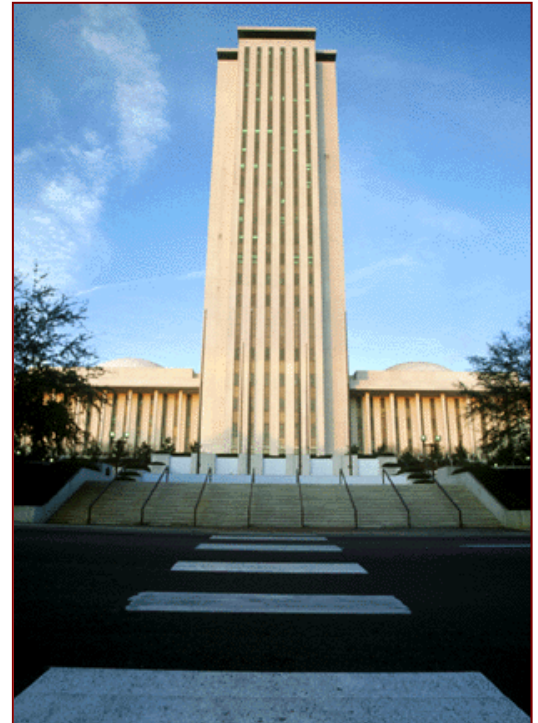


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Building the 2005-2006 Florida Legislature
**Candidates Qualify to Run
and 63 Florida Legislators
are Elected to Office
Without Opposition**

Qualifying for the 2004 election cycle ended Friday at Noon for candidates vying for seats in the 2005-2006 Florida Legislature.

Here is a recap of races going into the August 31 Primary Election and the November General Election.



In the first election cycle following a wholesale redistricting of Florida's legislative districts, 63 members of the 160-member Legislature have been re-elected without opposition. In these particular districts, only one candidate qualified to run for office. These individuals, most of them incumbents, are now elected to the Legislature by default, and they may not receive political contributions as of Noon on Friday, July 16.

Eleven Elected to the 40-Member Florida Senate Without Opposition

All odd-numbered Senate districts are up for election in 2004. Two even-numbered

districts are also up for election due to the incumbent Senators vacating their seats mid-term to run for other offices.

Of the 22 Senate races in 2004, five incumbent Democrats were assured their return to office at the close of qualifying on Friday. Five incumbent Republican Senators will return, plus one Senate newcomer – former Rep. Carey Baker – who was elected without opposition to the vacated seat of Anna Cowin, who is running for Lake County School Board Superintendent. Each of the remaining 11 contested Senate races will be decided at the November General Election.

Elected Senators

- Tony Hill (D) District 1
- Evelyn Lynn (R) District 7
- Dan Webster (R) District 9
- Dennis Jones (R) District 13
- Carey Baker (R) District 20
- Mike Bennett (R) District 21
- Mandy Dawson (D) District 29
- Steve Geller (D) District 31
- Frederica Wilson (D) District 33
- Gwen Margolis (D) District 35
- Burt Saunders (R) District 37

Senate Composition to Date

The Republicans are two seats away from retaining their majority (21) in the Florida Senate at this time.

Elected Democrats:	10
<u>Elected Republicans:</u>	<u>19</u>
Total Elected:	29 of 40

Political Analysis of the Senate

Carlton Fields has conducted a simple analysis of the remaining Senate races, and predicts the following minimal outcome after November in terms of Senate composition.

Democrats:	12
Republicans:	26
<u>Uncalled:</u>	<u>2</u>
	40

It appears the Republicans will have the 24 seats necessary to have a 3/5 majority in the Senate, and could possibly gain a 2/3 super-majority by having 27 seats. A super majority effectively controls the debate in a legislative chamber.

Fifty-Two Elected to the 120-Member Florida House without Opposition

All 120 House Districts are up for election in 2004. Of these races, 17 incumbent Democrats were returned to office without opposition. There are 35 unopposed Republican members. Three of the remaining 68 races will be decided at the August 31 Primary, with the remaining 65 races decided in November.

Elected Representatives

- Ray Sansom (R) District 4
- Allan Bense (R) District 6
- Will Kendrick (D) District 10
- Aaron Bean (R) District 12
- Jennifer Carroll (R) District 13
- Terry Fields (D) District 14
- Audrey Gibson (D) District 15
- Mark Mahon (R) District 16
- Stan Jordan (R) District 17
- Dick Kravitz (R) District 19
- Joe Pickens (R) District 21
- Larry Cretul (R) District 22
- Dennis Baxley (R) District 24
- Ralph Poppell (R) District 29
- Sandy Adams (R) District 33
- David Simmons (R) District 37
- Andy Gardiner (R) District 40
- Gus Bilirakis (R) District 48
- Kim Berfield (R) District 50
- Charlie Justice (D) District 53
- Everett Rice (R) District 54
- Frank Peterman (D) District 55
- Arthenia Joyner (D) District 59
- Ken Littlefield (R) District 61
- Dennis Ross (R) District 63
- John Stargel (R) District 64
- Ron Reagan (R) District 67
- Bruce Kyle (R) District 73
- Jeff Kottkamp (R) District 74
- Dudley Goodlette (R) District 76
- Richard Machek (D) District 78
- Frank Attkisson (R) District 79
- Stan Mayfield (R) District 80

Joe Negron (R) District 82
 Irving Slosberg (D) District 90
 Ellyn Bogdanoff (R) District 91
 Jack Seiler (D) District 92
 Ron Greenstein (D) District 95
 Eleanor Sobel (D) District 99
 Tim Ryan (D) District 100
 Mike Davis (R) District 101
 Ralph Arza (R) District 102
 Yolly Roberson (D) District 104
 Ken Gottlieb (D) District 105
 Dan Gelber (D) District 106
 Gus Barreiro (R) District 107
 Phillip Brutus (D) District 108
 Rene Garcia (R) District 110
 David Rivera (R) District 112
 Marcelo Llorente (R) District 116
 Julio Robaina (R) District 117
 Edward Bullard (D) District 118

House Composition to Date

A political party must occupy 61 seats in the Florida House to hold a majority.

Elected Democrats:	17
Elected Republicans:	35
Total Elected:	52 of 120

Political Analysis of the House

A simple analysis of the remaining races indicates the following minimal outcome. Republicans will again control the House.

Democrats:	33
Republicans:	56
Uncalled:	31
	120

The majority party would need 72 seats to have a 3/5 majority in the House of Representatives and 80 seats to have a 2/3 majority, or a super majority.

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