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Vermont 2025 Legislative Outlook and Election Results Overview

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Executive Summary

Key Highlights

- Governor Phil Scott (R) easily wins a fifth term.
- John Rodgers (R) narrowly defeats incumbent Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (P/D).
- Democrats lose supermajorities in both the House and Senate but maintain majorities.



Statewide Races

Governor Phil Scott (R)

- Secured 71% of the vote, demonstrating widespread approval.
- Defeated Democrat Esther Charlestin by a 50-point margin.

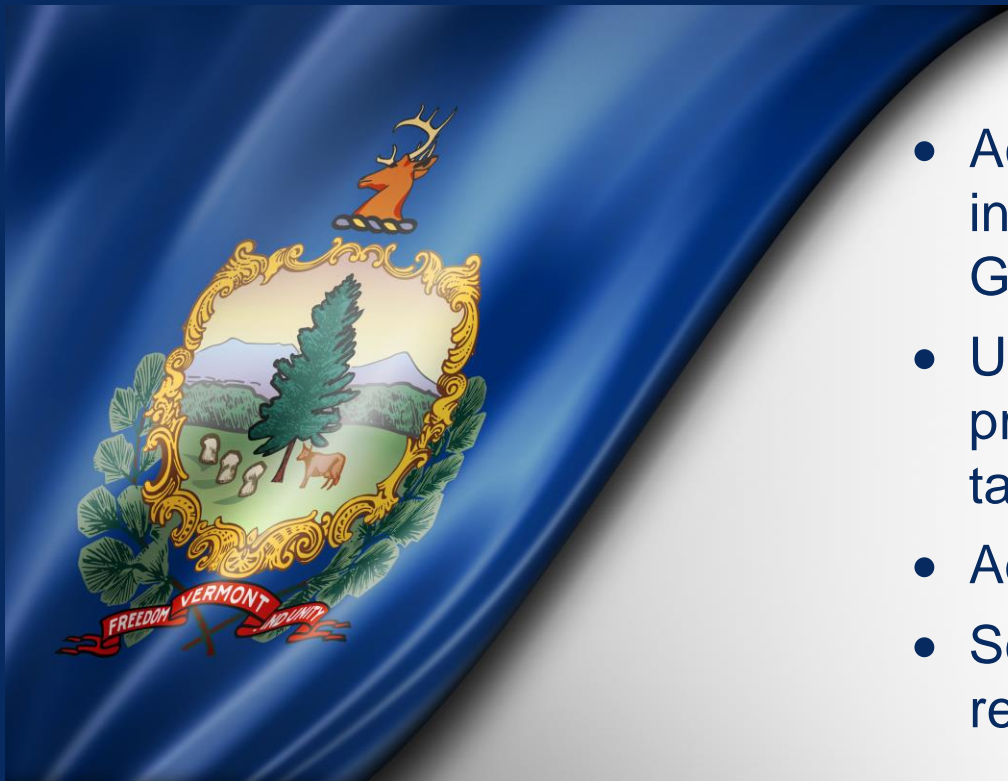
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- Former Democrat, now Republican, from the rural Northeast Kingdom.
- Narrowly defeated Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (P/D).

Other statewide races

- Attorney General Charity Clark (D).
- Treasurer Mike Pieciak (D)
- Secretary of State Sarah Copeland-Hanzas (D)
- State Auditor Doug Hoffer (D/P)

Governor Scott's Efforts



- Actively Supported Republican candidates in the Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor's race.
- Used drastic property tax increases and proposed Clean Heat Standard as major talking points.
- Advocated for balanced voices in Montpelier.
- Scott's work, coupled with increased taxes, resulted in the Red Wave.

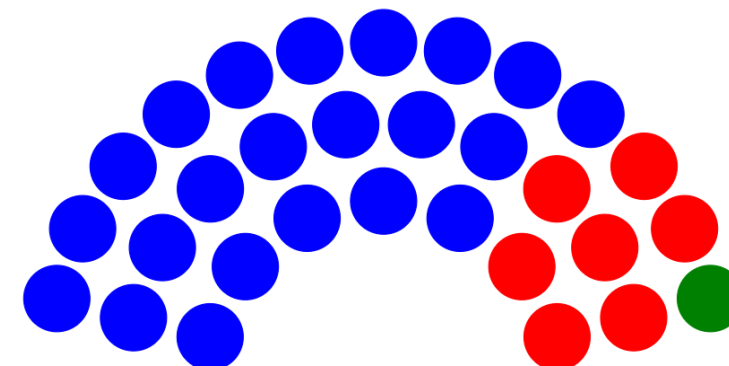
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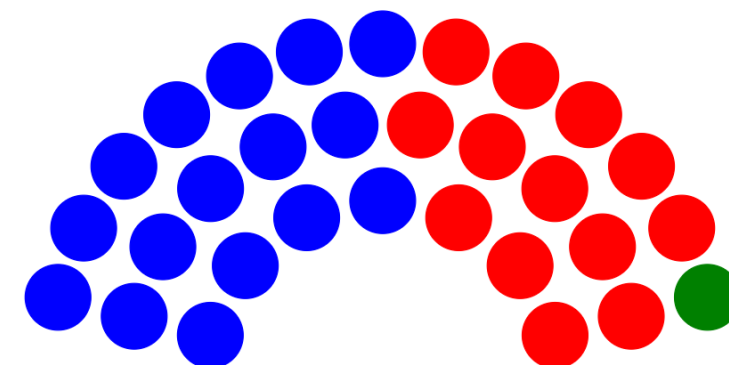
- Republicans gain six seats, displacing four incumbents and winning two open contests.
- No incumbent Republican lost their seat.
- Notable Democrat losses include Senators Chris Bray and Mark MacDonald.

Senate Dynamic Post-Election

- Democrat: 16 (-6)
- Republican: 13 (+6)
- Progressive: 1 (neutral)



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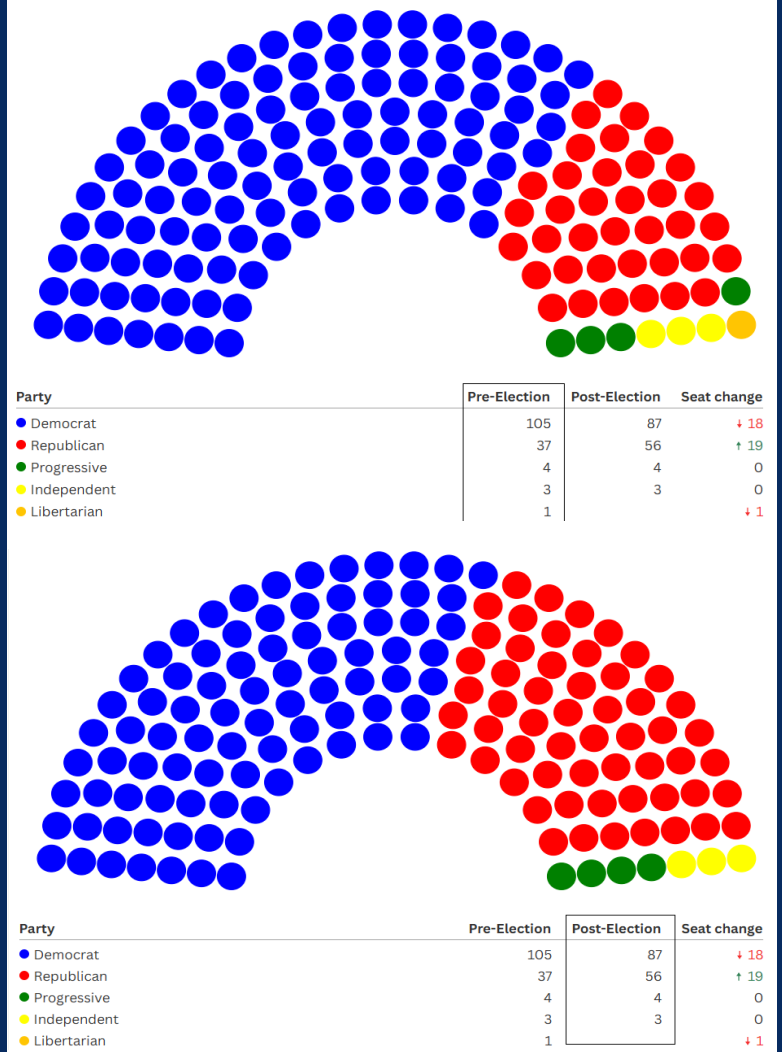
House of Representatives

House Results

- Republicans capture 19 additional seats.
- Democrats lose two key Legislative Committee Chairs.
- No incumbent Republican lost their seat.

House Dynamic Post-Election

- Democrat: 87 (-18)
- Republican: 56 (+19)
- Progressive: 4 (neutral)
- Independent: 3 (neutral)



First Week of the Session

Party Leadership Challenges

- Speaker Krowinski fended off challenge – vote 111-35
- Senate President Baruth – challenger withdrew in rumored horse trade.

Committee Changes

- Turnover significantly impacted committee assignments and will modify priorities.
- 9 of 11 Senate committees have new chairs.



Changing Legislative Committees – House

<p>House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry</p> <p>Rep. David Durfee, Chair Rep. Heather Surprenant, V-Chair Rep. Rodney Graham, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Esme Cole Rep. Josie Leavitt Rep. Jed Lipsky Rep. Henry Pearl, Clerk Rep. John O'Brien Rep. Beth Quimby Rep. Mike Rice Rep. David Templeman</p>	<p>House Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Rep. Diane Lanpher, Chair Rep. Robin Scheu, V-Chair Rep. Patrick Brennan, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Tiffany Bluemle Rep. Eileen Dickinson Rep. Katherine "Kari" Dolan Rep. James Harrison, Clerk Rep. Rebecca Holcombe Rep. Marc Mihaly Rep. Woodman Page Rep. Trevor Squirrel</p>	<p>House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development</p> <p>Rep. Michael Marcotte, Chair Rep. Stephanie Jerome, V-Chair Rep. Logan Nicoll, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Jim Carroll Rep. Heather Chase Rep. Abbey Duke Rep. Edye Graning Rep. Monique Priestley, Clerk Rep. Jarrod Sammis Rep. Kirk White Rep. Jonathan Williams</p>	<p>House Committee on Corrections and Institutions</p> <p>Rep. Alice M. Emmons, Chair Rep. Joseph "Chip" Troiano, V-Chair Rep. Mary A. Morrissey, Ranking Mbr. Rep. John Arrison Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun Rep. Conor Casey Rep. Gina Galfetti Rep. Troy Headrick Rep. Wayne Laroche Rep. Eric Maguire Rep. Tristan Roberts, Clerk</p>	<p>House Committee on Education</p> <p>Rep. Peter Conlon, Chair Rep. Erin Brady, V-Chair Rep. Casey Toof, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Sarah "Sarita" Austin Rep. Jana Brown Rep. Nelson Brownell Rep. Tesha Buss Rep. Kate McCann Rep. Brian Minier Rep. Mary-Katherine Stone, Clerk Rep. Chris Taylor Rep. Terri Lynn Williams</p>	<p>House Committee on Environment and Energy</p> <p>Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair Rep. Laura Sibilia, V-Chair Rep. Seth Bongartz, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Paul Clifford Rep. Kate Logan Rep. Kristi Morris Rep. Avram Patt Rep. Larry Satcowitz Rep. Gabrielle Stebbins, Clerk Rep. Brian Smith Rep. Dara Torre</p>	<p>House Committee on General and Housing</p> <p>Rep. Thomas Stevens, Chair Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, V-Chair Rep. Kathleen James, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Ashley Bartley Rep. Elizabeth Burrows Rep. Caleb Elder Rep. Mary E. Howard, Clerk Rep. Emilie Krasnow Rep. Dennis LaBounty Rep. Larry Labor Rep. Saudia LaMont Rep. Joseph Parsons</p>
<p>House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs</p> <p>Rep. Michael McCarthy, Chair Rep. Matthew Birong, V-Chair Rep. Mark Higley, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Lucy Boyden, Clerk Rep. Seth Chase Rep. Lisa Hango Rep. Philip Jay Hooper Rep. Robert Hooper Rep. Michael Morgan Rep. Michael Mrowicki Rep. Kate Nugent Rep. Chea Waters Evans</p>	<p>House Committee on Health Care</p> <p>Rep. Lori Houghton, Chair Rep. Francis McFaun, V-Chair Rep. Alyssa Black, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Daisy Berbeco Rep. Melanie Carpenter Rep. Brian Cina Rep. Mari Cordes, Clerk Rep. Allen "Penny" Demar Rep. Bobby Farlice Rubio Rep. Leslie Goldman Rep. Arthur Peterson</p>	<p>House Committee on Human Services</p> <p>Rep. Theresa Wood, Chair Rep. Jessica Brumsted, V-Chair Rep. Anne B. Donahue, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Rey Garofano Rep. James Gregoire Rep. Noah Hyman Rep. Jubilee McGill Rep. Daniel Noyes, Clerk Rep. Taylor Small Rep. Dane Whitman</p>	<p>House Committee on Judiciary</p> <p>Rep. Martin LaLonde, Chair Rep. Thomas Burditt, V-Chair Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Joseph Andriano Rep. Angela Arsenault Rep. Ela Chapin Rep. Karen Dolan Rep. Kenneth Goslant, Clerk Rep. William Nette Rep. Thomas Oliver Rep. Barbara Rachelson</p>	<p>House Committee on Transportation</p> <p>Rep. Sara Coffey, Chair Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, V-Chair Rep. Timothy R. Corcoran II, Ranking Mbr. Rep. John L. Bartholomew Rep. Mollie S. Burke Rep. R. Scott Campbell Rep. Leonora Dodge, Clerk Rep. Kate Lalley Rep. Patricia McCoy Rep. Phil Pouech Rep. Matt Walker</p>	<p>House Committee on Ways and Means</p> <p>Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Chair Rep. William Canfield, V-Chair Rep. Carl Demrow, Ranking Mbr. Rep. Julia Andrews, Clerk Rep. Peter Anthony Rep. Scott Bock Rep. Carolyn Branagan Rep. James Masland Rep. Christopher Mattos Rep. Carol Ode Rep. Katherine Sims</p>	

Changing Legislative Committees – Senate

<p>Senate Committee on Agriculture</p> <p>Sen. Robert Starr, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Brian Collamore, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Richard Westman</p> <p>Sen. Brian Campion</p> <p>Sen. Irene Wrenner, Clerk</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Richard Westman, Clerk</p> <p>Sen. Robert Starr</p> <p>Sen. Philip Baruth</p> <p>Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons</p> <p>Vacant</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs</p> <p>Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Alison Clarkson, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Randy Brock</p> <p>Sen. Ann Cummings</p> <p>Sen. Wendy Harrison, Clerk</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Education</p> <p>Sen. Brian Campion, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Martine Larocque Gulick, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Nader Hashim</p> <p>Sen. David Weeks</p> <p>Sen. Terry Williams, Clerk</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Finance</p> <p>Sen. Ann Cummings, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Mark A. MacDonald, Vice Chair, Clerk</p> <p>Sen. Christopher Bray</p> <p>Sen. Dick McCormack</p> <p>Sen. Randy Brock</p> <p>Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale</p> <p>Sen. Thomas Chittenden</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Government Operations</p> <p>Sen. Ruth Hardy, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Tanya Vyhovsky, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Alison Clarkson</p> <p>Sen. Becca White</p> <p>Sen. Robert Norris, Clerk</p> <p>Sen. Anne Watson</p>
<p>Senate Committee on Health and Welfare</p> <p>Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Chair</p> <p>Sen. David Weeks, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Ruth Hardy</p> <p>Sen. Martine Larocque Gulick</p> <p>Sen. Terry Williams</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Institutions</p> <p>Sen. Russ Ingalls, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Wendy Harrison, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Brian Collamore</p> <p>Sen. Irene Wrenner, Clerk</p> <p>Vacant</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Judiciary</p> <p>Sen. Nader Hashim, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Philip Baruth</p> <p>Sen. Tanya Vyhovsky, Clerk</p> <p>Sen. Robert Norris</p> <p>Vacant</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy</p> <p>Sen. Christopher Bray, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Anne Watson, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Dick McCormack</p> <p>Sen. Mark A. MacDonald</p> <p>Sen. Becca White, Clerk</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Transportation</p> <p>Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Chair</p> <p>Sen. Thomas Chittenden, Vice Chair</p> <p>Sen. Jane Kitchel</p> <p>Sen. Russ Ingalls, Clerk</p> <p>Vacant</p>	

Impact on Legislation

Legislative Dynamics

- Absence of supermajorities empowers Governor Scott.
- Increased need for bipartisan collaboration.
- Governor Scott's enhanced influence over legislative decisions.



Legislative Priorities for Democrats and Republicans

Affordability Agenda

- Education Fund changes
 - Restructuring the funding model
 - New revenue considerations
 - Cost containment
- Housing
 - Workforce housing
 - Housing TIF discussion
 - Permitting review/Act 250
- Healthcare
 - Reference Based Pricing

Additional Issues Up for Consideration



- Data Privacy Bill
- Clean Heat Standard Alternatives
- School Construction
- Public Safety
- New Revenue
- Surprises – Insurance and Banking issues

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