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August 4, 2020 Primary Election Report

A hugely expensive and hugely contested primary election was held on Tuesday, August 4th. While a few surprises resulted, generally the results support a Republican super majority in both the Senate and House as well as continued focus on business, and civil justice and tort reform issues.

Statewide Elections

- **REPUBLICAN STATEWIDE PRIMARY WINNERS**
 - ✓ Incumbent Governor Mike Parson (75%)
 - ✓ Incumbent Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe (59%)
 - ✓ Incumbent Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft (57%)
 - ✓ Incumbent Attorney General Eric Schmitt (100% - no primary opposition)
 - ✓ Incumbent State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick (100% - no primary opposition)
- **DEMOCRAT STATEWIDE PRIMARY WINNERS**
 - ✓ Gubernatorial Candidate and current State Auditor Nicole Galloway (85%)
 - ✓ Lieutenant Governor Candidate Alissia Canady (74%)
 - ✓ Secretary of State Candidate Yinka Faleti (D-St. Louis) (100% - no primary opposition)
 - ✓ State Treasurer Candidate and former State Rep. Vicki Lorenz Englund (D-St. Louis) (100% - no primary opposition)
 - ✓ Attorney General Candidate and St. Louis attorney Rich Finneran (D-St. Louis) (55%)

State Senate Elections

The Senate is currently comprised of 23 Republicans, 8 Democrats and 3 vacancies. The three vacancies occurred at the end of the regular session in May as Governor Parson appointed Republican Senator Gary Romine to the State Tax Commission, Democrat Kiki Curls to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission and Democrat Senator Jason Holsman to the Public Service Commission. Ten members of the Senate are term limited this year. One half of the 34 Senate seats are up for election this year, all odd numbered districts.

- There are twelve primaries in the Senate (7 Republican, 5 Democrat)
- Only one incumbent (Bill Eigel–R - St. Charles) was challenged yesterday. He defeated challengers Eric Wulff and Dan O’Connell with 71% of the vote.
- There were eight non-incumbent primary races that were particularly contentious and considered toss-ups.
- All of the winners of the races highlighted below are in safe Republican and Democrat districts and will win on November 3rd.

3rd District (Romine)

R: Elaine Gannon 42.1%

5th District (Nasheed)

D: Steve Roberts 35.3%

R: Michael Hebron 100%

25th District (Libla):

R: Jason Bean 46.2%

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27th District (Wallingford)

R: Holly Rehder 50.2%
D: Donnie Owens 100%

29th District (Sater)

R: Mike Moon 52.5%

31st District (Emery):

R: Rick Brattin 49.3%
D: Raymond Kinney 100%

33rd District (Cunningham):

R: Karla Eslinger 37.1%
D: Tammy Harty 100%

State House Elections

Too many to individually report on – see attached list of all race results.

All of the 163 House seats are up for election this year. The current partisan makeup of the House is 113 Republicans, 48 Democrats and 2 vacancies. House Republicans have caucused and elected Majority Floor Leader Rob Vescovo (R-Arnold) as Speaker for the session which convenes on January 8, 2021. His election as Speaker will be formalized on that date. Rep. Trent Curtis (R-Springfield) and Rep. Dean Plocher (R-St. Louis County) are vying for election to the office of Majority Floor Leader. That vote by the Republican Caucus will occur later this year.

- There were 50 primaries (32 Republican, 18 Democrat)
- Seven Republican incumbents and six incumbent Democrats faced primary challengers. Incumbent Rep. Chris Carter (D-St. Louis; District 76) lost to challenger Marlin Anderson by only 54 votes setting the stage for a potential recount.
- There are 13 open seats that were won by non-incumbent Republicans and 9 by non-incumbent Democrats in the primary election. Those winners have no general election opposition;
- There are 30 incumbent Republicans and 15 incumbent Democrats who had no primary opposition and who have no general election opposition.

Ballot Measure

Missouri Amendment 2, the Medicaid Expansion Initiative was on the ballot in Missouri as an initiated constitutional amendment. This amendment expands Medicaid eligibility in Missouri to adults that are 19 years old or older and younger than 65 whose income is 133% of the federal poverty level or below, which would effectively expand Medicaid to those with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level under the Affordable Care Act. It will also prohibit any additional restrictions or requirements to qualify for Medicaid coverage, and requires the state to seek maximum federal funding of Medicaid expansion.

YES	672,967	53.3%
NO	590,809	46.7%

Federal Elections

We normally don't report on federal elections but the US House race in St. Louis found Lacy Clay out of office. The Clay dynasty ends!