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1 | 2016 General Elections

Following Tuesday's general elections, the Kansas House and Senate still retain a Republican-majority that will look to tackle a larger than normal slate of work in 2017. When considering the primary results from this past August, in addition to the gains made by Democrats in November, the expectation is that the Legislature will shift to a more moderate-center when it convenes in January. The final unofficial count from Tuesday highlights that Democrats won 12 seats over Republicans in the Kansas House and 1 additional seat in the Kansas Senate. In the House, this brings it to a split of 85 Republicans to 40 Democrats, while in the Senate a split exists of 31 Republicans to 9 Democrats.

In the state races for federal office, the U.S. Senate and three of the House seats voted to retain the incumbents. Sen. Jerry Moran, Rep. Lynn Jenkins (KS-2), Rep. Kevin Yoder (KS-3), and Rep. Michael Pompeo (KS-4) all won their re-election bids. In the 1st House district, Representative-Elect Roger Marshall had previously won a primary contest against the incumbent, Rep. Tim Huelskamp, and then went on to win the general election on Tuesday evening.

Apart from electoral races on the ballot, all Kansas appellate court judges and justices were retained. All Kansas Supreme Court Justices received a vote for retention of at least 55%. Additionally, Kansans voted overwhelmingly to adopt an amendment to the state's constitution that will preserve the right to hunt, fish and trap, subject to reasonable laws and regulations that facilitate wildlife conservation and management. The constitutional amendment passed by a margin of 81% to 19%.

For a complete look at what happened this past Tuesday, you can visit the Secretary of State's website for a full list of unofficial election results (http://www.sos.ks.gov/ent/kssos_ent.html). Official results should be finalized next week.

2 | Ethics & Civility: Offered as Webinar

The League is offering an extended webinar for Ethics & Civility on December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ethics and civility are essential parts of good government. During the webinar, learn about the ethics laws your city officials need to follow, along with best practices for creating an ethical organization and civil meeting environments. Specific topics include: conflict of interest laws and regulations, rules regarding use of public funds and property, sample ethics codes, appropriate interaction with vendors, psychology for ethical behavior, conflict resolution, and smart meeting procedures.

Register for this course by clicking here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2727181741111485699>). Cost to attend is \$40 for members. Cancellation must be received in writing, three days prior to the start of the class.

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