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TENNESSEE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2016

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry Morning after Report: 2016 General Election Results

In 2016, Tennessee's state political races were defined by the coattails of Republican President-elect Donald Trump. Through the election, polling consistently showed the Volunteer state favoring Donald Trump. The end results showed even stronger support for President-elect Trump spilling into state legislative races driving even larger Republican supermajorities in both the Tennessee House and Senate. Similar to the nation as a whole, voter turnout in Tennessee was substantial, breaking prior records set in 2008 with over 2.4 million votes cast. Tennessee's total population is 6.5 million. In addition, early voting surpassed the previous record set in 2008 with over 1.6 million votes. Below are the preliminary election results from Tennessee.

It is important to note that this election cycle sets up a very interesting 2018 Tennessee election with an open gubernatorial seat and a U.S. Senate seat held currently by Senator Bob Corker up for re-election. A number of state legislators, congressional members, and business leaders are rumored to be eyeing 2018 gubernatorial runs.

President: Tennesseans delivered all 11 of the state's electoral votes to Donald Trump who received just over 61% of support compared to approximately 35% for Hillary Clinton. The vote margin in many counties produced landslide margins. In 75 of Tennessee's 95 counties the vote total for Trump exceeded 70%. Wayne County in rural southern middle Tennessee voted for Trump with 86.17% support.

U.S. House of Representatives: Republicans maintain a 7-2 advantage over Democrats in Tennessee's nine U.S. House seats. All incumbents cruised to victory and in Tennessee's 8th congressional district newly elected Republican David Kustoff was selected to replace the retiring Rep. Stephen Fincher (R). The bigger story in the U.S. House is the possibility of changes in Republican leadership that could boost a number of Tennessee's congressional delegation to more substantial roles in both committee and leadership positions.

Tennessee State Senate: For 2017-18, the 33 member Tennessee State Senate will remain unchanged with Republicans retaining their 28 seat supermajority and Democrats remaining at five seats. Despite half of the 33 State Senate seats being up for reelection this year only one race drew considerable attention. Senate district 20, which encompasses parts of Nashville, was the Democrats best opportunity to make a strong showing. Incumbent Republican Senator Dr. Steve Dickerson cruised to victory over opponent Erin Coleman by a margin of 56% to 44%. The retirement of Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey will be the real story of the upcoming State Senate, shuffling the leadership in the Republican Caucus. Most insiders expect long time Senate Finance committee chair Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) will ascend to Tennessee's second highest ranking position. A number of other changes will happen as well with Senate members eyeing opportunities for committee chair and leadership positions. Formal leadership elections and committee appointments will take place in January.

Tennessee House of Representatives: In the 99 member House, Republicans increased their supermajority to 74 seats from 73. Republicans gained two seats and lost one. Gains came from the defeat of Democrat Kevin Dunlap in House District 43 who fell to Republican Paul Sherrell by a margin of 53% to 46% and House District 69, where Michael Curcio won handily to replace the retiring Democrat Rep. David Shepherd. Republican Steve McManus lost to Democrat Dwayne Thompson by 351 votes in District 96 in Shelby county. Speaker Beth Harwell cruised to reelection overcoming a challenge from Democrat Chris Moth by a margin of 58% to 42%. Once the election dust settles, the House will convene their respective caucuses to select a number of important leadership positions. For the Republicans, recent leadership announcements means that caucus elections will be closely watched as Republican House members position themselves for important committee and leadership positions. Rep. Jimmy Matlock has announced he will challenge current House Speaker Beth Harwell and the opening of the House Majority position following the recent announcement by Rep. Gerald McCormick that he will not seek the post in 2017 will no doubt result in a number of ripple effects in committee appointments, chair positions and leadership changes.

Winners highlighted with party's respective color
***Bold text indicates newly elected member**

President of the United States		
Tennessee	Republican	Democrat
	Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
District	Republican	Democrat
1	Phil Roe	Alan Bohms
2	John J. Duncan, Jr.	Stuart Starr
3	Chuck Fleischmann	Melody Shekari
4	Scott DesJarlais	Steven Reynolds
5	Stacy Ries Synder	Jim Cooper
6	Diane Black	David W. Kent
7	Marsha Blackburn	Tharon Chandler
8	David Kustoff	Rickey Hobson
9	Wayne Alberson	Steve Cohen

TENNESSEE SENATE		
District	Republican	Democrat
2	Doug Overbey, Maryville	
4	Jon Lundberg, Bristol	
6	Becky Duncan Massey, Knoxville	
8	Frank Niceley, Strawberry Plains	

10	Todd Gardenhire, Chattanooga	Khristy Wilkinson, Chattanooga
12	Ken Yager, Kingston	
14	Bill Tracy, Shelbyville	Gayle Jordon, Murfreesboro
16	Janice Bowling, Tullahoma	Mike Winton, Manchester
18	Ferrell Haile, Gallatin	
20	Steven Reid Dickerson, Nashville	Erin Coleman, Nashville
22	Mark E. Green, Clarksville	David Cutting, Clarksville
24	John D. Stevens, Huntingdon	
26	Dolores Gresham, Somerville	
28	Joey Hensley, Hohenwald	Joey Norman, Columbia
30		Sara P. Kyle, Memphis
32	Mark Norris, Collierville	

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	Republican	Democrat
1	John Crawford , Kingsport	
2	Bud Hulseley, Kingsport	J.S. Moore, Kingsport
3	Timothy Hill, Blountville	
4	John B. Holsclaw, Jr., Johnson City	
5	David Hawk, Greeneville	
6	James (Micah) Van Huss, Gray	John Baker, Johnson City
7	Matthew Hill, Jonesborough	Nancy Fischman, Johnson City
8	Art Swann, Maryville	
9	Gary W. Hicks Jr., Rogersville	
10	Tilman Goins, Morristown	
11	Jeremy Faison, Cosby	Marjorie Ramsey, Newport
12	Dale Carr, Sevierville	
13	Eddie Smith, Knoxville	Gloria Johnson, Knoxville
14	Jason Zachary, Knoxville	Scott Hacker, Knoxville
15		Rick Staples , Knoxville
16	Bill Dunn, Knoxville	
17	Andrew E. Farmer, Sevierville	
18	Martin Daniel, Knoxville	Brandi Price, Knoxville
19	Harry Brooks, Knoxville	
20	Bob Ramsey, Maryville	
21	Jimmy Matlock, Lenoir City	Pamela O. Weston, Sweetwater
22	Dan Howell, Georgetown	Anna Miller Grabowski, Ten Mile
23	John W. Fogerty, Athens	
24	Kevin Brooks, Cleveland	
25	Cameron Sexton, Crossville	Judy Barnett, Crossville
26	Gerald McCormick, Hixson	
27	Patsy Hazlewood, Signal Mountain	Steve Gordon, Chattanooga
28		Joanne Favors, Chattanooga
29	Mike Carter, Ooltewah	

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30	Marc Gravitt, East Ridge	Katie R. Cowley, Ooltewah
31	Ron Travis, Dayton	
32	Kent Calfee, Kingston	Corey Stafford, Harriman
33	John D. Ragan, Oak Ridge	Michael McKamey, Oak Ridge
34	Tim Rudd, Murfreesboro	Laura Bohling, Christiana
35	Jerry Sexton, Bean Station	
36	Dennis Powers, Jacksboro	Bob Fannon, LaFollette
37	Dawn White, Murfreesboro	Becky Goff, Murfreesboro
38	Kelly T. Keisling, Byrdstown	F. Mike Campbell, Lafayette
39	David Alexander, Winchester	Nancy Silvertooth, Winchester
40	Terri Lynn Weaver, Lancaster	Gayla Colvert Hendrix, Smithville
41	Ed Butler, Cookeville	John Mark Windle, Livingston
42	Ryan Williams, Cookeville	Amos Scott Powers, Cookeville
43	Paul Sherrell, Sparta	Kevin Dunlap, Rock Island
44	William G. Lamberth, Cottontown	Lloyd Dunn, Portland
45	Courtney Rogers, Goodlettsville	
46	Mark A. Pody, Lebanon	Amelia Morrison Hipps, Lebanon
47	Judd Matheny, Tullahoma	
48	Bryan Terry, Murfreesboro	Justin T. Miller, Murfreesboro
49	Mike Sparks, Smyrna	Brandon Thomas, Murfreesboro
50	Nathan Massey, Whites Creek	Bo Mitchell, Nashville
51		Bill Beck, Nashville
52		Mike Stewart, Nashville
53	Davette Blalock, Nashville	Jason Powell, Nashville
54		Brenda Gilmore, Nashville
55		John Ray Clemmons, Nashville
56	Beth Harwell, Nashville	Chris Moth, Nashville
57	Susan Lynn, Lebanon	Trisha Farmer, Mt. Juliet
58		Harold M. Love, Nashville
59		Sherry Jones, Nashville
60	Steve Glover, Hermitage	Darren Jernigan, Old Hickory
61	Charles Sargent, Franklin	
62	Pat Marsh, Shelbyville	Sharon Kay Edwards, Shelbyville
63	Glen Casada, Thompson's Station	Courtenay Rogers, Franklin
64	Shelia Butt, Columbia	
65	Sam Whitson, Franklin	Holly McCall, Franklin
66	Sabi (Doc) Kumar, Springfield	Larry Proffitt, Greenbrier
67		Joe Pitts, Clarksville
68	Curtis Johnson, Clarksville	
69	Michael G. Curcio, Dickson	Dustin Evans, Dickson
70	Barry Doss, Leoma	Calvin Moore, West Point
71	David "Coach" Byrd, Waynesboro	

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72	Steve McDaniel, Parkers Crossroads	
73	Jimmy Eldridge, Jackson	
74	Jay D. Reedy, Erin	Andy Porch, Waverly
75	Timothy Wirgau, Buchanan	Daniel Powell, Cottagge Grove
76	Andy Holt, Dresden	Angela Callis, Martin
77	Bill Sanderson, Kenton	
78	Mary Littleton, Dickson	Travis S. Staten, Dickson
79	Curtis Halford, Dyer	
80		Johnny Shaw, Bolivar
81	Debra Moody, Covington	Deborah Reed, Munford
82	Andy Cole, Alamo	Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley
83	Mark White, Memphis	Lawrence A. Pivnick, Memphis
84		Joe Towns, Memphis
85		Johnnie R. Turner, Memphis
86		Barbara Cooper, Memphis
87		Karen Camper, Memphis
88		Larry Miller, Memphis
89	Roger Kane, Knoxville	Heather C. Hensley, Knoxville
90		John DeBerry, Memphis
91	Samuel (Sam) Watkins, Memphis	Raumesh A. Akbari, Memphis
92	Thomas Tillis , Lewisburg	Tamra King, Chapel Hill
93		Goffrey A. Hardway, Memphis
94	Ron Gant , Williston	Daniel Harris, Somerville
95	Mark Lovell , Eads	
96	Steve McManus, Cordova	Dwayne Thompson, Cordova
97	Jim Coley, Bartlett	
98		Antonio Parkinson, Memphis
99	Ron Lollar, Memphis	