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Re: 2010 Kentucky General Election Results

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The following is a summary of the Kentucky General Election results. This comprehensive overview of 2010 voting in the Commonwealth features breakdowns of the race to replace Jim Bunning in the U.S. Senate, the competitive Congressional races in Louisville and Central Kentucky, the Kentucky State Senate races, and the contested races in the Kentucky House of Representatives.

U.S. Senate

In the nationally watched U.S. Senate race to replace retiring Senator Jim Bunning, Tea Party darling Rand Paul (R) defeated Attorney General Jack Conway (D) by a large margin of 55-45 percent, or about 140,000 votes. Paul is the son of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul who burst onto the national scene earlier this year with his double-digit victory over the popular sitting Secretary of State Trey Grayson, who had previously been elected twice statewide. Paul's victory set the stage for other Tea Party-backed, non-establishment Republican candidates to upset primaries across the nation. Paul's unabashed libertarianism played well with Kentucky voters who fear "big government" and tend to allow social issues to guide their electoral choices. This is Rand Paul's first attempt at public office; he epitomizes voter dissatisfaction with Washington. He advocates for shrinking the size of government, supports term limits, and attacks most government spending. Conway will remain Attorney General for another year and likely run for re-election to that post in 2011.

Congressional Races

KY 1st Congressional District: Republican Congressman **Ed Whitfield** easily won re-election for a ninth term in Kentucky's Western most and Southern district. Whitfield serves on the powerful House Energy & Commerce Committee, where he previously chaired the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. He currently serves as Ranking Member on the Commerce, Trade & Consumer Protection Subcommittee, and will likely now chair that subcommittee. As one of five subcommittee ranking members, however, it is possible that he will be named chairman of another Energy & Commerce Subcommittee.

KY 2nd Congressional District: Former State Senator and now two-term Congressman **Brett Guthrie** was re-elected by a wide margin. Guthrie is a rising Republican star in the U.S. House, serving as an Assistant Whip in the Republican Conference and as a ranking subcommittee member on the Education & Labor Committee, where he will likely be named a Subcommittee Chairman. He also serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

KY 3rd Congressional District: In Louisville, two-term incumbent Democrat John Yarmuth easily defeated UPS pilot and relative newcomer Todd Lally (R). Yarmuth is unabashedly liberal and a Pelosi ally, but Lally had limited resources and was ultimately unable to mount a significant campaign against the popular Yarmuth. Additionally, Louisville is historically a Democratic stronghold, and local Democrats turned out in droves to support U.S. Senate candidate Jack Conway – providing a bump to fellow Democrats down the ballot.

KY 4th Congressional District: Republican Representative **Geoff Davis** was re-elected for a fourth term in this conservative-leaning Northern Kentucky district of Kentucky. Davis serves on the influential Ways & Means Committee, and will likely retain his role there in the 112th Congress.

KY 5th Congressional District: Voters overwhelmingly endorsed long-time Republican Rep. **Hal Rogers** for his 16th term in Congress. As the No. 2 ranking Republican on the powerful Appropriations Committee, Rogers wields tremendous influence in the House. If Republicans stick to their Conference rules and do not give a waiver to past-Chairman and current ranking member Jerry Lewis (CA), Rogers will become Chairman of Appropriations in the 112th Congress. A close ally of presumptive House Speaker Boehner, recent news reports indicate that Rogers may already have the necessary Steering Committee votes to be named Appropriations Chairman.

KY 6th Congressional District: Blue Dog Democrat Ben Chandler of Lexington very narrowly defeated Republican attorney Andy Barr by a mere 600 votes out of more than 250,000 votes cast and is likely to be subject to a recount. The race was punctuated by negative ads and some outside spending, and its outcome had been touted as a bellwether for the size/scope of the GOP victories; if Chandler had lost it would have been indicative of a Republican electoral tsunami washing across the country. Chandler's largely moderate public policy positions coupled with his family name and relative popularity delivered him to victory in a difficult year for Democrats. Chandler, a member of the Appropriations Committee, returns to a much different Washington. He has a strong working relationship with the Obama White House, and his position as a Blue Dog could make him an attractive pivotal vote on controversial issues in the House.

Kentucky State Senate

In the state Senate, Republicans picked up a net of two seats, now controlling the chamber by a margin of 22-15 and 1 Independent; the Independent member, Bob Leeper from Paducah, caucuses with the Republicans thereby giving them a functional supermajority of 23. Three incumbents lost Tuesday night (2 Democrats and one Republican), while Republicans won an open seat that was previously held by the Democrats.

Incumbents that Lost (2 Democrats, 1 Republican)

- **Sen. David Boswell (D)** of Owensboro was defeated by Republican **Joe Bowen** by a 52-48 margin, bringing to an end the nearly 32-year political career of Boswell. Bowen is a small businessman and owner/partner of a local tire company. Bowen also is a one-term state representative from Owensboro (2005-06).
- **Sen. Elizabeth Tori (R)** of Elizabethtown was narrowly defeated by Democrat opponent **Dennis Parrett** of Elizabethtown by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent. Parrett is a native of Hardin County and grew up in a military family on a farm around Fort Knox. He is a former Hardin County Agriculture Extension Agent. Parrett is now a co-owner of Cecilia Farm Service, a locally owned retail fertilizer, seed and farm supply business, a regional business with 19 employees. Tori has served in the Senate since 1996.
- **Sen. Mike Reynolds (D)** of Bowling Green was easily defeated by Republican **Mike Wilson**, by a margin of 55-45 percent. Wilson is the general manager of Bowling Green Community Broadcasting, a Christian family radio station. He served on the Agri-Business and Government Relations Committees of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce as well as on several boards for local spiritual organizations such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and his community church.

2 Open Seats – Republicans pick up one open seat

- In the 34th District around Richmond, Republican banker **Jared Carpenter** easily defeated Democrat Lee Murphy by a margin of 66-31 percent. This is a flip for the Republicans. The seat was vacated when Democratic Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley announced his surprise retirement earlier this year. Carpenter, who works at a community bank and is a small farmer, was a registered Democrat until he filed for this Senate race.
- In the 20th District around Shelbyville, Republican **Paul Hornback** easily defeated Democrat David Eaton by a 60-40 margin, retaining the seat for the Republicans. Hornback replaces 12-year incumbent Sen. Gary Tapp (R), who retired. Hornback, a Shelby County farmer, works a 2,000 acre farm and is active in several prominent agriculture organizations, including serving as president of Shelby County Farm Bureau and President of the Kentucky Council for Burley Tobacco. Eaton is a career teacher

who spent 10 years as a Shelbyville City Councilman and eight years as its Mayor, and ran unsuccessfully several times for state Representative.

Incumbents who Won (3 Democrats, 6 Republicans, 1 Independent)

- **Sen. Bob Leeper (I)** of Paducah went down to the wire but defeated Democrat Rex Smith and Republican William East by a margin of 46-44-10 percent. Leeper, a chiropractor, is an Independent. Rex Smith is a well known President and CEO of his family-owned company, Jim Smith Contracting, named after this father.
- **Sen. Jerry Rhoads (D)** of Madisonville won re-election against Republican challenger Jack Whitfield Jr.
- **Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr (R)** of Lexington barely held on to win re-election against Democratic political stalwart Don Blevins. Kerr won re-election by a 51-49 margin, or just 944 votes. Blevins is a long time Fayette County Clerk who held that countywide position for 27 years before retiring a few years ago.
- **Sen. Robin Webb (D)** of Grayson easily won re-election against Republican physician Jack Ditty. Webb earned her existing Senate seat by defeating Ditty in a special election last fall to replace Republican Senator Charlie Borders.
- **Sen. Katie Stine (R)** of Fort Thomas easily won re-election against Democrat Julie Smith-Morrow of Newport by a margin of 69-30 percent.
- **Sen. Ernie Harris (R)** of Crestwood easily won re-election against Democrat John Black. Harris won by a margin of 58-42 percent.
- **Sen. R.J. Palmer (D)** of Winchester defeated Republican physician Ralph Alvarado by a margin of 53-47 percent. Alvarado, a physician, ran unsuccessfully for the state House in 2004 and 2006.
- **Sen. Brandon Smith (R)** of Hazard easily beat Democrat Johnnie Turner of Harlan by a margin of 64-36 percent. Turner is a Harlan attorney who served in the State House for two terms in 1998-2002.
- **Sen. Julie Denton (R)** of Louisville easily beat Democratic horseman Rick Hiles by a whopping margin of 67-33 percent. Denton is chairwoman of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and is openly challenging Senator David Williams for President of the Senate.
- **Sen. Dan Seum (R)** of Louisville easily defeated Democrat Marty Meyer by a margin of 61-39 percent.

Kentucky State House

All 100 members of the Kentucky State House were up for re-election this year, and Kentucky Republicans picked up a net 7 seats, defeating 5 Democratic incumbents and picking up two open seats. That shrinks the current 65-35 Democratic majority below the “super majority status” to a 58-42 Democratic majority when they reconvene in January.

5 Democrat Incumbents Lost

- District 19 – **Rep. Dottie Sims** (D) of Horse Cave was defeated by Republican Michael Lee Meredith of Brownsville. Meredith is a Marketing Officer for the Bank of Edmonson County, and he has served as a member of the Brownsville City Council since 2008. Sims is a tax consultant who has served in the House on and off since 1996.
- District 38 – **Rep. Tim Firkins** (D) of Louisville fell to Republican Mike Nemes in a close race. A self-described “lifetime southender,” Nemes lists his work experience as a project coordinator in the construction industry. Firkins is a retired attorney and former PVA who was first elected to the House in 2006.
- District 55 – **Rep. Kent Stevens** (D) of Lawrenceburg was defeated by Republican Kim King of Harrodsburg. King owns a small business called Motive Force, which offers community wellness education and fitness training. She and her husband also own and operate 4 Kings Angus, a registered and commercial Black Angus cattle farm. Stevens owns a car dealership and is a retired school principal.
- District 62 – **Rep. Charlie Hoffman** (D) of Georgetown fell to Republican Ryan Quarles of Georgetown. Quarles currently works as a consultant for GlobalAdRisk, an international non-profit which specializes in providing agricultural insurance products in many developing countries. He also farms with his brother while completing his law degree. Hoffman is a butcher at Kroger who was first elected to the House in 1996.
- District 73 – **Rep. Don Pasley** (D) of Winchester was upset by Republican Donna Mayfield, also of Winchester. Mayfield currently works for the Clark County Sherriff’s Office, continuing a history working for law enforcement agencies that dates back to 1973. Pasley is a farmer who has served in the House since 2001.

6 Open Seats – (Republicans win 4 seats, Democrats win 2 seats)

- In the 10th District, **Republican Ben Waide** of Madisonville, a physical therapist, defeated Democrat Michael Duncan by a margin of 57-43 percent. Waide flips a seat previously held by Democratic Rep. Eddie Ballard of Madisonville, who retired after 24 years in the state House.
- In the 37th District, **Republican Wade Hurt** wins this race by default after a judge disqualified Democrat candidate Jeff Donahue for misfiling his papers. Hurt is the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Republican County. This seat represents a flip of a seat because it was previously held by Democratic Rep. Ron Weston of Louisville, who retired after two terms in office.
- In Louisville’s District 32, **Republican Julie Raque Adams** easily defeated Democrat Nellie Stallings by a margin of 63-34 percent to retain this seat for the Republicans. Adams is a former Louisville Metro Councilmember who owns a small communications and consulting firm. She replaces Republican Rep. Scott Brinkman, who is leaving the House after 10 years of service.

- In the 52nd District, **Republican Sara Beth Gregory** of Monticello fills the seat vacated by retiring Republican Rep. Ken Upchurch. Gregory, an attorney for Carroll & Turner in Monticello, was unopposed in the general election in this heavily Republican district.
- In the 81st District, **Democrat Rita Smart** handily defeated Republican Tiffany Nash to retain this seat for the Democrats. Smart is a former Richmond City Commissioner who spent 32 years as an agricultural extension agent. She succeeds longtime House Budget Committee Chairman Harry Moberly (D), who is retiring this year after three decades of service.
- In the 92nd District, **Democrat John Short** defeated Republican Ruby Edward Couch to hold the seat for the Democrats. Short defeated Democratic Rep. Ancel Smith of Leburn in the primary.

Finally, 47 incumbents facing a general election won re-election. That included 37 Democrats and 10 Republicans.

- District 1 – **Rep. Steven Rudy** (R) of Paducah
- District 4 – **Rep. Mike Cherry** (D) of Princeton
- District 5 – **Rep. Melvin Henley** (D) of Murray
- District 6 – **Rep. Will Coursey** (D) of Benton
- District 11 – **Rep. David Watkins** (D) of Henderson
- District 13 – **Rep. Jim Glenn** (D) of Owensboro
- District 14 – **Rep. Tommy Thompson** (D) of Owensboro
- District 16 – **Rep. Martha Jane King** (D) of Lewisburg
- District 17 – **Rep. C.B. Embry** (R) of Morgantown
- District 23 – **Rep. Johnny Bell** (D) of Glasgow
- District 24 – **Rep. Terry Mills** (D) of Lebanon
- District 25 – **Rep. Jimmie Lee** (D) of Elizabethtown
- District 26 – **Rep. Tim Moore** (R) of Elizabethtown
- District 27 – **Rep. Jeff Greer** (D) of Brandenburg
- District 28 – **Rep. Charlie Miller** (D) of Louisville
- District 29 – **Rep. Kevin Bratcher** (R) of Louisville
- District 30 – **Rep. Tom Burch** (D) of Louisville
- District 33 – **Rep. Ron Crimm** (R) of Louisville
- District 35 – **Rep. Jim Wayne** (D) of Louisville
- District 36 – **Rep. Lonnie Napier** (R) of Lancaster
- District 39 – **Rep. Bob Damron** (D) of Nicholasville
- District 41 – **Rep. Tom Riner** (D) of Louisville
- District 43 – **Rep. Darryl Owens** (D) of Louisville
- District 45 – **Rep. Stan Lee** (R) of Lexington
- District 46 – **Rep. Larry Clark** (D) of
- District 47 – **Rep. Rick Rand** (D) of Bedford

- District 49 – **Rep. Linda Belcher** (D) of Shepherdsville
- District 50 – **Rep. David Floyd** (R) of Bardstown
- District 56 – **Rep. Carl Rollins** (D) of Midway
- District 57 – **Rep. Derrick Graham** (D) of Frankfort
- District 60 – **Rep. Sal Santoro** (R) of Florence
- District 67 – **Rep. Dennis Keene** (D) of Wilder
- District 71 – **Rep. John Will Stacy** (D) of West Liberty
- District 72 – **Rep. Sannie Overly** (D) of Paris
- District 74 – **Rep. Richard Henderson** (D) of Jeffersonville
- District 76 – **Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo** (D) of Lexington
- District 77 – **Rep. Jesse Crenshaw** (D) of Lexington
- District 78 – **Rep. Tom McKee** (D) of Cynthiana
- District 79 – **Rep. Susan Westrom** (D) of Lexington
- District 87 – **Rep. Rep. Rick Nelson** (D) of Middlesboro
- District 91 – **Rep. Teddy Edmonds** (D) of Jackson
- District 93 – **Rep. Keith Hall** (D) of Phelps
- District 94 – **Rep. Leslie Combs** (D) of Pikeville
- District 95 – **Rep. Greg Stumbo** (D) of Prestonsburg
- District 96 – **Rep. Jill York** (R) of Grayson
- District 97 – **Rep. Hubie Collins** (D) of Wittensville
- District 100 – **Rep. Kevin Sinnette** (D) of Ashland