

John Kasich Elected Next Ohio Governor

John Kasich has been elected the 69th Governor for the State of Ohio. Governor-elect Kasich and Mary Taylor, the Lieutenant Governor, will be sworn-in in January 2011. Governor-Elect Kasich will take office on Monday, January 10, 2011.

Governor - Elect Kasich has announced that Tim Keen will be appointed Director of the Office of Budget and Management; Beth Hansen will be his Chief of Staff; and Wayne Struble will be the Director of Policy in the Governor's Office.

O'Connor will become first female Supreme Court Chief Justice

Current Supreme Court Justice **Maureen O'Connor** will become the Chief Justice of the Court. Justice O'Connor beat Governor Strickland's appointee Eric Brown in the election. Also winning their elections were Justice **Judith Lanzinger** and Justice **Paul Pfeiffer**.

Governor Strickland is expected to appoint a new justice to fulfill the unexpired term of Justice O'Connor after she assumes the role of Chief Justice. She will assume her role on January 1, 2011. Many believe defeated Attorney General Richard Cordray, Eric Brown and Mary Jane Trapp will be considered for the appointment.

Portman Wins U. S. Senate Race

Republican **Rob Portman** defeated Lt. Governor Lee Fisher in the United State Senate race. Portman will replace Senator George Voinovich, who is retiring.

Democrats Lose in Congressional Races

Five incumbent Democrat members of Congress lost their seats to Republicans: Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy lost to **Steve Stivers (OH-15)**; Congressman Steve Driehaus lost to **Steve Chabot (OH-1)**; Congressman John Boccieri lost to **Jim Renacci (OH-16)**; Congressman Zack Space lost to Senator **Bob Gibbs (OH-18)**; and Congressman Charlie Wilson lost to **Bill Johnson (OH-6)**. Democrat incumbent **Betty Sutton (OH-13)** did win re-election over challenger Tom Ganley.

Ohio's Congressman John Boehner is likely to be elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in January, since a majority of its members will be Republican in January.

Other Congressional Districts:

OH 1 - Jean Schmidt (R-Cincinnati)	OH 9 - Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo)
OH 3 - Michael Turner (R-Dayton)	OH 10 - Dennis Kucinich (D-Cleveland)
OH 4 - Jim Jordan (R-Urbana)	OH 11- Marcia Fudge (D-Shaker Heights)
OH 5 - Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green)	OH 12 - Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus)
OH 7 - Steve Austria (R-Beavercreek)	OH 14 - Steve LaTourette (R-Painesville)
OH 8 - John Boehner (R- West Chester)	OH 17 - Tim Ryan (D-Youngstown)

Statewide Office Republican Sweep

The election brought a sweep of Republicans into office. The Republican candidates in all the Statewide races won: State Senator **Jon Husted** defeated Maryellen O'Shaughnessy for Secretary of State; former Senator **Mike DeWine** defeated incumbent Richard Cordray in the Attorney General race; State Representative **Josh Mandel** beat incumbent Treasurer Kevin Boyce; and **Dave Yost** defeated David Pepper for the Auditor of State's set. All Statewide officials will take office on January 10, 2011.

This means the Republicans will control the Apportionment Board for the redrawing of districts in Ohio. The Apportionment Board consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Auditor, one Republican legislator chosen by the House and the Senate, and one Democrat legislator chosen by the House and the Senate. The drawing of district lines are done every ten years.

Ohio House Switches to Republican Control in January

The Republican sweep also changed the complexion of the Ohio House for 2011. Republicans will hold the majority with between 56 to 58 seats. Current House Democrat members losing their races were the following State Representatives: Linda Bolon; Matt Patten; Marian Harris; Brian Williams; Mike Moran; Steven Dyer; Mark Schneider; Ray Pryor; Joshua O'Farrell; and Deborah Newcomb. State Representative Connie Pillich of Cincinnati won by 5 votes and will be subject to a recount. There may be recounts in the Newcomb – Kozlowski race in the 99th House District and the Pillich - Wilson race in the 28th House District.

Although legislators' terms begin on January 1, 2011, the 129th Ohio General Assembly will convene on January 3, 2011.

House Republicans have picked Rep. William Batchelder (R-Medina) as speaker for the 129th General Assembly. Rep. Lou Blessing (R-Cincinnati) is speaker pro tem; Rep. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) is majority floor leader; Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania) is assistant majority floor leader; Rep. John Adams (R-Sydney) is the majority whip; and Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) is the assistant majority whip. A complete listing of election winners in the Ohio House of Representatives follows below.

HD 1- Rep. Linda Bolon (D-Columbiana)	HD 18- Mike Dovilla (R-Berea)
HD 2 - Andy Brenner (R-Powell)	HD 19- Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville)
HD 3 - Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster)	HD 20- Nancy Garland (D- New Albany)
HD 4 - Rep. Matt Huffman (R-Lima)	HD 21- Mike Duffy (R-Worthington)
HD 5 - Rep. Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster)	HD 22- Rep. John Patrick Carney (D-Clintonville)
HD 6 - Rep. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green)	HD 23- Cheryl Grossman (R- Grove City)
HD 7 - Rep. Kenny Yuko (D-Euclid)	HD 24- Rep. Ted Celeste (D-Columbus)
HD 8 - Rep.Armond Budish (D-Beachwood)	HD 25 - Michael Stinziano (D-Columbus)
HD 9 - Rep. Barbara Boyd (D-Cleveland)	HD 26 - Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard (D-Columbus)
HD 10 - Bill Patmon (D-Cleveland)	HD 27- Rep. W. Carlton Weddington (D-Columbus)
HD 11 - Rep. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland)	HD 28- Rep. Connie Pillich (D- Montgomery)
HD 12 - John Barnes, Jr. (D-Cleveland)	HD 29 - Rep. Louis Blessing (R-Cincinnati)
HD 13 - Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood)	HD 30 - Rep. Robert Mecklenborg (R-Cincinnati)
HD 14 - Rep. Mike Foley (D-Cleveland)	
HD 15 - Rep. Timothy DeGeeter (D-Parma)	
HD 16- Rep. Nan Baker (R-Westlake)	
HD 17- Marlene Anielski (R- Walton Hills)	

HD 31 - **Rep. Denise Driehaus** (D-Cincinnati)
 HD 32 - **Rep. Dale Mallory** (D-Cincinnati)
 HD 33 - **Alicia Reece** (D-Cincinnati)
 HD 34 - **Rep. Peter Stautberg** (R-Anderson Township)
 HD 35 - **Rep. Ron Maag** (R-Salem Township)
 HD 36 - **Michael Henne** (R-Clayton)
 HD 37 - **Rep. Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering)
 HD 38 - **Rep. Terrence Blair** (R-Dayton)
 HD 39 - **Rep. Clayton Luckie** (D-Dayton)
 HD 40 - **Rep. Roland Winburn** (D-Dayton)
 HD 41 - **Lynn Slaby** (R-Copley)
 HD 42 - **Rep. Mike Moran** (D-Hudson)
 HD 43 - **Todd McKenney** (R-New Franklin)
 HD 44 - **Rep. Vernon Sykes** (D-Akron)
 HD 45 - **Zdravko Milkovich** (D-Akron)
 HD 46 - **Rep. Barbara Sears** (R-Sylvania)
 HD 47 - **Sen. Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo)
 HD 48 - **Mike Ashford** (D-Toledo)
 HD 49 - **Rep. Matt Szollosi** (D-Oregon)
 HD 50 - **Rep. Todd Snitchler** (R-Uniontown)
 HD 51 - **Sen. Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton)
 HD 52 - **Rep. Stephen Slesnick** (D-Canton)
 HD 53 - **Rep. Tim Derickson** (R-Oxford)
 HD 54 - **Rep. Courtney Combs** (R-Fairfield)
 HD 55 - **Rep. Bill Coley** (R-Middletown)
 HD 56 - **Dan Ramos** (D-Lorain)
 HD 57 - **Rep. Matt Lundy** (D-Elyria)
 HD 58 - **Rep. Terry Boose** (R-Norwalk)
 HD 59 - **Rep. Ron Gerberry** (D-Austintown)
 HD 60 - **Rep. Robert Hagan** (D-Youngstown)
 HD 61 - **Rep. Mark Okey** (D-Carrollton)
 HD 62 - **Rep. Lorraine Fende** (D-Willowick)
 HD 63 - **Rep. Mark Schneider** (D-Mentor)
 HD 64 - **Rep. Tom Letson** (D-Warren)
 HD 65 - **Sean O'Brien** (D-Brookfield)
 HD 66 - **Rep. Joseph Uecker** (R-Loveland)
 HD 67 - **Rep. Peter Beck** (R-Mason)
 HD 68 - **Kathleen Clyde** (D-Kent)

HD 69 - **Rep. Bill Batchelder** (R-Medina)
 HD 70 - **Rep. Jarrod Martin** (R-Beavercreek)
 HD 71 - **Rep. Jay Hottinger** (R-Newark)
 HD 72 - **Rep. Ross McGregor** (R-Springfield)
 HD 73 - **Rep. Jay Goyal** (D-Lexington)
 HD 74 - **Rep. Bruce Goodwin** (R-Defiance)
 HD 75 - **Rep. Lynn Wachtmann** (R-Napoleon)
 HD 76 - **Rep. Clifford Hite** (R-Findlay)
 HD 77 - **Rep. James Zehringer** (R-Fort Recovery)
 HD 78 - **Rep. John Adams** (R-Sidney)
 HD 79 - **Rep. Richard Adams** (R-Troy)
 HD 80 - **Rep. Dennis Murray** (D-Sandusky)
 HD 81 - **Rex Damschroder** (R-Fremont)
 HD 82 - **Rep. Jeff McClain** (R-Upper Sandusky)
 HD 83 - **Rep. David Burke** (R-Marysville)
 HD 84 - **Rep. Bob Hackett** (R-London)
 HD 85 - **Bob Peterson** (R-Washington Courthouse)
 HD 86 - **Cliff Rosenberger** (R-Clarksville)
 HD 87 - **Sen. John Carey** (R-Wellston)
 HD 88 - **Rep. Danny Bubp** (R-West Union)
 HD 89 - **Terry Johnson, DO** (R-Portsmouth)
 HD 90 - **Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl** (R-Mount Vernon)
 HD 91 - **Rep. Dan Dodd** (D-Hebron)
 HD 92 - **Rep. Debbie Phillips** (D-Athens)
 HD 93 - **Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta)
 HD 94 - **Rep. Troy Balderson** (R-Zanesville)
 HD 95 - **Rep. Lou Gentile** (D-Steubenville)
 HD 96 - **Al Landis** (R-Dover) HD 97 - **Rep. David Hall** (R-Killbuck)
 HD 98 - **Sen. Timothy Grendell** (R-Chesterland)
 HD 99 - Casey Kozlowski (R-Ashtabula County) vs. **Rep. Deborah Newcomb** (D-Conneaut) – Race still undecided

Ohio Senate Republican Majority Increases

The Ohio Senate, currently controlled by the Republicans, increased the Republican dominance with two additional seats. In the **13th Senate District Gayle Manning** beat State Senator Sue Morano and in the **5th Senate District Bill Beagle** beat State Senator Fred Strahorn. The Senate Republicans will enjoy a 23 – 10 majority in January.

The winner of each district race is listed below.

SD 1 - **Sen. Steve Buehrer** (R-Delta)
SD 3- **Kevin Bacon** (R-Columbus)
SD 5 - **Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City)
SD 7 - **Sen. Shannon Jones** (R-Springboro)
SD 9 - **Sen. Eric Kearney** (D-Cincinnati)
SD 11 - **Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo)
SD 13- **Gayle Manning** (R- North Ridgeville)
SD 15 - **Charleta Tavares** (D-Columbus)

SD 17- **David Daniels** (R- Greenfield)
SD 19 - **Rep. Kris Jordan** (R-Powell)
SD 21 - **Sen. Shirley Smith** (D-Cleveland)
SD 23 - **Rep. Michael Skindell** (D-Cleveland)
SD 25 - **Sen. Nina Turner** (D-Cleveland)
SD 27- **Frank LaRose** (R- Akron)
SD 29 - **Rep. Scott Oelslager** (R-North Canton)
SD 31 - **Sen. Tim Schaffer** (R-Lancaster)
SD 33 - **Sen. Joe Schiavoni** (D-Canfield)

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