

Post Election Special Legislative Update

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Voters wait in line to cast their ballot in Des Moines Election Day morning. (Photo by the Capitol Group)

GOP Expand House and Senate Majorities

The Republican majorities in the House and Senate will increase in the upcoming 2025 Iowa Legislative Session following Tuesday's general election.

Republicans Increased their Senate majority by one, now holding 35 of that chamber's 50 seats. The Democrat minority now totals 15 seats.

In the House, the GOP majority expanded by three members, up to 67 seats.

The Democrats now hold only 33 seats in the 100 member House of Representatives.

Three House Incumbents Fall

Three incumbent House of Representatives members were defeated in their reelection attempts.

6-term House of Representatives incumbent Democrat Chuck Isenhardt of Dubuque was

defeated by Republican Jennifer Smith by a margin of over 1000 votes.

In House District 41 (Ankeny and portions of unincorporated Polk County) Democrat incumbent Molly Buck was defeated by GOP challenger Ryan (continued on page 2)

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Marshalltown Democrat incumbent Sue Cahill lost her reelection bid to the GOP's David Blom by over 400 votes.

Senate Races of Note

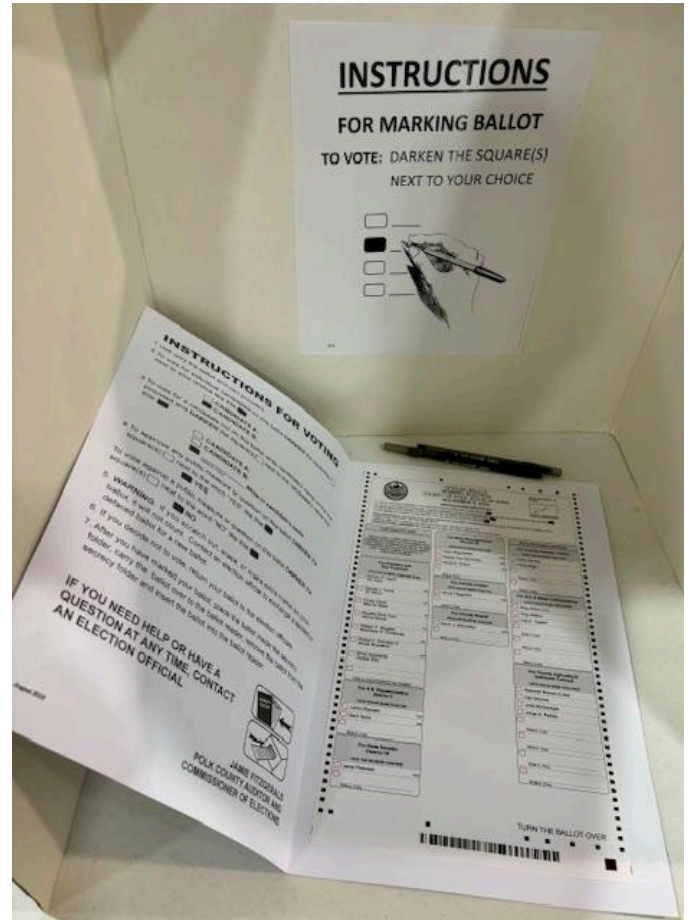
Two longtime Senators from the Des Moines area fell to challengers on election night.

Incumbent Democrat Nate Boulton lost his reelection bid to the GOP's Mike Pike by less than 50 votes in the 20th Senate District which includes portions of Des Moines, Altoona and unincorporated Polk County.

In Senate District 22 (Des Moines, and suburban Des Moines,) incumbent Republican Brad Zaun lost to former nursing home industry lobbyist and former Clive City Council member Democrat Matt Blake by over two thousand votes.

Republican Dave Sires topped incumbent Democrat Eric Giddens in the 38th Senate District. Sires' 400 vote win comes in the district which stretches from Cedar Falls to Traer and Dysert.

Also the hotly contested battle for Senate District 14 (portions of West Des Moines, Clive, Urbandale, Waukee and Dallas County) between incumbent Democrat Sarah Trone-Garriott and Dallas County Supervisor Mark Hanson was decided by only 19 votes. Trone-Garriott garnered 20,429 votes and Hanson earned 20,410.



A ballot awaits an eager voter on Election Day morning in Des Moines. (Photo by the Capitol Group)