

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW  
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**ELECTION RECAP**

Republicans increased their hold on state government by picking up seats in the Ohio House as well as maintaining a large majority in the Senate, control of the Supreme Court and winning all statewide offices.

All those elected will be sworn in January when the new terms begin. A major issue of consequence is the new House leadership. As current Speaker Bill Batchelder and second in command Matt Hoffman were term limited, a new leadership team will be chosen sometime this month. The current favorite to lead the next session is Rep. Cliff Rosenberger from Highland county.

OHBA-PAC was a big winner. We made sizeable contributions through the year as well as late when funds were needed in key targeted races. We were big and early for the Governor and made timely contributions to the leadership caucuses in the House and Senate. Thanks to all who contributed and helped maintain OHBA as a major player and effective advocate for homebuilders across Ohio.

**WHAT'S NEXT**

A lame duck session will meet soon and run through the second week of December. Licensing, OUPS and EPA issues may be discussed. These and other items will be discussed at our board meeting next week. Otherwise the presidential race for 2016 has now begun and the race for Ohio's next governor will unfold soon with a number of candidates likely to give it a try.