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Legislative Newsletter

AAHU Legislative Update Election 2020

A little more detail for you on Arizona election.

At Least 450,00 Ballots Remaining in Arizona

Yesterday evening Maricopa County released a new batch of voting results (around 142,500); however, there are still over 450,000 (275,000 in Maricopa County) ballots left to be counted in the state. Based on the large number of outstanding ballots, many races in Arizona, including the Presidential election, are still way too close to call. As results continue to come in over the next few days, we will share regular updates. In the meantime, below is the latest update regarding key Arizona legislative and congressional races.

Arizona Legislature

Arizona Senate

Based on the current election numbers, it appears that the Senate may stay in Republican control, 16-14; however, the counting of ballots continues, and things could fluctuate over the next day or two.

Key/Close Senate Races:

- **AZ Senate - Legislative District 6:** The Republican nominee, Wendy Rogers continues to maintain her lead over the Democratic nominee, Felicia French. She currently is up by over 8,000 votes. Republicans will hold onto this seat.
- **AZ Senate – Legislative District 8:** Representative T.J. Shope, continues to maintain his lead over former AZ legislator Barbara McGuire by over 9,000 votes for this open Senate seat. Republicans will hold onto this seat.
- **AZ Senate – Legislative District 17:** Incumbent Senator J.D. Mesnard has increased his lead over the Democratic challenger A.J. Kurdoglu to 2,500 votes; however, this race is still too close to call.
- **AZ Senate – Legislative District 20:** Incumbent Senator Paul Boyer has increased his lead over the Democratic nominee, Douglas Ervin. He is now leading by 1,274 votes. This race still remains too close to call.
- **AZ Senate – Legislative District 28:** Incumbent Senator Kate Brophy McGee is still trailing the Democratic nominee, Christine Marsh; however, she has cut into her lead and now trails by 3,813 votes. Nevertheless, this looks like it will be a Democrat pick up.

Arizona House of Representatives

If the current numbers hold steady, Republicans will be able to maintain control of the House by the slim margin of just 1 vote (31-29); however, there are still a number of races too close to call.

Key Close Legislative Races:

- **AZ House – Legislative District 4:** Democrat Minority Leader, Representative Charlene Fernandez (D) will win a 4th term in the AZ House; however, the Republican nominee, Joel John, is currently leading Democratic incumbent Representative Geraldine Peten by over 1,600 votes (increasing his lead) for the second position in this traditionally Democratic leaning district. This would be a big Republican pick up.
- **AZ House – Legislative District 6:** Incumbent Republican Representative Walt Blackman will be the top vote getter in this competitive district. Former Republican lawmaker Brenda Barton continues to hold onto the second spot in the House; however, she only has a small lead of 267 votes over the Democratic nominee, Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans. This race is still too close to call.
- **AZ House – Legislative District 20:** The Democratic nominee, Judy Schwiebert will be the top vote getter in LD 20. Incumbent Representative Shawna Bolick is currently in the second spot. She is up on her seatmate, Republican House Ways & Means chairman, Anthony Kern by over 1,700 votes.
- **AZ House – Legislative District 21:** Beverly Pingerelli, the GOP nominee, will be the top vote getter in this district. Incumbent Republican Representative Kevin Payne is holding the second spot over the Democratic nominee, Kathy Knecht, by just 659 votes; however, this race remains way too early to call.

Presidential Election

Former Vice President Joe Biden's lead over President Donald Trump has shrunk over the last 24 hours and he now is only up by just over 68,000 votes. While it would be an uphill battle for Trump to win the state, it is certainly mathematically possible given the large number of votes still outstanding.

U.S. Congressional Election Results

United States Senate Special Election

The Democratic nominee Mark Kelly's lead over Republican Senator Martha McSally has shrunk to 122,000 under 5 percentage points over the last 24 hours; however, he is still expected to win.

McSally assumed office on January 3, 2019 after Governor Ducey appointed her to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacated seat of the late Senator John McCain. Because this contest is a special election to finish John McCain's term, the winner will be sworn into office as soon as the results are certified by Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, and be up for reelection in 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives

Democrats in Arizona will retain control of the majority of congressional seats in the State; however, they may pick up an additional seat in CD 6. While incumbent, Congressman David Schweikert has crawled back to take the lead, the race is still too close to call.

- **Congressional District 1 –** Incumbent Democratic Congressman, Tom O'Halleran will defeat the incumbent Republican nominee, Tiffany Shedd.
- **Congressional District 2 –** Former U.S. Democratic Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick will defeat the Republican nominee, Brandon Martin.
- **Congressional District 3 –** Democratic Congressman Raul Grijalva easily won reelection to the U.S. House in this heavily Democratic favored district over Republican challenger Daniel Wood.

· **Congressional District 4** – Conservative Congressman Paul Gosar easily won reelection in this heavily GOP favored district over Democrat Delina DiSanto.

· **Congressional District 5** – Congressman Andy Biggs won reelection to another term in the U.S. House over Democratic challenger, Joan Greene.

· **Congressional District 6** – Republican Congressman David Schweikert is currently leading the Democratic nominee, Hiral Tiperneni by a narrow 6,400 votes. Tuesday night he was trailing by 13,000 votes. This race is currently too close to call.

· **Congressional District 7** – Democratic Congressman Ruben Gallego easily won his reelection bid for a 3rd term in Congress after defeating his GOP challenger, Joshua Barnett.

· **Congressional District 8** – Republican Congresswoman Debbie Lesko won her reelection bid after defeating Michael Muscato.

· **Congressional District 9** – Democratic Congressman Greg Stanton defeated the Republican nominee, Dave Giles. This may be Stanton's final term in the U.S. House. It has been rumored that he will seek the Democratic nomination for Governor in 2024.

AZ Corporation Commission

Three out of the five seats on the Arizona Corporation Commission are up for grabs this election cycle and the race is a dead heat. Currently the Tolleson Mayor Anna Tovar (D) along with current Commissioner Lea Marquez Petersen (R) and Jim O'Connor (R) have a lead.

Election results and 2021

Please mark your calendars. **December 16th, 8:00 AM** our monthly meeting will again feature Marc Osborn and Daniel Romm from Kutak Rock to provide insight to what the next session might look like based on the election results.

[GPAHU Registration Link](#)

[SAAHU Registration Link](#)

Let us know if we can be of help, or if you have questions.

Pete Rowe and Jenn Farrell

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Upcoming Events

All Future Events Have Been Moved to Virtual Environment.

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