



November General Election Report

November 9, 2022

AT-A-GLANCE

- Democrats likely to gain seats in both the House and Senate
- There are still a considerable number of ballots to count - numbers are likely to change as jurisdictions report this week
- Secretary of State Steve Hobbs (D) leads by three percentage points over non-partisan opponent Julie Anderson
- Senator Emily Randall holding tight to the hotly contested Senate seat in the 26th LD
- Democrat Clyde Shavers seems poised to flip the House seat currently held by Representative Gilday (R) the 10th LD
- Close House race in the 18th LD is a potential flip for Democrats

State Legislative Elections

All members of the House of Representatives and half of the members in the Senate were up for election this year.

Democrats currently hold the majority in the House of Representatives (57-41) and in the Senate (28-20; one Democratic Senator who aligns with Republicans). Earlier this year, 21 legislators announced that they would not be seeking re-election and six Representatives embarked on campaigns for Senate positions, so there will be significant turnover in the Legislature heading into 2023 regardless of party affiliation.

Republicans needed to gain nine seats to reach a majority in the House of Representatives and four seats to take over the Senate. While election results are still preliminary, a Republican take-over of the Legislature is unlikely.

Races that Could Tip the Democrat/Republican Balance:

Senate:

- **26th Senate Seat Likely Remaining Democrat (Bremerton):** Incumbent Emily Randall, who flipped this position for Democrats in the 2018 election, is in the

lead with 52.53% ahead of her opponent, Representative Jesse Young, at 47.4%.

- **30th Senate Seat Remaining Democrat (Federal Way):** Incumbent Democrat Claire Wilson is leading Republican Linda Kochmar, a former State Representative for the district, by nearly 12 percentage points.
- **35th Senate Seat Flips Republican (Mason County and parts of Kitsap and Thurston Counties):** Democrat (who caucused with the Republicans) Senator Tim Sheldon did not seek re-election for this position, leaving the competition open to Democrat Julianne Gale and Republican Drew MacEwen, who currently serves in the House. Representative MacEwen is leading by nine percentage points over Julianne Gale.
- **38th Senate Seat Remains Democrat (Everett):** Incumbent Democrat June Robinson faced Republican Bernard Moody in the General Election. She holds a wide lead of over 18 percentage points.
- **42nd Senate Seat Probable to Flip Democrat (Bellingham):** House Representative Sharon Shewmake, a Democrat, is leading in this race at 51.31% against the Republican incumbent, Senator Simon Sefzik, at 48.6%.
- **47th Senate Seat Likely Remaining Democrat (Kent):** After Senator Mona Das (D-Kent) announced that she would not seek re-election, this southeastern King County race became a major focus for both parties. Former State Senator Claudia Kauffman is leading with 53.46% of the vote ahead Republican opponent Bill Boyce at 46.39%.

House of Representatives:

- **5th House Seat Remains Democrat (Issaquah):** Incumbent Lisa Callan is leading against Republican challenger Chad Magendanz, a former House representative, by over nine percentage points.
- **10th House Seats Likely Democrat; Position 1 a Probable Flip for Democrats (Island County and parts of Snohomish and Skagit Counties):** Both House seats in the 10th legislative district were anticipated to be tight in this election cycle. In Position 1, incumbent Republican Greg Gilday faced Democratic challenger in Clyde Shavers. Representative Gilday is trailing with 47.22% behind Clyde Shavers' 52.68%. In Position 2, incumbent Democrat Dave Paul, who won this seat in the last two election cycles by fewer than 750 votes, faced Republican challenger Karen Lesetmoe. Representative Paul leads with 54.29%.
- **17th House Seat Remaining Republican (Southwest Clark County):** Incumbent Republican Paul Harris faced Democrat Joe Kear in the General Election, and leads with 52.52% of the vote. faces challengers from his own party and one Democrat in the primary.
- **18th House Seats—Position 1 a Possible Flip for Democrats (Clark County):** Both positions are currently held by Republicans, but Democrat John Zingale holds a narrow lead at 50.67% over Republican Stephanie McClintock at 49.22% with 80,000 ballots yet to be counted. For Position 2, Republican Greg Cheney is leading with 51.52% of the vote ahead of Democratic challenger Duncan Comacho at 48.32%.

- **26th House Seat a Possible Flip for Democrats (Bremerton):** This position is currently held by Republican Representative Jesse Young, who decided to run for the Senate seat in the district. Democrat Adison Richards is leading with 51.1% ahead of Republican Spencer Hutchins at 48.88%.
- **28th House Seat Remains Democrat (western Pierce County):** Incumbent Democrat Dan Bronoske leads Republican challenger Susanna Keilman by over 11 percentage points.
- **30th House Seat Remains Democrat (Federal Way):** Representative Jesse Johnson (D) announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election. Former State Representative Kristine Reeves holds a lead of nearly 16 percentage points ahead of her Republican opponent, Ashli Tagoai.
- **35th House Seat Likely Remaining Republican (Mason County and parts of Kitsap and Thurston Counties):** Incumbent Republican Drew MacEwen campaigned for the Senate seat in the district, so the candidates for this seat were Republican Travis Couture, who leads with 51.07% over Democrat Sandy Kaiser with 48.88% of the vote.
- **38th House Seats Remains Democrat (Everett):** Representatives Mike Sells and Emily Wicks, both Democrats, announced that they would not be seeking re-election in 2022. For the position held by representative Wicks, Democrat Julio Cortes is leading with more than 18 percentage points over Republican Gary Kemp. For the seat currently held by Representative Sells, Democrat Mary Fosse leads by nearly 16 percentage points over Republican challenger Mark James.
- **42nd House Seats Likely Remaining Democrat (Bellingham):** Position 1 incumbent Democrat Alicia Rule appears to be fending off Republican challenger Tawsha (Dykstra) Thompson with 52.13% of the vote. For Position 2, Representative Sharon Shewmake (D) pursued the Senate seat in the district and the Democratic candidate, Joe Timmons leads with 51.84% against Republican Dan Johnson with 48.09%.
- **44th House Seat Remains Democrat (Snohomish County):** Democratic incumbent Brandy Donaghy leads by nine percentage points over Republican challenger Mark Harmsworth, who previously served in the House of Representatives.
- **47th House Seat Remains Democrat (King County):** For this position currently held by Democrat Pat Sullivan, who did not seek re-election, two Democrats advanced out of a crowded field in the August primary. Chris Stearns holds a wide lead of nearly 40 percentage points over fellow Democrat Shukri Olow.

Additional Races of Interest—Intraparty Battles:

- **4th House Seat (Spokane Valley):** Incumbent Republican Rob Chase was challenged for this seat by Republican Leonard Christian, who previously served in the House when he was appointed to the vacant position following the resignation of Representative Larry Crouse. Representative Chase is currently trailing with 47.06% behind Leonard Christian with 50.82% of the vote.
- **31st Senate Seat (Auburn):** Republican incumbent Phil Fortunato has a challenger in Chris Vance, who has served in the House of Representatives, the King County Council, and as Chair of the Washington Republican Party. In 2017,

he announced that he no longer considered himself a Republican. Senator Fortunato is leading by over 10 percentage points over Chris Vance.

- **34th House Seat (West Seattle):** Two Democrats, Emily Alvarado and Leah Griffin, competed for this seat currently held by Representative Eileen Cody, who did not seek re-election. Emily Alvarado holds a wide lead of nearly 40 percentage points.
- **36th Senate Seat (Seattle):** Representative Noel Frame did not seek re-election for her House seat in favor of pursuing this Senate position. She holds a commanding lead of over 66 percentage points against her competitor, activist Kate Martin, a moderate Democrat.
- **36th House Seat (Seattle):** Two Democrats vied for this open seat held by Representative Noel Frame. Julia Reed leads by over 48 percentage points over Jeff Manson.
- **37th House Seat (Seattle):** Two Democrats were in the hunt for this seat held by Kirsten Harris-Talley, who did not seek re-election. Chipalo Street is leading by over 10 percentage points against fellow Democrat Emijah Smith.
- **39th House Seat (Skagit and Snohomish Counties):** Incumbent Republican Robert Sutherland faces a tough challenge from moderate Republican Sam Low. Representative Sutherland is currently trailing Sam Low by over 13 percentage points.
- **40th House Seat (Bellingham):** Incumbent Democrat Alex Ramel was challenged by Democrat Trevor Smith, a labor activist. Representative Ramel (D) (74.73%) holds a decisive lead of over 55 percentage points against Trevor Smith.
- **46th House Seat (Seattle):** Representative Javier Valdez, a Democrat, did not seek re-election to this seat in favor of pursuing the Senate seat in the district. Two Democrats competed for this position. Darya Farivar leads with nearly 13 percentage points over Lelach Rave.

Secretary of State Election

The election for Secretary of State was the only statewide race on the General Election ballot. The position is currently held by Steve Hobbs, who was appointed to fill the vacancy by Governor Inslee after Kim Wyman took an election security role in the Biden Administration. Secretary Hobbs is the first Democrat to hold this position in five decades. Julie Anderson, who currently serves as Pierce County Auditor and competed as a non-partisan candidate, advanced to the November ballot. Secretary Hobbs is currently leading with 49.97% of the vote ahead of Julie Anderson, at 46.92%.