



2018 Election Summary

There may be only one thing that everyone can agree on after these mid-term elections, THANKFULLY THEY ARE OVER! Here in Colorado the Democrats picked up the trifecta, by winning the Governor's race and having the Majority in Both Chambers in the General Assembly.

In Congress, the US House of Representatives had a large shift in-favor of the Democrats, giving them the majority. As for the US Senate, the Republicans were able to keep their majority. Colorado had one seat flip, District 6 where Jason Crow, a Democrat, beat incumbent Representative Mike Coffman.

The governor's race once again was one of the most watched races around the country. Congressman Jared Polis (D), now Governor-Elect Polis, received almost 7% more votes than challenger Walker Stapleton. The mudslinging was at an all time high for this election as well as the money. Governor Polis, self-financed, spent a whopping \$23 million and Stapleton was playing catch-up the entire time. Adding to the national coverage, Governor Hickenlooper has been throwing around the idea that he will be making a run at President in 2020.

With Governor Polis taking over, we could see new appointees with-in all executive agencies as well as staff. We will keep you updated along the way on who the Governor's appointees will be. There will be a series of regimen changes that will happen from now until the start of the session, so look for updates.

Colorado House Analysis

The Democrats, whom already had a firm hold on the majority, were able to pick up 5 more seats giving them a 41-24 advantage. 2 surprise loses for the Republicans were, Assistant Minority Leader Representative Cole Wist of HD37 in Arapahoe County and Steve Szutenbach of HD25 in Jefferson County. There were many close races in the House that took more than a week to decide the winners. Now that leadership has been announced we will keep you updated on the new committees.

Colorado State House

Democrat Majority: 41 Seats/ Republicans: 24 Seats

(Results as of 11/15)

HD 1 – Rep. Susan Lontine (D)

Defeats Alysia Padilla(R)

HD 2 – Rep. Alec Garnett (D) (Majority Leader)

HD 3 – Rep. Jeff Bridges (D) (Co-Majority Whip)

Defeats Toren Muchovic (R)

HD 4 – Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez (D)

Defeats Robert John (R)

Predecessor: Dan Pabon (D)

HD 5 – Alex Valdez (D)

Defeats Katherine E. Whitney (R)

Predecessor: Chrisanta Duran (D)

HD 6 – Rep. Chris Hansen (D)

HD 7 – Rep. James Coleman (D) (Co-Majority Whip)

Defeats Jay Frank Kucera (R)

HD 8 – Rep. Leslie Herod (D)

HD 9 – Emily Sirota (D)

Defeats Bob Lane (R)

Predecessor: Paul Rosenthal (D)

HD 10 – Edie Hooton (D) (Caucus Chair)



Defeats Murl S. Hendrickson IV (R)
HD 11 – Rep. Jonathon Singer (D)
Brian O. Donahue (R)
HD 12 – Sonya Jaquez Lewis (D)
Defeats Theresa Stets (U)
Predecessor: Mike Foote (D)
HD 13 – Rep. KC Becker (D) (Speaker)
Defeats Kevin Sipple (R)
HD 14 – Rep. Shane Sandridge (R)
Defeats Paul J Haddick (D)
HD 15 – Rep. Dave Williams (R)
Defeats Brenda Krause (D)
HD 16 – Rep. Larry Liston (R)
Defeats Andrew Smith (D)
HD 17 – Tony Exum (D)
Defeats Kit Roupe (R)
HD 18 – Marc A. Snyder(D)
Defeats Mary Elizabeth Fabian (R)
Predecessor: Pete Lee (D)
HD 19 – Tim Geitner (R)
Defeats Asia M. Zanders (D)
Predecessor: Paul Lundeen (R)
HD 20 – Rep. Teri Carver (R)
Defeats Kent Edward Jarnig (D)
HD 21 – Rep. Lois Landgraf (R)
Defeats Liz Rosenbaum (D)
HD 22 – Colin Larson(R)
Defeats Tod Kastetter (D)
Predecessor: Justin Everett (R)
HD 23 – Rep. Chris Kennedy (D) (Asst. Majority Leader)
Defeats Joan Poston (R)
HD 24 – Monica Duran (D)
Defeats Arthur Erwin (R)
Predecessor: Jessie Danielson (D)
HD 25 – Lisa Cutter (D)
Defeats Steve Szutenbach (R)
Predecessor: Tim Leonard (R)
HD 26 – Rep. Dylan Roberts (D)
Defeats Nicki Mills (R)
HD 27 – Brianna Titone (D)
Defeats Vicki Pyne (R)
Predecessor: Lang Sias (R)
HD 28 – Kerry Tipper (D)

Defeats Kristina Joy Alley (R)
Predecessor: Brittany Petterson (D)
HD 29 – Rep. Tracy Kraft-Tharp (D)
Defeats Grady Nouis (R)
HD 30-Rep. Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D) (Deputy Caucus Chair)
Defeats Susan Kochevar (R)
HD 31 – Yadira Caraveo (D)
Defeats Rico Figueroa (R)
Predecessor: Joe Salazar (D)
HD 32 – Rep. Adrienne Benavidez (D)
HD 33 – Rep. Matt Gray (D)
Defeats Eric Rutherford (R)
HD 34 – Kyle Mullica (D)
Defeats Rep. Alexander Winkler (R)
HD 35 – Shannon Bird (D)
Defeats Bruce Baker (R)
Predecessor: Faith Winter (D)
HD 36 – Rep. Mike Weissman (D)
Defeats Richard Bowman (R)
HD 37– Tom Sullivan (D)
Defeats Rep. Cole Wist (R)
HD 38 – Rep. Susan Beckman (R)
Defeats Chris Kokler (D)
HD 39 – Mark Baisley (R)
Defeats Kamala Vanderkolk (D)
Predecessor: Polly Lawrence (R)
HD 40 – Rep. Janet Buckner (D)
Defeats Richard Allen Bassett (R)
HD 41 – Rep. Jovan Melton (D)
Defeats Lynn Myers (R)
HD 42 – Rep. Dominique Jackson (D)
Defeats Mike Donald (R)
HD 43 – Rep. Kevin Van Winkle (R) (Assistant Minority Leader)
Defeats Barret Rothe (D)
HD 44 – Rep. Kim Ransom (R)
Defeats Simone Aiken (D)
HD 45 – Rep. Patrick Neville (R) (Minority Leader)
Defeats Danielle Kombo (D)
HD 46 – Rep. Daneya Esgar (D)
Defeats Jonathan Ambler (R)
HD 47 – Bri Buentello (D)



Defeats Don Bendell (R)
Predecessor: Judy Reyher (R) - Lost
Primary
HD 48 – Rep. Steve Humphrey (R)
Defeats Gbenga Agyboye (D)
HD 49 – Rep. Perry Buck (R) (Minority Whip)
Defeats Conor Duffy (D)
HD 50 – Rochelle Galindo (D)
Defeats Michael A. Thuener (R)
Predecessor: Dave Young (D)
HD 51 – Rep. Hugh McKean (R)
Defeats Joan Shaffer (D)
HD 52 – Rep. Joann Ginal (D)
Defeats Donna Walter (R)
HD 53 – Rep. Jeni Arndt (D)
HD 54 – Matt Soper (R)
Defeats Thea Chase (U)
HD 55 – Janice Rich (R)
Defeats Tanya Travis (D)
Predecessor: Dan Thurlow
HD 56 – Rod Bockenfeld (R)
Defeats Dave Rose (D)

Predecessor: Phil Covarrubias (R) – beat
in primary
HD 57 – Rep. Bob Rankin (R)
Defeats Colin Wilhelm (D)
HD 58 – Rep. Marc Catlin (R)
Defeats Seth Gagin (D)
HD 59 – Rep. Barbara McLachlan (D)
Defeats Paul Jones (I)
HD 60 – Rep. Jim Wilson (R)
Defeats Erin Kelley (D)
HD 61 – Julie McCluskie (D)
Defeats Mike Mason (R)
HD 62 – Rep. Donald Valdez (D)
Defeats Scott Honeycutt (R)
HD 63 – Rep. Lori Saine (R) (Caucus Chair)
Defeats Brandon D. Bobian (D)
HD 64 – Rep. Kimmi Lewis (R)
Defeats Teri Nilson Baird (D)
HD 65 – Rod Pelton (R)
Defeats Bethleen McCall (D)
Predecessor: Jon Becker (R)

Colorado Senate Analysis

Before election the Republicans held the majority with a 18-16-1 advantage. The Democrats were able to pick up 3 seats, flipping the majority by a 19-16 advantage. Going into the elections there were 3 races that were going to decide the make-up of the Senate. First was SD16, where Senator Tim Neville lost to Tammy Story, second was, SD20 where Representative Jessie Danielson beat Christine Jensen, and third was SD24, where Representative Faith Winter beat incumbent Senator Beth Martinez-Humenik. The Democrats, both locally and nationally, dumped a ton of money in all 3 of these races, making it hard for the Republicans to compete. With many changes coming in the Senate we will keep you updated on the new committee makeups. Offices will be moved around and possible staff changes will also occur.



Colorado State Senate

Democrat Majority: 19 Seats/ Republicans: 16 Seats

(Results as of 11/15)

SD 1 – Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg (R)

Defeats Debra Gustafson (D)

SD 2 – Dennis Hisey (R)

Defeats Beth Harz (D)

Predecessor: Kevin Grantham (R)

SD 3 – Sen. Leroy Garcia (D) (President of the Senate)

Defeats John Picherill (L)

SD 5 – Sen. Kerry Donovan (D) (Majority Whip)

Defeats Olen Lund

SD 6 – Sen. Don Coram (R)

Defeats Guinn Unger Jr. (D)

SD 7 – Ray Scott (R) Minority Whip

Defeats Chris Kennedy (D)

SD 9 – Paul Lundeen (R)

Defeats Gil Armendariz (D)

SD 11 – Pete Lee (D)

Defeats Pat McIntire (R)

Predecessor: Mike Merrifield (D)

SD 13 – Sen. John Cooke (R) (Assistant Minority Leader)

Defeats Phil Kelley (D)

SD 15 – Rod Woodward (R)

Defeats Rebecca Cranston (D)

Predecessor: Kevin Lundberg (R)

SD 16 – Tammy Story (D)

Defeats Sen. Tim Neville (R)

SD 20 – Jessie Danielson (D)

Defeats Christine Jensen (R)

Predecessor: Cheri Jahn (I)

SD 22 Brittany Pettersen (D)

Defeats Tony Sanchez (R)

Predecessor: Andy Kerr (D)

SD 24 – Faith Winter (D) (Caucus Chair)

Defeats Sen. Beth Martinez-Humenik (R)

SD 30 – Sen. Chris Holbert (R) (Minority Leader)

Defeats Julia Varnell-Sarjeant (D)

SD 32 – Robert Rodriguez (D)

Defeats Mark Calonder (R)

Predecessor: Irene Aguilar (D)

SD 34 – Julia Gonzales (D)

Defeats Gordan Alley (R)

Predecessor: Lucia Guzman (D)

Leadership not up for Re-Election

Sen. Lois Court – President Pro Tempore

Stephen Fenberg - Majority Leader

Rhonda Fields - Assistant Majority Leader

Vicki Marble – Caucus Chair



Ballot Measures

There were many contentious ballots measures this year. Below you will find the results.

Amendment 73 - Income Tax Increase for Schools [FAILED]

Would have raised money to be spent exclusively on pre-primary, primary and secondary education.

Amendment 74 - Property Devaluation Award [FAILED]

Would have required just compensation to property owners when government action reduces the fair market value of private property.

Amendment 75 - Expand Campaign Fund Limits [FAILED]

Allows all candidates to collect five times the level of individual contributions currently authorized when another candidate in the same election loans or contributes at least \$1 million to his or her own campaign.

Amendment A - Prohibit Slavery [PASSED]

A referred amendment to article II, section 26 of the Colorado Constitution which prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for the conviction of a crime. Amendment A eliminates that exception.

Amendment V - Reduce Assembly Age Minimum to 21 [FAILED]

Lowers the age requirement from 25 to 21 to serve in the Colorado General Assembly.

Amendment W - Revise Judge Retention Vote [PASSED]

Changes the format of the ballot for judicial retention elections and provides for one question for each type of court with the names of all of the judges or justices standing for retention.

Amendment X - Redefine Industrial Hemp [PASSED]

Changes the definition of industrial hemp from constitutional to statutory and allows the use of the definition of industrial hemp found in federal law or in state statute.

Amendment Y - Congressional District Redistricting Commission [PASSED]

Creates the Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission to amend and approve congressional district maps drawn by a nonpartisan staff.

Amendment Z - General Assembly Redistricting Commission [PASSED]

Creates the Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission to amend and approve state legislative district maps drawn by the nonpartisan legislative staff following the census;

Proposition 109 - Bonds for Highway Projects [FAILED]

Requires the state to borrow up to \$3.5 billion in 2019 for construction, repair, and maintenance of up to 66 specific highway and bridge projects on a priority list developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation. The estimated cost of these projects is \$5.6 billion.



Proposition 110 - Sales Tax for Transportation [FAILED]

Increases the state's sales and use tax rate by .62% (6.2 cents for every \$10) from 2.9% to 3.52% for 20 years beginning January 1, 2019.

Proposition 111 - Cap Payday Loan Costs [PASSED]

Lowers finance charges to no more than 36% annual percentage rate.

Proposition 112 - Fuel Development Distance Minimum [FAILED]

Would have required that new wells be at least 2,500 feet from occupied buildings and "vulnerable areas" such as parks, creeks and irrigation canals. It also would have allowed local governments to require even bigger buffer zones.