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**2018 Ohio General Election Report**  
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**Ohio Federal Races**

**1. U.S. Senate** – Incumbent U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D) defeated Congressman Jim Renacci by a 53%-47% margin. Nationally, the Republicans have increased their majority, but their exact number is not yet known due to possible recounts.

**2. U. S. House** – Based on unofficial results, Democrats have gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives. Democrats needed a net gain of 23 seats. Two hotly contested Ohio Congressional Districts remain in the incumbent's control. Troy Balderson (R) who earlier this year won a special election defeating Franklin County Recorder Danny O'Connor (D), defeated O'Connor again by a 51.56% to 47.09% in the Ohio 12th Congressional District. In Ohio's 1st Congressional District, Republican Incumbent Steve Chabot (R) outperformed Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval (D) 51.8% to 46.44%. There were no Congressional Incumbent's defeated in any of Ohio's sixteen Congressional Districts.

**Ohio Statewide Races**

**1. Other Ohio Statewide Partisan Races**

**a. Governor** - By a 50.66% to 46.45% margin, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine (R) was elected Governor of Ohio over Richard Cordray (D).

**b. Attorney General** – Current Republican State Auditor, Dave Yost defeated Democrat Steve Dettelbach by a 52.42% - 47.58% margin.

**c. Auditor** – Former Ohio Senate President, Keith Faber defeated former Congressman Zack Space by a 49.93% - 46.06% margin.

**d. Secretary of State** – State Senator Frank LaRose (R) defeated State Representative Kathleen Clyde (D) by a 50.92% - 46.73% margin.

**e. Treasurer** – State Representative Robert Sprague (R) defeated attorney Rob Richardson by a 53.53% - 46.47% margin.

## **2. Ohio Supreme Court**

**a.** The current Ohio Supreme Court went from a 7-0 Republican majority to a 5-2 Republican majority.

**b.** Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge, Michael Donnelly (D) defeated appeals court Judge Craig Baldwin (R) by a 61% to 39% margin and 8th District Court of Appeals Judge Melody Stewart (D) defeated current Justice Mary DeGenaro (R) 52.51% to 47.49%.

### **Ohio Statewide Ballot Issue**

#### **State Issue 1 - To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drug**

This proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment, which would have reduced certain drug-related crimes, was soundly defeated by a margin of 63.40% – 36.60% despite the proponents outpacing opponents by about a 10-1 margin.

### **Ohio House Races**

#### **House Republicans hold majority**

Ohio House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) maintained his leadership majority in the Ohio House of Representatives by a 62 to 37 margin, losing five Republican seats and picking up one Democrat seat.

I am disappointed to report that OAHU Immediate Past Legislative Chair, Republican **Tim Barhorst** was defeated by Democrat Mary Lightbody by a 55% - 44% margin in the **19th House District (NE Franklin County)**. Tim worked very hard, but the election shed new light on how rapidly Franklin County is becoming a democrat majority county.

Listed below are the unofficial results of some of the other more competitive races.

- **6th House District (SE Cuyahoga County)** - Phil Robinson (D) defeated Jim Trakas (R)  
51% - 49%.
- **20th House District (SE Franklin County)**: Richard Brown (D) defeated Bobby Mitchel (R)  
58% - 42%.
- **21st House District (NW Franklin County)**: Beth Liston (D) defeated Stu Harris (R)  
57% - 43%.
- **24th House District (SW Franklin County)**: Allison Russo (D) defeated Erik Yassenoff (R)  
57% - 43%.
- **28th House District (NE Hamilton County)**: Jonathan Dever (R) defeated Jessica Miranda (D)  
50% - 49%.

- **37th House District (NE Summit County):** Casey Weinstein (D) defeated Mike Rasor (R)  
50% - 49%.
- **43rd House District (Western Montgomery County & Preble County):** J. Todd Smith (R) defeated Dan Foley (D)  
50% - 49%.
- **59th House District (SW Mahoning County):** Don Manning (R) defeated Eric Ungaro (D)  
50% - 49%.

### **Ohio Senate Races**

The Senate Republican Caucus expanded their already dominant majority by picking up one more Ohio Senate seat. In the 33rd Ohio Senate District, which covers Columbiana and Mahoning Counties, Michael Rulli (R) defeated John Boccieri (D) 53% - 47%. The Senate Republican Caucus now holds a 25 - 8 seat majority over the Senate Democrats.

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