



## 2024 TENNESSEE GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE

Across the country, elections were held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. With no surprises on the night in Tennessee, there will be twelve new faces in the Tennessee General Assembly after retirements and primary defeats. You can view a full breakdown of the election results [here](#) on the Secretary of State's website.

### ***Federal Races Overview***

While there was a lot of chatter around Tennessee's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and the US Senate race, ultimately neither were close. Rep. Mark Green and Sen. Marsha Blackburn were easily re-elected to another term. With these wins and with all incumbents winning their primary bids, there will be no new faces representing Tennessee in Washington D.C. this cycle.

### ***State Senate Races***

While the August primaries brought two incumbent losses, there were no surprises in the General Election for the State Senate Races. With one retirement and two primary defeats, we will see three new members in the State Senate. Republicans will retain a 27-6 seat super majority.

### ***New Members:***

#### ***Senate District 2***

Senate District 2 (Blount, Monroe, Polk and Bradley Counties) was a vacant seat after the retirement of State Senator Art Swann. **Tom Hatcher** was the victor in a three-way primary race in August. He easily defeated Democrat Patti Young in the General Election. Hatcher has served as Blount County Circuit Court Clerk for nearly 30 years and spent over a decade serving in the Blount County Sheriff's Office.

#### ***Senate District 4***

Senate District 4 (Hawkins and Sullivan Counties) was held by incumbent Jon Lundberg before his defeat in the Republican Primary in August to **Bobby Harshbarger**. Harshbarger, the son of US Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger, is a pharmacist in his community and was unopposed in the General Election.

### ***Senate District 8***

Senate District 8 (Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Jefferson, Sevier and Union Counties) has been held by incumbent Frank Niceley since 2013 until his defeat in the Republican Primary in August to **Jessie Seal**. Seal, a PR Director for a medical facility, sailed to an easy victory in the November General Election against Democrat R.E. Ellison.

### ***State House Races***

While there were several races across the state that both parties thought could flip, ultimately there were no surprises in the House. After retirements and primary defeats, there will be nine new members in the House. Republicans will retain a 75-24 seat super majority.

### ***New Members:***

#### ***House District 4***

House District 4 (Unicoi and part of Carter Counties) was an open seat after the retirement of Rep. John Holsclaw. **Renea Jones** was victorious in the August Republican Primary and ran unopposed in the November election. Jones is the president of Jones and Church Farms.

#### ***House District 12***

House District 12 (Part of Sevier County) was an open seat after the retirement of Rep. Dale Carr. **Fred Atchley** came out on top in the August Republican Primary against two opponents. He defeated Democrat Leslie Braddock in the General Election. Atchley is a long-time county commissioner.

#### ***House District 20***

House District 20 (Part of Blount County) was an open seat after Rep. Bryan Richey gave up the seat to unsuccessfully run for the State Senate. Blount County Commissioner, **Tom Stinnett**, defeated two opponents in the August Republican Primary and went on to defeat Democrat Karen Gertz in the General Election.

#### ***House District 27***

House District 27 (Part of Hamilton County) was a shocker in the Republican Primary, where Rep. Patsy Hazlewood was defeated by **Michele Reneau**. Reneau went on to defeat Democrat Kathy Lennon in the General Election.

#### ***House District 33***

House District 33 (Part of Anderson County) saw longtime Representative John Ragan defeated in the Republican Primary in August by **Rick Scarbrough**. Scarbrough, the former police chief of Clinton, TN, easily defeated Democrat Anne Backus in the General Election.

### ***House District 60***

House District 60 (Part of Davidson County) was an open seat with the retirement of Rep. Darren Jernagin. Members of both parties expected this race to be hotly contested, and they were not wrong. Both parties spent largely on the race that was ultimately won by Democrat **Shaundelle Brooks** who defeated Republican Chad Bobo.

### ***House District 65***

House District 65 (Part of Williamson County) was an open seat with the retirement of Rep. Sam Whitson. **Lee Reeves**, an attorney, was successful in the three way Republican Primary and went on to handily defeat Democrat LaRhonda Williams.

### ***House District 68***

House District 68 (Part of Montgomery County) was an open seat after the retirement of longtime Representative Curtis Johnson. The Republican Primary saw a tight race, ultimately won by **Aron Maberry**. Maberry, a pastor, went on to defeat Democrat Garfield Scott in the General Election.

### ***House District 96***

House District 96 (Part of Shelby County) was an open seat after the retirement of Representative Dwayne Thompson. **Gabby Salinas** defeated four other challengers in the Democratic Primary in August and was unopposed in the General Election.

### ***Closest Race***

### ***House District 67***

House District 67 (Part of Montgomery County) was the tightest race of the night. Incumbent Democrat **Ronnie Glynn** held off Republican Jamie Dean Peltz by just 131 votes.