

November 3, 2010

ELECTION RESULTS

GOVERNOR: As expected, the voting public expressed their desire for change by electing political novice, Republican Rick Snyder, to serve as the next Governor of Michigan. Snyder, an Ann Arbor businessman, swept to victory over his Democratic opponent, Virg Bernero. The current Mayor of Lansing, Bernero was also an ex-legislator.

ATTORNEY GENERAL: The race for Attorney General pitted political veteran Bill Schuette (R-Midland) on the Republican ticket against Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney David Leyton (D-Flint). Throughout the election polls showed that Schuette held the upper hand, and in the end Schuette, a former Congressman, State Senator, and former Court of Appeals Judge bucked the "anti-insider" trend to claim victory.

SECRETARY OF STATE: Unlike most of the major elections that featured large amounts of money being spent on advertising, negative ads, and mud slinging, the Secretary of State race was generally low key and civil. Ex-State Representative and current Oakland County Register of Deeds, Ruth Johnson (R-Clarkston) bested Democrat, Jocelyn Benson (D-Detroit), a Law Professor at Wayne State University.

SUPREME COURT: As the final weeks of the election arrived and polls showed that Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero had little chance of overtaking Rick Snyder, most political insiders expected the Democratic State Committee to switch most of their focus to winning at least one, if not both of the open seats in the state Supreme Court. The re-election of Justice Robert Young and the election of Mary Beth Kelly, both Republican backed candidates, dealt the Democrats perhaps the most stunning defeats in what proved to be a very difficult evening for Democrats.

CONGRESS: For the first time in many years, the general election posed the possibility for some major changes in the make up of the Michigan's Congressional delegation. Three members decided to retire and did not seek re-election. Another, Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Detroit) was defeated in her bid for re-election during the August primary. In addition, Republican candidates were hopeful of winning a couple of seats that were currently held by Democratic congressman. After the votes were counted, Michigan will have five new Congressmen, and Republicans were able to pick up two seats to grab control of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, flipping an 8-7 deficit to a 9-6 majority.

DISTRICT

WINNER

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Dan Benishek (R-Crystal Falls) |
| 2 | Bill Huizenga (R-Zeeland) |

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| 3 | Justin Amash (R-Kentwood) |
| 4 | David Camp (R-Midland) |
| 5 | Dale Kildee (D-Flint) |
| 6 | Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) |
| 7 | Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) |
| 8 | Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) |
| 9 | Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Twp.) |
| 10 | Candice Miller (R-Harrison Twp.) |
| 11 | Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) |
| 12 | Sander Levin (D-Royal Oak) |
| 13 | Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) |
| 14 | John Conyers (D-Detroit) |
| 15 | John Dingell (D-Dearborn) |

STATE SENATE: With a large number of open seats due to term limits, Democrats had hoped to buck recent political trends and take control of the upper chamber. Twenty-nine of the thirty-eight Senate seats were vacant, with 17 seats currently held by Republicans and 12 seats currently held by Democrats up for grabs. The Democrats have to be disappointed that they lost additional seats in an election that they had hoped would result in one or two Republican held seats flipping their way. With a twenty-six seat advantage the Republicans now have a "super majority" in the upper chamber and will be able to grant immediate effect on legislation without democratic support. This is a significant procedural advantage for Governor elect Snyder and the Republicans.

| <u>DISTRICT</u> | <u>WINNER</u> |
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| 1 | Coleman Young (D-Detroit) |
| 2 | Bert Johnson (D-Highland Park) |
| 3 | Morris Hood (D-Detroit) |
| 4 | Virgil Smith (D-Detroit) |
| 5 | Tupac Hunter (D-Detroit) |
| 6 | Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) |
| 7 | Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) |
| 8 | Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) |
| 9 | Steven Bieda (D-Warren) |
| 10 | Tory Rocca (R-Sterling Heights) |
| 11 | Jack Brandenburg (R-Harrison Twp.) |
| 12 | Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion) |
| 13 | John Pappageorge (R-Troy) |
| 14 | Vincent Gregory (D-Southfield) |
| 15 | Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) |
| 16 | Bruce Caswell (R-Hillsdale) |
| 17 | Randy Richardville (R-Monroe) |
| 18 | Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor) |
| 19 | Mike Nofs (R-Battle Creek) |
| 20 | Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton) |
| 21 | John Proos (R-St. Joseph) |
| 22 | Joe Hune (R-Hamburg) |
| 23 | Gretchen Whitmer (D-East Lansing) |

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| 24 | Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) |
| 25 | Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair) |
| 26 | David Robertson (R-Grand Blanc) |
| 27 | John Gleason (D-Flushing) |
| 28 | Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids) |
| 29 | Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell) |
| 30 | Arlan Meekhof (R-West Olive) |
| 31 | Mike Green (R-Mayville) |
| 32 | Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw) |
| 33 | Judy Emmons (R-Sheridan) |
| 34 | Goeff Hansen (R-Hart) |
| 35 | Darwin Booher (R-Evart) |
| 36 | John Moolenaar (R-Midland) |
| 37 | Howard Walker (R-Traverse City) |
| 38 | Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba) |

STATE HOUSE: Last term the Democrats held a commanding 66-42 seat advantage with two open seats. Common opinion was that the Republicans would pick up a number of seats due to the large number of open seats due to term limits, House members running for other offices, and the simple fact that there were a number of districts that historically had been held by Republicans that were currently in Democratic hands. That said, six months ago it was not expected that the Republicans would win enough seats to gain control of the House, and no one expected them to move from 42 to 63 seats. The 2010 House election not only handed complete control of state government to the Republicans, but will go down as one of the most unbelievable political swings in Michigan history.

DISTRICT

WINNER

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| 1 | Timothy Bledsoe (D-Grosse Pointe) |
| 2 | Lisa Howze (D-Detroit) |
| 3 | Alberta Tinsley Talabi (D-Detroit) |
| 4 | Maureen Stapleton (D-Detroit) |
| 5 | John Olumba (D-Detroit) |
| 6 | Fred Durhal (D-Detroit) |
| 7 | Jimmy Womack (D-Detroit) |
| 8 | Thomas Stallworth III (D-Detroit) |
| 9 | Shanelle Jackson (D-Detroit) |
| 10 | Harvey Santana (D-Detroit) |
| 11 | David Nathan (D-Detroit) |
| 12 | Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit) |
| 13 | Andrew Kandrevas (D-Southgate) |
| 14 | Paul Clemente (D-Lincoln Park) |
| 15 | George Darany (D-Dearborn) |
| 16 | Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights) |
| 17 | Phil Cavanagh (D-Redford Twp.) |
| 18 | Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) |
| 19 | John Walsh (R-Livonia) |
| 20 | Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) |
| 21 | Dian Slavens (D-Canton Twp.) |

22 Douglas Geiss (D-Taylor)
23 Pat Somerville (R-New Boston)
24 Anthony Forlini (R-Harrison Twp.)
25 Jon Switalski (D-Warren)
26 Jim Townsend (D-Royal Oak)
27 Ellen Lipton (D-Huntington Woods)
28 Lesia Liss (D-Warren)
29 Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills)
30 Jeff Farrington (R-Utica)
31 Marilyn Lane (D-Fraser)
32 Andrea LaFontaine (R-Richmond)
33 Ken Goike (R-Ray)
34 Woodrow Stanley (D-Flint)
35 Rudy Hobbs (D-Lathrup Village)
36 Pete Lund (R-Shelby Twp.)
37 Vicki Barnett (D-Farmington Hills)
38 Hugh Crawford (R- Novi)
39 Lisa Brown (D-West Bloomfield)
40 Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham)
41 Marty Knollenberg (R-Troy)
42 Harold Haugh (D-Roseville)
43 Gail Haines (R-Waterford)
44 Eileen Kowall (R-White Lake)
45 Tom McMillin (R-Rochester Hills)
46 Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford)
47 Cindy Denby (R-Fowlerville)
48 Richard Hammel (D-Mt. Morris Twp.)
49 Jim Ananich (D-Flint)
50 Charles Smiley (D-Burton)
51 Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc)
52 Mark Ouimet (R-Chelsea)
53 Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor)
54 David Rutledge (D-Ypsilanti)
55 Rick Olson (R-Saline)
56 Dale Zorn (R-Ida)
57 Nancy Jenkins (R-Clayton)
58 Kenneth Kurtz (R-Coldwater)
59 Matt Lori (R-Constantine)
60 Sean McCann (D-Kalamazoo)
61 Margaret O'Brien (R-Portage)
62 Kate Segal (D-Battle Creek)
63 James Bolger (R-Marshall)
64 Earl Poleski (R-Jackson)
65 Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake)
66 Bill Rogers (R-Brighton)
67 Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga)
68 Joan Bauer (D-Lansing)
69 Mark Meadows (D-East Lansing)
70 Rick Outman (R-Six Lakes)

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| 71 | Deb Shaughnessy (R-Charlotte) |
| 72 | Ken Yonker (R-Caledonia) |
| 73 | Peter Macgregor (R-Rockford) |
| 74 | Dave Agema (R-Grandville) |
| 75 | Brandon Dillon (D-Grand Rapids) |
| 76 | Roy Schmidt (D-Grand Rapids) |
| 77 | Thomas Hooker (R-Byron Center) |
| 78 | Sharon Tyler (R-Niles) |
| 79 | Al Pscholka (R-Stevensville) |
| 80 | Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton) |
| 81 | Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac) |
| 82 | Kevin Daley (R-Arcadia Twp.) |
| 83 | Paul Muxlow (R-Brown City) |
| 84 | Kurt Damrow (R-Austin) |
| 85 | Ben Glardon (R-Owosso) |
| 86 | Lisa Posthumus Lyons (R-Alto) |
| 87 | Mike Callton (R-Nashville) |
| 88 | Bob Genetski (R-Saugatuck) |
| 89 | Amanda Price (R-Holland) |
| 90 | Joe Haveman (R-Holland) |
| 91 | Holly Hughes (R-Montague) |
| 92 | Marcia Hovey-Wright (D-Muskegon) |
| 93 | Paul Opsommer (R-DeWitt) |
| 94 | Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth) |
| 95 | Stacy Erwin-Oakes (D-Saginaw) |
| 96 | Charles Brunner (D-Bay City) |
| 97 | Joel Johnson (R-Clare) |
| 98 | Jim Stamas (R-Midland) |
| 99 | Kevin Cotter (R-Mt. Pleasant) |
| 100 | Jon Bumstead (R-Newaygo) |
| 101 | Ray Franz (R-Onkama) |
| 102 | Philip Potvin (R-Cadillac) |
| 103 | Bruce Rendon (R-Lake City) |
| 104 | Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City) |
| 105 | Greg MacMaster (R-Kewadin) |
| 106 | Peter Pettalia (R-Presque Isle) |
| 107 | Frank Foster (R-Pellston) |
| 108 | Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan) |
| 109 | Steven Lindberg (D-Marquette) |
| 110 | Matt Huuki (R-Atlantic Mine) |

SUMMARY: The 2010 General Election will go down as the most amazing political run of the table in Michigan's election history.

Voter frustration with the status quo surfaced all over the state, and spelled disaster for Democratic candidates.

Republicans now face the challenge of making real progress fixing the mess in the next two years or Republican House candidates will likely face the same fate as their political

opposition did last evening. A major problem could very well be that voters just elected a Governor that trends to the political center, while electing Republican caucuses in the House and Senate that trend more to the conservative right.

If you would like additional information on any of the House candidates or election results, please don't hesitate to contact our office.