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*Building the
2005-2006 Florida Legislature*
**Primary Yields Two
More Elected State
House Members**



Two more seats in the 2005-2006 Florida House of Representatives were elected yesterday, one each going to the Republican and Democratic candidates. The Primary Election brings the total number of House seats now elected to 53. There will be 36 contested House races going into November

Incoming Speaker of the House Allan Bense (R-Panama City) added one more seat in his quest for a super-majority yesterday with the election of Trudi Williams (R-Fort Myers). Williams won the seat comfortably with nearly a 10-point spread over former House member Ralph Livingston in a race that became nasty in the final days of campaigning.

The House Democratic Minority returned incumbent Mary Brandenburg (D-West Palm Beach) to their ranks of 18 now elected. At this point in the election cycle, 53 of the 120 House seats have been elected.

House Composition to Date

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

Elected Democrats:	18
<u>Elected Republicans:</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Elected:	53 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:	31
Republicans:	53
<u>Uncalled:</u>	<u>36</u>
	120

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
 Trudi Williams (R) District 75
 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
 Mary Brandenburg (D) District 89
 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

Incumbent Senator Bullard Defeats Saunders in Difficult South Florida Race

The big news on the Senate side was the defeat of former legislator Ron Saunders (D-Key West) by incumbent Senator Larcenia Bullard (R-Miami). Many pundits had expected Saunders to overtake Bullard in his second attempt to become a State Senator. Bullard now faces Republican candidate Joe Delaney in November.

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:	13
Republicans:	26
<u>Uncalled:</u>	<u>1</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.

Elected Senators (in 2004)*

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

** With the exception of two special elections, only odd numbered Senate seats are up for election in 2004.*

Congressional Primaries Recap

US Senate

Betty Castor, Democratic Nominee
 Mel Martinez, Republican Nominee

US House of Representatives

- Dist 3:*** Corrine Brown (D), now faces Write-in candidate.
- Dist 4:*** Ander Crenshaw (R), now faces Write-in candidate
- Dist 5:*** Robert Whittel (D), now faces incumbent Ginny Brown-Waite (R).
- Dist 9:*** Mike Bilirakis (R), now faces Write-in candidate.
- Dist 12:*** Bob Hagenmaier (D), now faces incumbent Adam Putman (R).
- Dist 12:*** Adam Putnam (R) now faces challenger Bob Hagenmaier (D).
- Dist 13:*** Jan Schneider (D) now faces incumbent Katherin Harris (R).
- Dist 14:*** Connie Mack IV, now faces Robert Neeld (D).
- Dist 18:*** Sam Sheldonnow (D) faces incumbent Ileana Ross-Lehtinen (R).
- Dist 23:*** Alcee Hastings (D) now elected.

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