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Legislative Newsletter

AAHU Legislative Update Election 2020

AZ Legislative Republicans Regain Advantage For Now As Votes Continue to be Counted

As thousands of more votes are left to be counted, overnight things changed significantly in the race for control of the Arizona Legislature. Where it currently stands, it appears Republicans may actually maintain control of both the Arizona Senate and the Arizona House. Republicans currently are now holding a 16-14 lead in the Senate and a 31-29 lead in the House. This is a big change of events from where things were around midnight in Arizona.

In LD 17, Republican Senator J.D. Mesnard has bounced back from an early 2,000 vote deficit to take a 1,400-vote lead over his Democratic challenger, A.J. Kurdoglu. Additionally, Republican Senator Paul Boyer erased a 2,600-vote deficit and now narrowly leads the Democratic nominee, Douglas Ervin in LD 20 by 611 votes. Senator Kate Brophy McGee, the incumbent Republican from LD 28 still trails her Democrat opponent, Christine Marsh by just under 5,000 votes; however, she has narrowed the lead which is still too close to call.

Over in the House, Republican Joel John has increased his lead in LD 4 over the Democratic incumbent overnight to over 1,400 votes in this Democratic favored district. This would be a Republican pick up; however, this race is still too close to call. In the LD 6 race, former Republican legislator Brenda Barton erased an early 2,800 vote deficit to her Democratic challenger, Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans. Barton now leads Evans by 267 votes. Additionally, in LD 21, Republican incumbent Representative Kevin Payne has crawled back after trailing last night by over 1,400 votes to now narrowly lead the Democratic challenger, Kathy Knecht by just 44 votes.

Things in Arizona are still too close to call and there are a significant number of votes left to be counted that could impact the balance of power in the state. As results continue to come in over the next few hours and days, we will share regular updates with you.

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

2020-2021 AAHU Co-Legislative Chairs

Upcoming Events

All Future Events Have Been Moved to Virtual Environment.

Look for GPAHU and SAAHU Announcements for Dates, Time and to Register- or also check local Websites:

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