

Republicans Maintain a Majority in 188 Races for Newly Redrawn Florida Legislative and Congressional Districts

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Republicans held their grip over both chambers of the Florida Legislature in the first election following the spring 2012 redraw of state's legislative and congressional district lines. The redistricting exercise occurs every 10 years following the most recent US Census, and when complete requires all 160 members of the Florida Legislature to run for office.

The decennial US Census also gave Florida two additional seats in the US House of Representatives, bringing the state's delegation to 29 members: 27 in the US House of Representatives and two in the US Senate. All of the US House seats were up for election this year.

Democrats held onto one of the two US Senate seats with incumbent US Senator Bill Nelson winning decisively over US Representative Connie Mack in Tuesday's election. Miami Republican Marco Rubio, who was not up for election this year, holds the other US Senate seat.

As well, voters decided the fate of 11 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution at Tuesday's General Election. All of the proposed amendments were placed on the ballot by the Florida Legislature.

► 2013-2014 Florida Senate

Republicans have now controlled Florida's Senate for over a decade. The Party won 26 seats and fell just one member short of achieving a Republican "Super Majority" with the defeat of incumbent Republican Ellyn Bogdanoff. Super Majority rule essentially means one party completely controls the chamber's political agenda by controlling the procedural rules of the chamber. It often yields hard-line partisan policy.

Fourteen newcomers were elected to the Florida Senate, which comprise 35 percent of its members: nine Republicans and five Democrats. Twelve of the newcomers were former members of the Florida House of Representatives.

Don Gaetz (R- Destin) is expected to be formally elected to President of the Florida Senate at the Legislature's Organizational Session on November 20. Chris Smith (D- Oakland Park) is expected to be elected Senate Minority Party leader at that time. Both will preside over the 2013 and 2014 Florida Senate.

Senate President-Designee Bio: [Don Gaetz](#) (R-Destin)

Senate Minority Leader-Designee Bio: [Chris Smith](#) (D-Oakland Park)

Senate Members Elected

Republicans: 26 65%
Democrats: 14 35%
Total Senate: 40 100%

For a map of the new State Senate districts, see: [Statewide Florida Senate Districts](#)

SD 1 Don Gaetz (R)
SD 2 Greg Evers (R)
SD 3 Bill Montford (D)
SD 4 Aaron Bean (R)
SD 5 Charlie Dean (R)
SD 6 John Thrasher (R)
SD 7 Rob Bradley (R)
SD 8 Dorothy Hukill (R)
SD 9 Audrey Gibson (D)
SD 10 David Simmons (R)
SD 11 Alan Hays (R)
SD 12 Geraldine Thompson (D)
SD 13 Andy Gardiner (R)
SD 14 Darren Soto (D)
SD 15 Kelli Stargel (R)
SD 16 Thad Altman (R)
SD 17 John Legg (R)
SD 18 Wilton Simpson (R)
SD 19 Arthenia Joyner (D)
SD 20 Jack Latvala (R)
SD 21 Denise Grimsley (R)
SD 22 Jeff Brandes (R)
SD 23 Garrett Richter (R)
SD 24 Tom Lee (R)
SD 25 Joe Abruzzo (D)
SD 26 Bill Galvano (R)
SD 27 Jeff Clemens (D)
SD 28 Nancy Detert (R)
SD 29 Jeremy Ring (D)
SD 30 Lizbeth Benacquisto (R)
SD 31 Chris Smith (D)
SD 32 Joe Negron (R)
SD 33 Eleanor Sobel (D)
SD 34 Maria Sachs (D)
SD 35 Gwen Margolis (D)
SD 36 Oscar Braynon II (D)
SD 37 Anitere Flores (R)
SD 38 Rene Garcia (R)
SD 39 Dwight Bullard (D)
SD 40 Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R)

► 2013-2014 Florida House of Representatives

Two House seats involving incumbent Republicans remain undecided the morning following Tuesday's election. One potential upset involves 2015-16 Speaker-Designee Chris Dorworth of Orlando and the other Rep. Shawn Harrison of Temple Terrace. Those races notwithstanding, Republicans will maintain a commanding majority in the new Florida House of Representatives.

Thirty-nine newcomers have thus far been elected to the Florida House, which comprise 33 percent of its members: 17 Republicans and 22 Democrats.

Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) is expected to be formally elected Speaker of the House at the Legislature's Organizational Session on November 20. Perry Thurston (D-Ft. Lauderdale) is expected to be elected as the Minority Leader at that time. Both will serve a two-year term, presiding over the 2013 and 2014 House of Representatives.

Speaker-Designee Bio: [Will Weatherford](#) (D-Wesley Chapel)

Minority Leader-Designee Bio: [Perry Thurston](#) (D-Fort Lauderdale)

House Members Elected

Republicans:	76	63%
Democrats:	42	35%
Undecided	2	
Total House:	120	98%

For a map of the new State House districts, see: [Statewide Florida House Districts](#)

HD 1	Clay Ingram (R)
HD 2	Clay Ford (R)
HD 3	Doug Broxson (R)
HD 4	Matt Gaetz (R)
HD 5	Marti Coley (R)
HD 6	Jimmy Patronis (R)
HD 7	Halsey Beshears (R)
HD 8	Alan Williams (D)
HD 9	Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda (D)
HD 10	Elizabeth Porter (R)
HD 11	Janet Adkins (R)
HD 12	Lake Ray (R)
HD 13	Reggie Fullwood (D)
HD 14	Mia Jones (D)
HD 15	Dan Davis (R)
HD 16	Charles McBurney (R)
HD 17	Doc Renuart (R)
HD 18	Travis Cummings (R)
HD 19	Charles Van Zant (R)
HD 20	Clovis Watson (D)

HD 21 Keith Perry (R)
HD 22 Charlie Stone (R)
HD 23 Dennis Baxley (R)
HD 24 Travis Hutson (R)
HD 25 David Hood (R)
HD 26 Dwayne Taylor (D)
HD 27 David Santiago (R)
HD 28 Jason Brodeur (R)
HD 29 Mike Clelland (D) v. Chris Dorworth (R)
HD 30 Karen Castor Dentel (D)
HD 31 Bryan Nelson (R)
HD 32 Larry Metz (R)
HD 33 Marlene O'Toole (R)
HH 34 Jimmie Smith (R)
H 35 Rob Schenck (R)
HD 36 Mike Fasano (R)
HD 37 Richard Corcoran (R)
HD 38 Will Weatherford (R)
HD 39 Neil Combee (R)
HD 40 Seth McKeel (R)
HD 41 John Wood (R)
HD 42 Mike LaRosa (R)
HD 43 Ricardo Rangel (D)
HD 44 Steve Precourt (R)
HD 45 Randolph Bracy (D)
HD 46 Bruce Antone (D)
HD 47 Linda Stewart (D)
HD 48 Victor M. Torres, Jr (D)
HD 49 Joe Saunders (D)
HD 50 Tom Goodson (R)
HD 51 Steve Crisafulli (R)
HD 52 Ritch Workman (R)
HD 53 John Tobia (R)
HD 54 Debbie Mayfield (R)
HD 55 Cary Pigman (R)
HD 56 Ben Albritton (R)
HD 57 Jake Rayburn (R)
HD 58 Dan Raulerson (R)
HD 59 Ross Spano (R)
HD 60 Dana Young (R)
HD 61 Betty Reed (D)
HD 62 Janet Cruz (D)
HD 63 Mark Danish (D) v. Shawn Harrison (R)
HD 64 James Grant (R)
HD 65 Carl Zimmerman (D)
HD 66 Larry Ahern (R)
HD 67 Ed Hooper (R)
HD 68 Dwight Dudley (D)
HD 69 Kathleen Peters (R)

HD 70 Darryl Rouson (D)
HD 71 Jim Boyd (R)
HD 72 Ray Pilon (R)
HD 73 Greg Steube (R)
HD 74 Doug Holder (R)
HD 75 Ken Roberson (R)
HD 76 Ray Rodrigues (R)
HD 77 Dane Eagle (R)
HD 78 Heather Fitzenhagen (R)
HD 79 Matt Caldwell (R)
HD 80 Matt Hudson (R)
HD 81 Kevin Rader (D)
HD 82 MaryLynn Magar (R)
HD 83 Gayle Harrell (R)
HD 84 Larry Lee Jr. (D)
HD 85 Pat Rooney (R)
HD 86 Mark Pafford (D)
HD 87 Dave Kerner (D)
HD 88 Bobby Powell (D)
HD 89 Bill Hager (R)
HD 90 Lori Berman (D)
HD 91 Irvin Slosberg (D)
HD 92 Gwyndolen Clark-Reed (D)
HD 93 George Moraitis (R)
HD 94 Perry Thurston (D)
HD 95 Hazelle Rogers (D)
HD 96 Jim Waldman (D)
HD 97 Jared Moskowitz (D)
HD 98 Katie Edwards (D)
HD 99 Elaine Schwartz (D)
HD 100 Joe Gibbons (D)
HD 101 Shevrin D. Jones (D)
HD 102 Sharon Pritchett (D)
HD 103 Manny Diaz Jr. (R)
HD 104 Rick Stark (D)
HD 105 Carlos Trujillo (R)
HD 106 Kathleen Passidomo (R)
HD 107 Barbara Watson (D)
HD 108 Daphne Campbell (D)
HD 109 Cynthia Stafford (D)
HD 110 Jose Olivia (R)
HD 111 Eddy Gonzalez (R)
HD 112 Jose Javier Rodriguez (D)
HD 113 David Richardson (D)
HD 114 Erik Fresen (R)
HD 115 Mike Bileca (R)
HD 116 Jose Felix Diaz (R)
HD 117 Kionne McGhee (D)
HD 118 Frank Artiles (R)

HD 119 Jeanette Nunez (R)
HD 120 Holly Merrill Raschein (R)

► **Florida Congressional: US Senate and U.S. House of Representatives**

Republicans will continue to hold the majority of Florida’s congressional delegation although the district 18 race involving Republican incumbent Allen West remains too close to call the morning after Tuesday’s election.

Seven newcomers were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives: four Republicans and three Democrats.

Florida Delegation Members Elected

Republicans:	18	62%
Democrats:	10	34%
Undecided	1	
Total Delegation:	29	96%

For a map of Florida’s new U.S. House of Representatives Districts, see: [Florida Congressional Districts](#)

US Senate Bill Nelson (D)
US Senate Marco Rubio (R)
CD 1 Jeff Miller (R)
CD 2 Steve Southerland (R)
CD 3 Ted Yoho (R)
CD 4 Ander Crenshaw (R)
CD 5 Corrine Brown (D)
CD 6 Ron DeSantis (R)
CD 7 John Mica (R)
CD 8 Bill Posey (R)
CD 9 Alan Grayson (D)
CD 10 Dan Webster (R)
CD 11 Rich Nugent (R)
CD 12 Gus Bilirakis (R)
CD 13 Bill Young (R)
CD 14 Kathy Castor (D)
CD 15 Dennis Ross (R)
CD 16 Vern Buchanan (R)
CD 17 Tom Rooney (R)
CD 18 Patrick Murphy (D) v. Allen West (R)
CD 19 Trey Radel (R)
CD 20 Alcee Hastings (D)
CD 21 Ted Deutch (D)
CD 22 Lois Frankel (D)
CD 23 Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D)
CD 24 Frederica Wilson (D)
CD 25 Mario Diaz-Balart (R)

CD 26 Joe Garcia (D)
CD 27 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)

► **Proposed Amendments to the State Constitution**

The Legislature placed 11 proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot for the 2012 General Election, three of which passed. Proposed constitutional amendments require 60 percent voter approval for passage. There were no citizen initiated proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot this year.

For an explanation of the proposed amendments, please see ["A Short Course on the 11 Proposed Amendments to the Florida Constitution on the November 2012 General Election Ballot,"](#) published October 19, 2012.

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| Amendment 1: | Failed, 49%
Health Care Services |
| Amendment 2: | Passed, 63%
Veteran's Property Tax Discount |
| Amendment 3: | Failed, 42%
State Government Revenue Limitation |
| Amendment 4: | Failed, 43%
Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal |
| Amendment 5: | Failed, 37%
State Courts |
| Amendment 6: | Failed, 45%
Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights |
| Amendment 8: | Failed, 44%
Religious Freedom |
| Amendment 9: | Passed, 62%
Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder |
| Amendment 10: | Failed, 45%
Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption |
| Amendment 11: | Passed, 61%
Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value |

Amendment 12: Failed, 41%
Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the
State University System

► **Upcoming Florida Legislative Dates**

- Tuesday, November 20, 2012: 2013-14 Organizational Session
- December 2012 (TBA): Legislative Committee Meetings
- December 2012-February 2013 (TBA): Legislative Committee Meetings
- March 5, 2013: First Day of 2013 Legislative Session
- May 3, 2013: Last day of 2013 Legislative Session.