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2022 General Election Summary

Preliminary results are in for the 2022 general election here in the great state of West Virginia. Over 450,000 West Virginia citizens cast their votes over the last couple weeks, including over 130,000 people choosing to vote early and approximately 15,000 mail in ballots.

At the top of the ballot, as expected, incumbents Carol Miller and Alex Mooney easily won their reelections for the U.S. House of Representatives. Population loss and shifts resulted in West Virginia losing a congressional district after the 2020 United States Census.

17 of the 34 WV State Senate seats were on the ballot in 2022. Republicans now control the Senate with a total of 30-4. A few notable races are as follows:

Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin loses to former state trooper/pastor Vince Deeds in District 10.

- Republican Jason Barrett easily defeated incumbent Hannah Geffert for district 16.
- Veteran legislator Mark Hunt(R) defeats incumbent Charleston trail lawyer Richard Lindsay in District 8.
- Long time Democrat Senator Ron Stollings loses to former US Attorney Mike Stuart for district 7.
- Former Senator and Congressional candidate Mike Oliverio narrowly defeated long time Democrat House member Barbara Fleischauer for District 13.

All 100 seats of the 100 member WV House of Delegates were also on the ballot. Republicans now control the House by a total of 88-12. A few notable races resulted as follows:

- Long time Democrat Phil Diserio lost to Jimmy Willis in District 3
- Veteran Democrat Lisa Zukoff lost to Charles Sheedy Sr. in District 7.
- Republican newcomer Bob Fehrenbacher easily wins in District 11.
- Democrat incumbent Kayla Young wins reelection in District 56.
- Newcomer Republican Anita Hall defeated Ed Evans in District 36.
- Republican Raleigh County lawyer Todd Kirby wins District 44 in historically held democrat district.
- Incumbent Republican Josh Holstein holds off a strong challenge from former Delegate/Sheriff Rodney Miller in District 32.
- Incumbent Republican Austin Haynes lost to David Pritt in District 50

All 4 Constitutional Amendments failed in dramatic fashion.

- Amendment 1(Separation of Powers)—58%-42%
- Amendment 2(Property Tax) ---65%-35%
- Amendment 3(Church incorporation) ---55%-45%
- Amendment 49(education legislative oversight) ---58%-42%