

## Montana 2022 Election Results

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The 2023 Legislature will convene January 2<sup>nd</sup> and with supermajorities be focused on assisting the Governor with one time spending of its surplus dollars, while being focused that the next biennium may be tight with inflation and a potential recession. There are 762,291 registered voters in Montana. The big races were the two Congressional seats- both Republicans won (Zinke and Rosendale) and the Montana Supreme Court race that Governor Gianforte supported Jim Brown (PSC Chairman) ended with the Incumbent winning – Ingrid Gustafson.

As of 10:30am MST 69% precincts have fully reported. 425,637 Montanans have voted.

#### Pre-Election Balance of Power:

Governor: Greg Gianforte (R)

State Senate: 31 Republicans- 19 Democrats

State House: 68 Republicans- 32 Democrats

#### Post-Election Balance of Power:

Governor: Greg Gianforte (R) up for last re-election in 2024

State Senate: 33 Republicans- 17 Democrats

State House: 66 Republicans- 30 Democrats

The House has 4 number of races undecided or within 100 votes.

HD 15 (R ahead by 10 votes), HD 48 (R ahead by 33 votes) , HD 50 (R ahead by 73 votes) and HD77 (R ahead by 44 votes).

The Senate has 0 number of races undecided.

Both houses will like have a supermajority of Republicans (Senate has 33 and House needs 67) and veto override margins with Republicans if they choose to caucus on issues.

The Public Service Commission races results are as follows:

Seat Number 5: Ann Bukacek (R) 55% v. John Repke (D)45% = Winner Ann Bukacek

Seat Number 1: Randy Pinocci (R) = Winner Randy Pinocci (R)

The Public Service Commission remains with all five seats controlled by Republicans. The current Chair of the PSC, Jim Brown, lost in his Supreme Court race so he will likely remain the chair of the PSC.

Congressional Seat results are as follows:

Monica Tranel (D) 46% v. Ryan Zinke(R) 50% v. John Lamb 4% (Libertarian):

Winner Ryan Zinke

Gary Buchanan (I) 22% v. Penny Ronning (D) 20% v. Matt Rosendale (R) 57% and Sam Rankin 1%(Libertarian):

Winner Congressman Matt Rosendale (second place was Independent Buchanan)

Montana Supreme Court nonpartisan results are as follows:

Jim Rice 78% v. Bill D'Alton 22%: Winner Incumbent Jim Rice

Ingrid Gustafson 54% v. Jim Brown 46% : Winner Incumbent Ingrid Gustafson

Ballot Initiatives:

Constitutional Amendment No. 48 passed with 82% support

An act submitting to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to Article II, Section 11, of the Montana Constitution to explicitly include electronic data and communications in search and seizure protections.

Legislative Referendum No. 131 failed with 48% support

An act adopting the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act; providing that infants born alive, including infants born alive after an abortion, are legal persons; requiring health care providers to take necessary actions to preserve the life of a born-alive infant; providing a penalty; providing that the proposed act be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana; and providing an effective date.