's priorities are national security, jobs and economy, immigration, and tax cuts. In the state senate, Reschenthaler introduced legislation regarding student mental health screenings, crime victims' rights, and the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

District 17 – Democrat Conor Lamb won a special election in March to complete the term in the previous 18th district. After redistricting, Lamb defeated another Congressional incumbent, Republican Rep. Keith Rothfus, for his first full term in Congress. Lamb ran on a platform of creating good jobs and investing in infrastructure; protecting Social Security and Medicare; making healthcare more affordable for all Americans; taking comprehensive action to fight the heroin crisis; and reforming the student loan system.

Now that the Democrats have taken control of the House, Congressman Doyle, a veteran Democratic Congressman from the City of Pittsburgh, is likely to secure a key committee assignment. Pennsylvania is losing its Transportation Committee Chair with the retirement of Republican Bill Shuster. Infrastructure will continue to be a key issue in Pennsylvania and it's likely that a new Pennsylvania legislator will get a seat on that committee.

Pennsylvania State Legislature

From a state government perspective, Republicans maintain control of the House and Senate, although they saw their majority shrink. Democrats picked up seats, particularly in the Southeastern part of the state.

Allegheny County Election Recap - State Senate

SD38: Democrat Lindsey Williams narrowly edged out a 0.5% victory over Republican candidate Jeremy Shaffer. The Republican candidate defeated the incumbent Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the May primary. Williams' top issues include: protecting working families; investing in children through education from pre-k to post-secondary; and supporting small businesses. Some Republicans have discussed challenging whether Williams meets the residency requirements to take the seat.

SD42: State Sen. Wayne Fontana ran unopposed.

Allegheny County Election Recap - State House

HD16: Democrat incumbent Robert Matzie ran unopposed.

HD19: Democrat incumbent Jake Wheatley ran unopposed.

HD20: Democrat incumbent Adam Ravenstahl ran unopposed.

HD21: Allies of Rep. Dom Costa (D-Allegheny), who lost the primary to Sara Innamorato, mounted a last-minute write-in campaign. She easily defeated the effort 85-to-15.

HD23: State Rep. Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny) easily defeated Green Party challenger Jay Ting Walker 91-to-10.9.

HD24: Democrat incumbent Ed Gainey ran unopposed.

HD25: Stephen Schlauch lost to Democrat Brandon Markosek 58-to-42. Joe Markosek, Brandon's dad and the long-serving State Rep. and Appropriations Chairman, is retiring this Allegheny County seat. Markosek's priorities include: providing sufficient funding for senior citizen-based programs; confronting the opioid epidemic; ensuring greater public safety; securing increased funding for all levels of education; and bolstering the area's economy to create jobs.

HD 26: Democrat incumbent Dan Deasy ran unopposed.

HD28: Despite a great deal of Democratic interest, challenger Emily Skopov lost to House Speaker Mike Turzai 55-to-45 in this North Hills seat in Allegheny County.

HD30: Republican Lori Mizgorski defeated Betsy Monroe 52-to-48. After serving 3 terms in this North Hills seat, State Rep. Hal English (R) withdrew from the North Hills Allegheny County race in July. Mizgorski currently serves on the Shaler Township Board of Supervisors.

HD32: Democrat incumbent Tony DeLuca ran unopposed.

HD33: Minority Leader Frank Dermody (D) defended his seat against Republican challenger Joshua Nulph 56-to-45.

HD 34: After defeating incumbent Paul Costa in the Democratic primary, Summer Lee ran unopposed in the general. Her top issues are: free, high-quality public education for all, pre-k through college; clean air and clean water, including implementing a fracking moratorium and fully funding the DEP; and criminal and juvenile justice reform.

HD35: Democrat incumbent Austin Davis ran unopposed.

HD36: Democrat incumbent Harry Readshaw ran unopposed.

HD38: Democrat incumbent Bill Kortz ran unopposed.

HD39: Robert Rhoderick Jr. (D) lost this open Mon Valley seat to Michael Puskaric (R) 56-to-44. Puskaric's priorities include: jobs and economic development; second amendment rights; and elimination of Pennsylvania's property tax system.

HD40: Republican Natalie Mihalek won this open seat over Democrat Sharon Guidi 56-to-44. After serving 22 years, Rep. John Maher (R) retired, thereby vacating the Allegheny County district. Mihalek's top issues include the opioid epidemic and property taxes.

HD42: Democrat incumbent Dan Miller ran unopposed.

HD44: Republican Valerie Gaydos won this open seat over Democrat Michele Knoll 52-to-48. Rep. Mark Mustio (R) is retiring after serving 18 years in this Allegheny County seat. Gaydos' top issues include: reducing taxes; retaining jobs; and protecting personal freedoms.

HD45: Democrat incumbent Anita Kulik ran unopposed.

HD46: State Rep. Jason Ortitay (R) won re-election by 12 points, 56-to-44, in this Washington/Allegheny district.

HD54: Robert Brooks (R) won this open seat over Democrat Jonathan McCabe 60-to-40. Rep. Eli Evankovich (R) announced his August retirement from this Allegheny/Westmoreland County seat. Brooks' priorities include: reducing rules and regulations for small businesses; and limiting taxing and spending to inflation. Brooks has previously served as Councilman and Mayor for Murrysville.

[PA House Leadership \(Majority\)](#)

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE DESIGNEE: Rep. Mike Turzai - 28th District - Allegheny County

MAJORITY LEADER: Rep. Bryan Cutler - 100th District - Lancaster County

WHIP: Rep. Kerry Benninghoff - 171st District - Centre and Mifflin counties

APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN: Rep. Stan Saylor - 94th District - York County

CAUCUS CHAIRMAN: Rep. Marcy Toepel - 147th District - Montgomery County

POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Rep. Donna Oberlander - 63rd District - Armstrong, Clarion and Forest counties

CAUCUS ADMINISTRATOR: Rep. Kurt Masser - 107th District - Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties

CAUCUS SECRETARY: Rep. Mike Reese - 59th District - Westmoreland and Somerset counties

PA House Leadership (Minority):

Democratic Leader - Frank Dermody - 33rd Legislative District - Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

Democratic Whip - Jordan Harris - 186th Legislative District - Philadelphia County

Democratic Caucus Chair - Joanna McClinton - 191st Legislative District - Delaware and Philadelphia Counties

Democratic Caucus Secretary - Rosita Youngblood - 198th Legislative District - Philadelphia County

Democratic Caucus Administrator - Neal Goodman - 123rd Legislative District - Schuylkill County

Democratic Policy Committee Chairman - Mike Sturla - 96th Legislative District - Lancaster County

Democratic Appropriations Committee Chairman - Matt Bradford - 70th Legislative District - Montgomery County

PA Senate Leadership (Majority):

President Pro Tempore – Joe Scarnati – Jefferson County

Majority Leader – Jake Corman – Centre County

Appropriations Chair – Pat Browne – Lehigh County

Majority Whip – John Gordner – Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Luzerne Counties

Majority Caucus Chairman – Bob Mensch – Berks, Bucks, Montgomery Counties

Majority Caucus Secretary – Richard Alloway – Franklin County

PA Senate Leadership (Minority):

Senate Minority Leader – Jay Costa – Allegheny County

Senate Minority Whip – Anthony Hardy Williams – Philadelphia County

Minority Appropriations Committee Chair – Vincent Hughes – Philadelphia County

Minority Caucus Chair – Wayne Fontana – Allegheny County

Minority Caucus Secretary – Larry Farnese – Philadelphia County

Minority Policy Committee Chair – Lisa Boscola – Northampton County

Minority Caucus Administrator – John Blake – Lackawanna County

Congressional Schedule

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 House & Senate in Session	14 House & Senate in Session	15 House & Senate in Session	16 House & Senate in Session	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Senate in Session	27 House & Senate in Session	28 House & Senate in Session	29 House & Senate in Session	30 House & Senate in Session	

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Senate in Session	4 House & Senate in Session	5 House & Senate in Session	6 House & Senate in Session	7 House & Senate in Session	8
9	10 House & Senate in Session	11 House & Senate in Session	12 House & Senate in Session	13 House & Senate in Session	14 Senate in Session – Target Adjournment	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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