



2025 Legislative Session Preview

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Indiana 2024 Election Wrap Up: Federal

- Indiana Federal Delegation Changes:
 - Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) has been elected to fill US Senator Mike Braun's seat (who is now Governor-Elect).
 - Three (3) new congressional members:
 - Former US Congressman Marlin A. Stutzman (IN-03)
 - Former Indianapolis City-County Council Member Jefferson Shreve (IN-06)
 - Former State Senator Mark Messmer (IN-08)
 - The other seven (7) federal delegation races were won by incumbents.

Indiana Election Wrap Up: Statewide Races

- There were two (2) statewide races in Indiana during the 2024 General Election Cycle
 - Governor and Lt. Governor (as a ticket) and Attorney General
- U.S. Senator Mike Braun was elected to serve as Governor and his running mate Pastor Micah Beckwith to serve as Lt. Governor.
- Hoosiers re-elected the Attorney General Todd Rokita who continues to serve in his role until the next general election cycle in 2028.

Indiana Election Wrap Up: House of Representatives

- HD 13 – Matt Commons (R)
- HD 32 – Incumbent Victoria Garcia-Wilburn (D) beat Patricia Bratton (R)
- HD 62 – Incumbent Dave Hall (R) beat Thomas Horrocks (D)
- HD 69 – Incumbent Jim Lucas (R) beat Trish Whitcomb (D)
- HD 71 – Incumbent Wendy Dant Chesser (D) beat Scott Hawkins (R)
 - Rep. Wendy Dant Chesser joined the legislature in June 2024 to replace Former State Rep. Rita Fleming

Indiana Election Wrap Up: New State Representatives

- HD 24 – Hunter Smith (R)
- HD 29 – Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
- HD 39 – Danny Lopez (R)
- HD 51 – Tony Isa (R)
- HD 53 – Ethan Lawson (R)
- HD 68 – Garrett Bascom (R)
- HD 77 – Alex Burton (D)
- HD 90 – Andrew Ireland (R)

Indiana Election Wrap Up: State Senators

- Races to note:
 - SD 20 – Incumbent Scott Baldwin (R) beat Joel Levi (D)
 - SD 35 – Incumbent Cyndi Carrasco (R) beat Suzanne Fortenberry (D)
 - Sen. Cyndi Carrasco was caucused into the Senate in November 2023, therefore this is her first state senate election
 - SD 36 – Incumbent Michael Young (R) beat Jessica McCormick (D)
- New State Senators:
 - SD 3 – Mark Spencer (D)
 - SD 24 – Brett Clark (R)
 - SD 48 – Daryl Schmitt (R)
 - Sen. Schmitt was caucused into the Senate in September 2024 to replace Former State Sen. Mark Messmer

Braun: Key Local Government Issues

- Property Tax Reform
 - Top priority in the 2025 Budget Session
 - Call for a 3% annual cap on property tax increases
 - ‘Reset’ to 2021 tax levels
 - Curb property tax growth
- Public Safety
 - Support local law enforcement
 - Prioritize school safety
 - Confront drug and mental health crisis in communities
- Agriculture Development
 - Childcare accessibility and affordability
 - Local infrastructure projects

Braun Transition

- Governor-elect Mike Braun has announced a roster of transition team members that will start conducting state agency reviews.
- The Governor-elect will also meet with other state elected officials to begin policy discussions about key issues facing the state.
- The state is preparing for the leadership change, specifically in Braun's platform areas:
 - Healthcare affordability
 - Cut taxes and support small government
 - Property taxes
 - Education
 - Economic Development

Big Picture Issues

- The Budget
 - Overspend in the Medicaid budget.
 - Loss of Federal Funds from ARPA, ESSER, etc.
- Tax Reform
 - Increased referendums pushing property tax rates up for homeowners.
- Healthcare Cost, Oversight and Transparency
- Education & Childcare
 - Universal Choice
 - Increased availability of childcare facilities.

Local Government Legislative Issues

- Road funding
- Property Taxes & Business Personal Property Tax (increasing the threshold or elimination)
- Energy Policy
- Water Policy
- Public Health Funding

2025 Budget Session Key Dates

- Organization day occurred on November 19th
- LSA Deadline to finalize bill drafts is Friday, January 3rd
- Legislature will convene on January 8th
- Upon convening, the following deadlines will be important:
 - Bill filings will end on January 9th (Senate) & January 14th (House)
 - Last day for 3rd bill readings in chamber of origin is February 20th
 - Last day for 3rd bill readings in second chamber and adoption of conference committee reports is April 15th
- The legislative session will adjourn sine die by April 29th
 - The General Assembly is aiming to adjourn sine die on April 24th

Questions?

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