

# CAPITOL NEWS UPDATE

WEEK OF November 7, 2016

*Integrity. Individual Attention. Precision Strategy. Proven Results*



In an election night that kept millions of voters on the edge of their seats, Republicans swept the elections, helping elect a Republican president, winning an open seat in Congress, and maintaining a majority in the Michigan House.

This is the first time since 1988 that the state has voted for a GOP president, giving it's 16 electoral votes to GOP nominee Donald Trump.

It also means that the Republicans will keep control of the Michigan Legislature for the full eight years of Governor Rick Snyder's time in office.

In addition, pundits expect that House members will potentially elect Rep. Tom Leonard Speaker of the House today.

## **CONGRESS:**

Every Michigan congressional incumbent was re-elected, as GOP nominees swept the elections including winning three of the most hotly contested seats in the 1st, 7th and 8th Districts.

### 1st District:

In Northern Michigan, Jack Bergman (R) won an open seat by defeating Democratic candidate Lon Johnson to replace Congressman Dr. Dan Benishek who did not run for reelection.

### 7th District:

Congressman Tim Walberg (R) easily defeated former State Representative Gretchen Driscoll (D).

### 8th District:

Incumbent Congressman Mike Bishop (R) survived a late challenge from Democrat Suzanna Shkreli to secure a second term.

### 10th District:

Paul Mitchell (R) won this open seat in the Thumb to take over for the retiring U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (R).

## **MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Michigan's House GOP maintained their 63 seat majority by capturing the 17th House District seat with a win by Monroe party store owner Joe (Babe) Bellino (R) over Democratic State representative Bill LaVoy (Monroe). It looks likely however that the 23rd House District in Wayne County went to the Democrat Darrin Camilleri.

In Mid- and Southeast Michigan, Rep. Tom Barrett of Potterville held onto his seat by beating former State Rep. Theresa Abed (D).

In Sterling Heights area, Diana Farrington (R) won the 30th District by beating-out Mike Notte (D).

On the West side, incumbent Republican Holly Hughes held on to her hotly-contested seat in Muskegon by beating former state Rep. Collene Lamonte.

Incumbent Brandt Iden from Kalamazoo also retained his seat by beating Democrat challenger John Fisher, which was a rematch from the 2014 race.

Republican Curt VanderWall beat former Rep. Dan Scripps in the 101st district.

Republicans also held onto the seat in the 66th House District vacated by term-limited Rep. Aric Nesbitt, with Beth Griffin winning (R) over Annie Brown (D).

Democrats did prevail, however in the four state house races in the Greater Ann Arbor area with Donna Lasinski, Yousef Rabhi, Ronnie Peterson and Adam Zemke getting the votes.

Outcomes for other competitive races that have been called are:

- HD 17 (Currently held by Rep. LaVoy-Wayne/Monroe): Joe Bellino (R)
- HD 20 (Currently held by Rep. Heise\*-Western Wayne): Jeff Noble (R)
- HD 24 (Currently held by Rep. Forlini\*-Macomb): Steve Marino (R)
- HD 30 (Currently held by Rep. Farrington\*-Macomb): Diana Farrington (R)
- HD 39 (Currently held by Rep. Kesto-Oakland): Rep. Kesto (R)
- HD 57 (Currently held by Rep. Jenkins\*-Lenawee): Bronna Kahle (R)
- HD 61 (Currently held by Rep. Iden-Kalamazoo): Rep. Iden (R)
- HD 62 (Currently held by Rep. Bizon-Calhoun): Rep. Bizon (R)
- HD 66 (Currently held by Rep. Nesbitt\*-Van Buren): Beth Griffin (R)
- HD 71 (Currently held by Rep. Barrett-Eaton): Rep. Barrett (R)
- HD 91 (Currently held by Rep. Hughes-Muskegon): Rep. Hughes (R)
- HD 99 (Currently held by Rep. Cotter\*-Isabella): Roger Hauck (R)
- HD 101 (Currently held by Rep. Franz\*-NW Lower Peninsula): Curt VanderWall (R)
- HD 106 (Currently held by Rep. Pettalia\*-NE Lower Peninsula): Sue Allor (R)
- HD 108 (Currently held by Rep. McBroom\*-Southern/mid-UP): Beau LaFave (R)

Complete results of Tuesday's election can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). Click on Elections in Michigan. Then click on 2016 November General Election Results.