



2018 General Election Outcomes for Kansas RPAC Supported Candidates

The 2018 Kansas General Election has concluded, and while the votes are still unofficial, on the whole, we have clear winners and losers.

Most notable, was the race for Kansas Governor, where State Senator Laura Kelly (D) defeated Secretary of State Kris Kobach by a 5-point margin. It will be the first time since 2010 that Kansas will have a Democratic administration, a marked shift from the previous Republican administrations of Brownback and Colyer and a sharp contrast to a Kobach administration. Kansas RPAC did not financially support or endorse a candidate for Governor in the Primary or General Elections.

Republicans swept the remaining statewide races. Derek Schmidt won re-election for the Attorney General. Jake LaTurner, who was appointed State Treasurer in the Spring of 2017, won a full term in office. State Senator Vicki Schmidt won her bid for Kansas Insurance Commissioner. Lastly, Representative Scott Schwab prevailed in the race for Secretary of State. Kansas RPAC provided financial support and endorsed Derek Schmidt, LaTurner and Schwab in both the Primary and General Elections. Kansas RPAC supported and endorsed Vicki Schmidt in the General Election.

For the Congressional races, National RPAC provided support to candidates in the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Kansas Congressional Districts. While Rep. Roger Marshall (R-Great Bend) and Rep. Ron Estes (R-Wichita) were successful in their re-election bids, incumbent Kevin Yoder (R-Overland Park) was defeated by Sharice Davids (D-Kansas City). Kansas RPAC did not support a candidate in the 2nd Congressional Race, which was won by Steve Watkins (R-Topeka) over Paul Davis (D-Lawrence). Contributions and endorsement to federal candidates are determined by National RPAC with the recommendation of Kansas RPAC.

For the state-level races, there was only one Kansas Senate seat up, which incumbent Senator Richard Hilderbrand (R-Galena) won by 14 points.

All 125 Kansas House Seats were up for election in 2018. Kansas RPAC provided financial support in 87 races and specific endorsements in 47 races. 81 of the 87 (93%) of the financially supported candidates won and 46 of the 47 (97%) of the endorsed candidates won in the General Election.

Going into election night, Republicans enjoyed a majority of 85 seats out of 125 in the Kansas House. While results are still unofficial, it appears that Republicans could pick up 1 additional seat. However, it is too early to tell how much, if any at all, the overall ideology of the Kansas House has changed. Currently, of the 85 Republicans, 44 are considered conservatives and 41 are moderates.

The conservative to moderate split in the House Republican caucus matters. Democrats and moderate Republicans can join together on legislation, as they have done in the past, to get the needed 63 votes for passage. Without threat of a veto, a Mod/Dem coalition in the House and a Democratic Governor is sure to have a significant mark on the legislation to come in the upcoming sessions.

That being said, the Kansas Senate, with the exception of one race, did not stand for election. Currently, there are 30 Republicans, 9 Democrats and 1 Independent. Any governing majority conservatives enjoy in the Senate is very thin. There will be three Kansas Senate seats that will need to be filled due to Sen. Kelly and Sen. Rogers winning the Governor/Lt. Governor race and Sen. Vicki Schmidt winning the race for Insurance Commissioner. Local party members will select their replacements.

Every election brings new faces and politics itself maintains a healthy dose of uncertainty. Regardless, thanks to the investments by Kansas REALTORS® in RPAC, we are able to build and maintain positive relationships with our elected officials. Legislation impacting the real estate industry and private property rights will inevitably be before the Kansas Legislature this next session and every thereafter. RPAC helps REALTORS® ensure their voice is heard and respected when the REALTOR® voice is needed.

Below is a full list of the candidates financially supported and endorsed by RPAC during the 2018 General Election in Kansas. Incumbents are in **bold**. Election results are still unofficial.

District Number/ Office	CANDIDATE NAME	CITY	2015-2018 VOTING RECORD	GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTION	ENDORSED BY KS RPAC?
HD 1	Michael Houser - R	Columbus	100%	\$500	YES
HD 4	Trevor Jacobs - R	Fort Scott	100%	\$500	YES
HD 5	Mark Samsel - R	Wellsville	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 6	Jene Vickrey - R	Louisburg	100%	\$500	YES
HD 7	Richard Proehl - R	Parsons	100%	\$500	YES
HD 8	Chris Croft - R	Overland Park	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 9	Kent Thompson - R	LaHarpe	100%	\$500	YES
HD 10	Eileen Horn - D	Lawrence	0%	\$500	NO
HD 11	Jim Kelly - R	Independence	100%	\$500	YES
HD 12	Doug Blex - R	Independence	100%	\$500	YES
HD 13	Larry Hibbard - R	Toronto	81%	\$500	NO
HD 14	Angela Justus Schweller - D Def. by Charlotte Esau - R	Olathe	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 15	John Toplikar - R	Olathe	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 16	Cindy Holscher - D	Overland Park	100%	\$500	YES
HD 17	Tom Cox - R	Shawnee	50%	\$500	NO
HD 20	Jan Kessinger - R	Overland Park	50%	\$500	NO
HD 21	Jerry Stogsdill - D	Prairie Village	50%	\$500	NO
HD 22	Nancy Lusk - D	Overland Park	65%	\$500	NO
HD 27	Sean Tarwater - R	Stilwell	100%	\$500	YES
HD 28	Kellie Warren - R	Leawood	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 29	James Todd - R Def. by Brett Parker	Overland Park	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 30	Wendy Bingesser - R def. by Bandon Woodard - D	Olathe	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 38	Willie Dove - R	Bonner Springs	100%	\$500	YES

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HD 39	Owen Donohoe - R	Shawnee	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 43	Bill Sutton - R	Gardner	100%	\$500	YES
HD 45	Cynthia Smith - R Def. by Mike Amyx	Lawrence	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 47	Ronald Ellis - R	Meriden	100%	\$500	YES
HD 48	Abraham Rafie - R Def. by David Benson - D	Overland Park	100%	\$500	YES
HD 49	Megan Lynn - R	Olathe	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 50	Fred Patton - R	Topeka	85%	\$500	NO
HD 51	Ron Highland - R	Wamego	100%	\$500	YES
HD 52	Brenda Dietrich - R	Topeka	50%	\$500	NO
HD 53	Jim Gartner - D	Topeka	50%	\$500	NO
HD 54	Ken Corbet - R	Topeka	100%	\$500	YES
HD 58	Vic Miller - D	Topeka	50%	\$500	NO
HD 59	Blaine Finch - R	Ottawa	85%	\$500	NO
HD 60	Mark Schreiber - R	Emporia	100%	\$500	YES
HD 61	Francis Awerkamp - R	St. Marys	100%	\$500	YES
HD 62	Randy Garber - R	Sabetha	100%	\$500	YES
HD 63	John Eplee - R	Atchison	100%	\$500	YES
HD 64	Susan "Suzi" L. Carlson - R	Clay Center	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 65	Lonnie Clark - R	Junction City	100%	\$500	YES
HD 67	Tom Phillips - R	Manhattan	76%	\$125	NO
HD 68	Dave Baker - R	Council Grove	50%	\$500	NO
HD 69	J.R. Claeys - R	Salina	100%	\$500	YES
HD 70	John Barker - R	Abilene	100%	\$500	YES
HD 73	Les Mason - R	McPherson	100%	\$500	YES
HD 74	Stephen Owens - R	Hesston	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 75	Will Carpenter - R	El Dorado	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 76	Eric Smith - R	Burlington	100%	\$500	YES
HD 77	Kristey Williams - R	Augusta	100%	\$500	YES
HD 78	Ron Ryckman, Jr. - R	Olathe	100%	\$500	YES
HD 79	Ed Trimmer - D Def. by Cheryl Helmer - R	Winfield	76%	\$125	NO
HD 80	Bill Rhiley - R	Wellington	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 81	Blake Carpenter - R	Derby	100%	\$500	YES
HD 82	Jesse Burris - R	Mulvane	100%	\$500	YES
HD 83	Henry Helgersen - D	Wichita	100%	\$500	YES
HD 87	Renee Erickson - R	Wichita	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 90	Steve Huebert - R	Valley Center	100%	\$500	YES
HD 91	Emil Bergquist - R	Park City	100%	\$500	YES
HD 92	John Carmichael - D	Wichita	65%	\$500	NO
HD 93	J.C. Moore - R	Clearwater	N/A	\$500	NO

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HD 94	Leo Delperdang - R	Wichita	100%	\$500	YES
HD 95	Tom Sawyer - D	Wichita	80%	\$500	NO
HD 96	Brandon Whipple - D	Wichita	76%	\$125	NO
HD 99	Susan Humphries - R	Andover	100%	\$500	YES
HD 100	Dan Hawkins - R	Wichita	100%	\$500	YES
HD 101	Joe Seiwert - R	Pretty Prairie	100%	\$500	YES
HD 105	Brenda Landwehr - R	Wichita	100%	\$500	YES
HD 106	Bill Pannbacker - R	Washington	N/A	\$500	NO
HD 107	Susan Concannon - R	Beloit	85%	\$500	NO
HD 108	Steven Johnson - R	Assaria	100%	\$500	YES
HD 109	Troy Waymaster - R	Bunker Hill	100%	\$500	YES
HD 110	Ken Rahjes - R	Agra	100%	\$500	YES
HD 111	Barbara Wasinger - R	Hays	N/A	\$500	YES
HD 112	Tory Marie Arnberger - R	Great Bend	100%	\$500	YES
HD 113	Greg Lewis - R	St. John	74%	\$125	NO
HD 114	Jack Thimesch - R	Spivey	100%	\$500	YES
HD 115	Boyd Orr - R	Fowler	50%	\$500	NO
HD 116	Kyle Hoffman - R	Coldwater	100%	\$500	YES
HD 117	Leonard Mastroni - R	LaCrosse	100%	\$500	YES
HD 118	Don Hineman - R	Dighton	85%	\$500	NO
HD 119	Bradley Ralph - R	Dodge City	100%	\$500	YES
HD 120	Adam Smith - R	Weskan	100%	\$500	YES
HD 121	John Resman - R	Olathe	100%	\$500	YES
HD 122	Russ Jennings - R	Lakin	85%	\$500	NO
HD 125	Shannon Francis - R	Liberal	84%	\$500	NO
SD 13	Richard Hilderbrand - R	Galena	100%	\$1,000	YES
Attorney General	Derek Schmidt - R	Independence	N/A	\$2,000.00	YES
Insurance Commissioner	Vicki Schmidt – R	Topeka	N/A	\$2,000.00	YES
Secretary of State	Scott Schwab – R	Olathe	N/A	\$2,000.00	YES
Treasurer	Jake LaTurner – R	Topeka	N/A	\$2,000.00	YES
First Congressional District	Rep. Roger Marshall - R	Great Bend	N/A	\$3,000	YES
Fourth Congressional District	Rep. Ron Estes. - R	Wichita	N/A	\$3,000	YES
Third Congressional District	Rep. Kevin Yoder - R Defeated by Sharice Davids - D	Overland Park	N/A	\$3,000	YES