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Ohio Senate



District 3 – Rep. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Moves From the House to the Senate

Bacon moves from the Ohio House of Representatives to the Ohio Senate to replace the term-limited Sen. David Goodman. A Miami University graduate, Bacon is a practicing attorney and served as the ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee. He and his wife Melissa reside in Worthington with their three daughters.



District 5 – Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City)

Newcomer Defeated Incumbent Sen. Fred Strahorn

Beagle, a former Tipp City councilman and self-employed real estate investor, becomes the first Republican in decades to represent Dayton in the Ohio Senate. In addition to his real estate work, Beagle has been a stay-at-home dad for the past decade, raising three children with his wife, Karen. Beagle holds an undergraduate degree from Miami University and an MBA from Cleveland State.



District 6 – To Be Determined – Republican

Husted Will Leave the Senate to Become Secretary of State

A yet to be determined appointee will replace Secretary of State-elect Jon Husted in this district representing suburban Montgomery County.



District 11 – Rep. Edna Brown (D-Toledo)

Term Limits Forced Rep. Brown to Leave the Ohio House

Brown will replace Sen. Teresa Fedor, who is term-limited, in the Ohio Senate district representing Toledo. Brown chaired the Human Services Subcommittee during her time in the Ohio House of Representatives and has been elected minority whip in the Senate Democratic Caucus. In Toledo, Brown is a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.



District 13 – Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Defeated Incumbent Sen. Sue Morano

Manning will represent the district comprising Lorain, Huron and eastern Seneca counties in north central Ohio, parts of which were previously represented by her late husband, Jeffrey Manning, in the Ohio House of Representatives. Manning is a retired teacher and former member of the North Ridgeville Council. She holds degrees from Kent State and the University of Akron.



District 15 – Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus)

Former State Representative and Lt. Governor Candidate Will Join the Ohio Senate

Tavares replaces term-limited Sen. Ray Miller in the 15th district, representing much of the city of Columbus. Most recently, Tavares was a member of the Columbus City Council, chairing the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee. Tavares also serves as executive director of Multicultural Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC), and attended Spellman College in Atlanta.



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District 17 – Rep. Dave Daniels (R-Greenfield)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat Race

Daniels moves from the Ohio House, where he was term-limited, to the Ohio Senate, replacing Sen. John Carey, who is also term-limited. Daniels was the ranking member on the House State Government Committee, and previously served in various local government capacities, including Highland County Commissioner. He and his wife, Karen, have four children.



District 18 – To Be Determined – Republican

Grendell Will Leave the Senate for Ohio House Seat

A yet to be determined appointee will replace state Representative-elect Tim Grendell in this northeast Ohio district covering Geauga, Lake and eastern reaches of Cuyahoga counties.



District 19 – Rep. Kris Jordan (R-Powell)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat Race

Jordan moves from the Ohio House to the Ohio Senate, replacing outgoing Senate President Bill Harris, who is term-limited. Jordan served on various committees during his term in the Ohio House of Representatives, including Insurance and Financial Institutions. Jordan, an Ohio State graduate, previously served as a Delaware County Commissioner. He and his wife, Melissa, reside in Powell.



District 22 – To Be Determined – Republican

Gibbs Will Leave the State Senate to Join the United States Congress

A yet to be determined appointee will replace U.S. Representative-elect Bob Gibbs in this northeast Ohio district covering Holmes, Wayne, Medina and portions of Ashland counties.



District 23 – Rep. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood)

Term Limits Forced Rep. Skindell to Leave the Ohio House

Skindell was elected to replace Sen. Dale Miller, who was elected to the inaugural Cuyahoga County Council, in this district representing western Cleveland suburbs and Lakewood. Skindell was vice-chair of the Consumer Affairs and Economic Protection Committee in the Ohio House. An attorney, Skindell practices with the firm of Friedman, Domiano & Smith.



District 27 – Frank LaRose (R-Fairlawn)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat in Summit County

LaRose was elected to replace Sen. Kevin Coughlin, who was prohibited from running again by term limits. This is the first elected office held by LaRose, a U.S. Army veteran who served for 10 years and earned the Bronze Star for his Special Operations service as a Sergeant First Class in Iraq. LaRose, an Ohio State graduate, and his wife, Lauren, reside in Fairlawn.



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District 29 – Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton)

Term-Limited in the Ohio House, Oelslager Returns to the Senate

Oelslager will trade places with Sen. Kirk Schuring, who is also term limited, as Schuring heads back to the House and Oelslager heads back to the Senate. Prior to his eight years in the Ohio House, Oelslager served 17 years in the Ohio Senate. In the House, Oelslager was the ranking member on the Civil and Commercial Law Committee. He is a graduate of Mount Union College and Capital Law.

Ohio House of Representatives



District 1 – Craig Newbold (R-East Liverpool)

Retired Business Owner Defeated Incumbent Rep. Linda Bolon

Newbold will represent Columbiana County in the 129th General Assembly. He founded two IT professional services companies, the first of which grew to over 1,000 employees in seven states. Although officially retired, Newbold operates a no cost technology school and IT company in East Liverpool, where he resides with his wife, Rose.



District 2 – Andrew Brenner (R-Powell)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat Race

Brenner replaces Senator-elect Kris Jordan, who moves from the Ohio House to the Senate in January. Brenner's district represents Delaware County, where he most recently served as county recorder. Brenner is a central Ohio native and graduate of The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Sara Marie, reside in Powell.



District 10 – Bill Patmon (D-Cleveland)

Former Cleveland City Councilman Won Three-way Primary Election

Patmon defeated appointed incumbent Rep. Robin Belcher and another candidate in a three-way primary election and subsequently ran unopposed in the general election. Patmon ran unsuccessfully for Cleveland mayor in 2005 and 2009 after serving on Cleveland City Council from 1990-2001. During his final two years on council, Patmon chaired the Finance Committee.



District 12 – John Barnes (D-Cleveland)

Former State Representative Won a Crowded Primary Field

Barnes represented the 12th district from 1999-2002. He replaces Rep. Michael DeBose, who is term-limited. Barnes won the Democratic primary in the spring by beating out four other candidates. He was unopposed in the general election. Barnes is the managing director of The Diplomacy Group and sits on the board of trustees of Chancellor University.



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District 13 – Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood)

Member of Lakewood City Council Won Primary, Uncontested General Elections

Antonio replaces term-limited Rep. Michael Skindell, who was elected to the Ohio Senate. Antonio was first elected to the Lakewood City Council in 2005. On council, she chaired the Health and Human Services and Economic Development committees. She holds a bachelors degree and MPA from Cleveland State. Antonio and her partner Jean Kosmac reside in Lakewood.



District 17 – Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Won Open Seat

Anielski replaces Rep. Josh Mandel, who was elected Treasurer of State. Anielski served as mayor of Walton Hills in suburban Cuyahoga County for ten years, where she also served as safety director. Anielski handily won a three-way general election bid that included a Libertarian candidate. Anielski holds a bachelors degree from University of Akron and an MBA from Cleveland State.



District 18– Mike Dovilla (R-Berea)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Matt Patten

Dovilla defeated Rep. Matt Patten to become the new representative for southwestern Cuyahoga County, including Berea. Dovilla is a veteran of the U.S. Navy who was deployed to Combined Joint Task Force Troy in Baghdad in 2007-2008. Stateside, Dovilla is a small business owner, operating a consulting firm. He is a Baldwin Wallace grad, and also holds an MPA from American University.



District 19– Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Marian Harris

Gonzales defeated Rep. Marian Harris to become the new representative for eastern Franklin County, including Westerville and parts of Columbus. Previously, Gonzales served on the Westerville City Council and as Westerville mayor. Gonzales holds a bachelors degree in psychology from Otterbein. She and her husband, John, have three children.



District 21– Mike Duffey (R-Worthington)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Duffey will succeed Rep. Kevin Bacon who was elected to the Ohio Senate. Previously, Duffey served on the Worthington City Council, where he was elected in 2005 and 2009. Duffey worked as a reporter and editor for Hannah News Service covering the Ohio Legislature from 2001-2003. A University of Michigan graduate, Duffey and his wife, Lindsay, have a young son, Jack.



District 25– Michael Stinziano (D-Columbus)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Stinziano was unopposed in his bid to replace term-limited Rep. Dan Stewart. He served as director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, and is a native of the 25th district, much of which his father represented in the Ohio House for 22 years. Stinziano holds a BA from Richmond, an MPA from George Washington and a JD from Ohio State. He and his wife, Caroline, live in Victorian Village.



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District 36– Mike Henne (R-Clayton)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Henne will replace Rep. Seth Morgan, who could not seek re-election to the Ohio House when he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for State Auditor. Henne co-owns Boord-Henne Insurance Agency with his brother, Steve. A father of three college aged children and one in high school, Henne is active in community sports and officiates high school soccer. He is a Miami alum.



District 41– Lynn Slaby (R-Copley)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Brian Williams

Slaby defeated incumbent Rep. Brian Williams and a Libertarian candidate in the race to represent northwest Summit County in the Ohio House. Slaby previously served as Summit County Prosecutor and on the Ninth District Court of Appeals with Speaker-elect Bill Batchelder. Slaby's wife, Marilyn, represented the district prior to Williams. He received his BA and JD from University of Akron.



District 42– Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Mike Moran

Roegner defeated incumbent Rep. Mike Moran for the right to represent northeastern Summit County, including Hudson. Roegner served on Hudson City Council from 2005 until her election to the Ohio House. Her professional experience includes work for Westinghouse and she holds degrees from Tufts and the Wharton School of Business. She and her husband have three children.



District 43– Todd McKenney (R-Akron)

Newcomer Defeated Incumbent Rep. Stephen Dyer

McKenney defeated incumbent Rep. Stephen Dyer in a race to represent portions of Summit and Portage counties. McKenney previously served on the New Franklin City Council where he chaired the Safety Committee and was pastor at The Chapel. McKenney is an attorney. He graduated from Hiram College and received his JD from Ohio State. He and his wife, Bethany, have two children.



District 45– Zack Milkovich (D-Akron)

Newcomer Defeated Incumbent Rep. John Otterman in Primary Election

Milkovich will replace state Rep. John Otterman after defeating him in the Democratic primary in May. Milkovich went on to win the General Election as well. This is the first time Milkovich has held elected office. He attended the University of Akron and works as a contractor and real estate investor. Milkovich lives in Akron.



District 47– Sen. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo)

Term-limited Fedor Won Open House Seat Race

Fedor won the open seat race to replace Rep. Joe Walter, who did not seek reelection. Prior to being term-limited in the Ohio Senate, Fedor was the ranking member on the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. Fedor returns to the Ohio House where she previously served one term. She is an Air Force veteran and University of Toledo alumna.



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District 48– Michael Ashford (D-Toledo)

Newcomer will succeed term-limited Rep. Edna Brown

Ashford will replace term-limited Rep. Edna Brown, who was elected to the Ohio Senate. Ashford previously served on Toledo City Council, chairing the Utilities and Public Service Committee. Ashford is executive director of the Wayman D. Palmer YMCA. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. Ashford and his wife, Ruth, live in Toledo's Old West End.



District 51– Sen. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton)

Term-limited in the Senate, Schuring returns to the Ohio House

Schuring will trade places with Rep. Scott Oelslager, who is term-limited in the Ohio House, as Schuring returns to the House and Oelslager returns to the Senate. Prior to his eight years in the Senate, Schuring served eight years in the House. In the Senate, Schuring chaired the Agriculture Committee. Schuring attended Kent State University, and he and his wife have two children.



District 56– Daniel Ramos (D-Lorain)

Former Staffer Will Succeed Term-limited Rep. Joe Koziura

Ramos will represent western Lorain County, including the city of Lorain, as he replaces term-limited state Rep. Joe Koziura. Ramos previously worked as a policy analyst for former Speaker Armond Budish and as a legislative aide to Rep. Koziura. Additionally, Ramos previously worked as a field director for the Ohio Democratic Party and as political director to the House Democratic Caucus.



District 63– Ron Young (R-Leroy)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Mark Schneider

Young will again represent parts of Lake County in the Ohio House, as he did from 1997-2004. During his previous stint, Young chaired the Commerce and Labor Committee. Away from public service, Young is the founder and president of TES Inc., a high-tech job training and placement company. Young is a veteran of the U.S. Army and he and his wife, Kathleen, have five daughters.



District 65– Sean O'Brien (D-Brookfield)

Assistant Trumbull County Prosecutor Won Open Seat

O'Brien replaces term-limited state Rep. Sandra Stabile-Harwood in this district representing southern portions of Trumbull County in northeast Ohio. O'Brien is an assistant prosecutor in Trumbull County, focusing on criminal and domestic violence cases. O'Brien is the founder of the non-profit Trumbull County Community Foundation and is president of the Foundation for Change.



District 68– Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Clyde succeeds term-limited state Rep. Kathleen Chandler in this district representing most of Portage County in northeast Ohio. Clyde is a 2008 graduate of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and served as deputy legal counsel to former Speaker Budish. Clyde received her undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University in Connecticut.



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District 77 – To Be Determined – Republican

Zehringer Will Serve as Agriculture Director

A yet to be determined appointee will replace state Director of Agriculture-designee Jim Zehringer in this western Ohio district covering Preble, Mercer and portions of Darke counties.



District 81– Rex Damschroder (R-Fremont)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Damschroder returns to the Ohio House to succeed term-limited Rep. Jeff Wagner in this district representing Sandusky County and parts of Seneca and Ottawa counties. Damschroder previously represented the area in the Ohio House from 1995-2003, when term limits forced him to step aside. Damschroder and his wife, Rhonda, have two children and reside in Fremont.



District 85– Bob Peterson (R-Sabina)

Ohio Chamber Choice Candidate Defeated Incumbent Rep. Ray Pryor

Peterson will represent Fayette County and parts of Ross and Pickaway counties. Peterson previously served as a Fayette County Commissioner and as president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Peterson owns and operates his family farm with his brother and father, and he is an Ohio State University graduate. Peterson and his wife, Lisa, have three children.



District 86– Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Rosenberger replaces term-limited Rep. Dave Daniels in this seat representing Clinton, Highland and Pike counties. Daniels won a seat in the state Senate. Rosenberger is a veteran of the United States Air Force and member of the Ohio Air National Guard. Rosenberger accepted a position within The White House in 2007, prior to returning to his hometown of Clarksville.



District 87– Sen. John Carey (R-Wellston)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Returns to the House

Carey returns to the Ohio House where he began his legislative career in 1994. Carey won an open seat race to replace term-limited Rep. Clyde Evans, after Carey was term-limited in the Ohio Senate. Carey has been named vice chair of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, which he previously chaired. John and his wife, Lynley, have two sons.



District 89– Terry Johnson (R-McDermott)

Scioto County Coroner Won Open Seat

Johnson, a colonel in the Ohio National Guard who has completed three tours of duty, will represent Scioto County and portions of Lawrence and Adams counties after winning an open race to succeed term-limited Rep. Todd Book. Johnson is assistant dean of osteopathic medicine at Ohio University and he maintains a private practice in Lucasville. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children.



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District 91– Bill Hayes (R-Granville)

Attorney Defeated Incumbent Rep. Dan Dodd

Hayes bested incumbent state Rep. Dan Dodd to win in this district representing Perry County, Hocking County and portions of Licking and Pickaway counties. Hayes is the past law director of Pataskala and holds an undergraduate and JD from Capital University and a Masters from Ohio State. Hayes and his wife, Carolyn, have three adult children and six grandchildren.



District 93– Andy Thompson (R-Marietta)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Thompson will represent Guernsey, Noble, Monroe, Washington and part of Muskingum counties after winning an open race to replace Rep. Jennifer Garrison. Thompson is a small business owner, operating Bird Watcher's Digest in Marietta, and a previous member of Marietta City Council. Thompson attended Central College in Iowa. He and his wife, Jade, have three children.



District 95– Lou Gentile (D-Steubenville)

Ohio Chamber-endorsed Candidate Won Open Seat

Gentile defeated a crowded primary field before running unopposed in the general election in this district representing Jefferson and part of Belmont counties in eastern Ohio. He replaces term-limited state Rep. John Domenick. Gentile served in various capacities for former Congressman and Governor Ted Strickland, most recently in the Governor's Office of Appalachia. He is a WVU alum.



District 96– Allen Landis (R-Dover)

Newcomer Defeated Appointed Incumbent Rep. Joshua O'Farrell

Landis won what was essentially an open seat race, defeating recently appointed Rep. Josh O'Farrell after former Rep. Alan Sayre resigned. Landis is recently retired after 33 years employment with Greer Steel Company in Dover, where he served in numerous management and sales capacities. He and his wife, Debby, have two adult children and three grandchildren, with a fourth on the way.



District 98– Sen. Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland)

Grendell Will Leave the Senate to Return to the House

Grendell will return to the Ohio House, where his legislative career began, leaving an opening in the Senate. Grendell previously represented this district in Geauga County and parts of Lake and Cuyahoga counties from 2000-2004. In the Senate, Grendell chaired the Judiciary Criminal Justice Committee. He and his wife, Judge Diane Grendell, have two children.



District 99– Casey Kozlowski (R-Pierpont)

Newcomer Defeated Incumbent Rep. Deborah Newcomb

Kozlowski was an upset winner in Ohio's far northeastern corner, defeated Rep. Deborah Newcomb in the race to represent Ashtabula County and northern portions of Trumbull County. Kozlowski previously served as president of the Pymatuning Valley Board of Education. Away from public service, Kozlowski is business manager at Nassief Automotive Group.