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Pennsylvania General Election Recap

With the polls closed and most ballots counted, please find below a quick rundown of Tuesday's election results in Pennsylvania.

The Bottom Line
Tuesday brought meaningful change to Pennsylvania's political landscape. Governor Shapiro was re-elected, and the Democratic party expanded their majority in the State House and flipped the State Senate, securing the majority for the first time in more than thirty years. The Democratic "trifecta," characterized by control of administrative and both chambers of the legislative branches, will reshape the state policy agenda heading into 2027. We expect legislative leaders to move quickly on their policy priorities early in the session, and we'll be monitoring closely to keep you informed about any developments that may affect your interests.

Governor
Gov. Josh Shapiro won the governor's race, securing 60.12% of the vote to challenger Stacy Garrity's 38.59%.

Pennsylvania State Senate
Half the State Senate was on the ballot. While Republicans entered the election with a 27–23 majority, Democrats will take control of the Senate in 2027 with a 26–24 majority.

Democratic Targets:
- SD 6 (Bucks): Eileen Hartnett Albillar (D) defeated incumbent Frank Farry (R), 51% to 49%.
- SD 16 (Bucks/Lehigh): Mark Pinsley (D) defeated incumbent Jarrett Coleman (R), 51% to 49%.
- SD 24 (Berks/Montgomery): Chris Thomas (D) defeated incumbent Tracey Pennycuick (R), 54% to 44%.
- SD 40 (Lackawanna/Monroe/Wayne): Brian Wrightson (D) defeated incumbent Rosemary Brown (R), 51% to 49%.
- SD 46 (Beaver/Washington): Incumbent candidate Camera Bartolotta (R) defeated challenger Jodi Borello (I), 56% to 44%.

Republican Targets:
- SD 36 (Lancaster): Tom Jones (R) reclaimed the seat for Republicans, defeating incumbent James Malone (D), 54% to 46%.
- SD 14 (Lehigh/Northampton): Incumbent Nick Miller (D) defeated challenger Omy Maldonado (R), 62% to 38%.
- SD 38 (Allegheny): Incumbent Lindsey Williams (D) defeated challenger Thomas West (R), 63% to 36%.

Pennsylvania State House
All 203 House seats were on the ballot. While Democrats entered the election with a razor-thin majority of 103–100, Democrats will expand their majority in the House, projected at 113–90.

Incumbent Seats Flipped from Republican to Democrat:
HD 18 (Bucks): Incumbent Kathleen Tomlinson (R) was defeated by Bryan Allen (D), 55% to 45%.
HD 44 (Allegheny): Incumbent Valerie Gaydos (R) was defeated by Hadley Haas (D), 53% to 47%.
HD 137 (Northampton): Incumbent Joe Emrick (R) was defeated by Jeff Warren (D), 54% to 46%.
HD 142 (Bucks): Incumbent Joe Hogan (R) was defeated by Kristin Egan (D), 53% to 47%.
HD 160 (Chester/Delaware): Incumbent Craig Williams (R) was defeated by Elizabeth Moro (D), 55% to 45%.
HD 13 (Chester): Incumbent John Lawrence (R) was defeated by Madelyn Alvarino (D), 51% to 49%.
HD 131 (Montgomery/Lehigh/Northampton): Incumbent Milou Mackenzie (R) was defeated by Meriam Sabih (D), 51% to 49%.
HD 143 (Bucks): Incumbent Shelby Labs (R) was defeated by Tim Hayes (D), 49% to 48%.
HD 187 (Lehigh): Incumbent Gary Day (R) was defeated by Rachel Cuevas (D), 51% to 49%.
HD 147 (Montgomery) Incumbent Donna Scheuren (R) was defeated by Margaret Burke (D), 50% to 49%.

Incumbent Seats Flipped from Democrat to Republican:
HD 12 (Butler): Incumbent Brandon Dukes (D) was defeated by Scott Tinko (R), 51% to 49%.

Retiring Members and Primary Defeats
New members will join the House in January because of retirements and primary defeats:
- The following Representatives have retired, and their seats will be filled with a newly elected official:

Democratic Retirees –
HD 45 (Kulik retired): Brittany Bloam (D) defeated James Julius (R), 60% to 40%.
HD 121 (Pashinski retired): Jessica McClay (D) defeated Mike Harostock (R), 58% to 42%.
HD 148 (Daley retired): Megan Griffin-Shelly (D) ran unopposed.
HD 200 (Rabb retired): Chris Johnson (D) ran unopposed.

Republican Retirees –
HD 88 (Delozier retired): Sara Agerton (D) flipped the seat, defeating Jeff Clark (R), 57% to 43%.
HD 98 (Jones ran for State Senate): Nicky Woods (R) defeated Hugh Darlington (D), 54% to 40%.
HD 100 (Cutler retired): Dave Nissley (R) defeated Dale Hamby (I), 67% to 33%.
HD 130 (Maloney retired): Melissa Brewer (R) defeated Erik Bonnett (D), 58% to 42%.

Incumbents Defeated in the Primary:
HD 22 (Lehigh): Cece Gerlach (D) defeated democratic incumbent Ana Tiburcio in the spring primary and went on to win the general election, defeating Robert Smith (R), 70% to 30%.
HD 166 (Delaware): Judy Trombetta (D) defeated democratic incumbent Greg Vitali in the spring primary and went on to win the general election, defeating Joe Walker (R), 68% to 32%.
HD 195 (Philadelphia): Sierra McNeil (D) defeated democratic incumbent Keith Harris in the spring primary and went on to win the general election. She was unopposed.
HD 50 (Greene/Washington): Ben Humble (R) defeated republican incumbent Bud Cook in the spring primary and went on to win the general election, defeating Lois Bower (D), 62% to 38%.

United States Congress

Party Holds:
2nd Congressional District: Incumbent Brendan Boyle (D) defeated Jessica Arriaga (R), 81% to 19%.
3rd Congressional District: Chris Rabb (D) defeated Dennis Mahoney (I), 94% to 6%.
4th Congressional District: Incumbent Madeleine Dean (D) defeated Aurora Stuski (R), 67% to 33%.
5th Congressional District: Incumbent Mary Gay Scanlon (D) defeated Nick Manganaro (R), 72% to 23%.
6th Congressional District: Incumbent Chrissy Houlahan (D) defeated Marty Young (R), 64% to 36%.
9th Congressional District: Incumbent Dan Mauser (R) defeated Rachel Wallace (D), 62% to 38%.
11th Congressional District: Incumbent Lloyd Smucker (R) defeated Nancy Mannion (D), 56% to 44%.
12th Congressional District: Incumbent Summer Lee (D) defeated James Hayes (R), 65% to 35%.
13th Congressional District: Incumbent John Joyce (R) defeated Beth Farnham (D), 68% to 32%.
14th Congressional District: Incumbent Guy Reschenthaler (R) defeated Alan Bradstock (D), 58% to 42%.
15th Congressional District: Incumbent Glenn GT Thompson (R) defeated Ray Bilger (D), 64% to 36%.
16th Congressional District: Incumbent Mike Kelly (R) defeated Justin Wagner (D), 54% to 46%.
17th Congressional District: Incumbent Chris Deluzio (D) defeated Tony Guy (R), 63% to 37%.

Party Flips:
1st Congressional District: Bob Harvie (D) defeated incumbent Brian Fitzpatrick (R), 53% to 47%.
7th Congressional District: Bob Brooks (D) defeated incumbent Ryan Mackenzie (R), 56% to 43%.
10th Congressional District: Janelle Stelson (D) defeated incumbent Scott Perry (R), 55% to 45%.
8th Congressional District: Paige Cognetti (D) defeated incumbent Rob Brensnahan (R), 54% to 46%.

With the general election over, focus shifts to legislative leadership elections, which are scheduled November 9-10 in the House, and November 17–18 in the Senate. Leaders will determine committee chairs and legislative priorities for the 2027–2028 legislative session, so we will be following these elections closely and will reach out to discuss any changes that affect your priorities.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to any Buchanan team member with questions.