

FINE GEDDIE

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

THE FINE GEDDIE REPORT

2020 ELECTION REPORT

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NO SURPRISES IN ALABAMA

Tuesday, November 3rd yielded no surprises in the State of Alabama.

FEDERAL LEVEL RACES

President Donald Trump (R) was favored by 63% of the voters to former Vice President Joseph Biden's (D) 35%.

U.S. Senator Doug Jones (D) was defeated by former Auburn University head football coach, Tommy Tuberville (R). Tuberville secured 61% of the vote to Jones' 38%. This outcome was expected given the overwhelming Republican sentiment in the state.

The following is a list of the **Alabama congressional delegation**. Note that Congressional Districts 1 and 2 have elected new members.

- District 1 (Mobile) - Jerry Carl (R); this seat is currently held by Rep. Bradley Byrne (R) who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate. He lost in the Senate primary to Tuberville.
- District 2 (Montgomery/SE Alabama) - Barry Moore (R); this seat is currently held by Rep. Martha Roby (R) who did not seek re-election.
- District 3 (Auburn/East Alabama) - Mike Rogers (R) reelected
- District 4 (North Alabama) - Robert Aderholt (R) reelected
- District 5 (Huntsville/ Tennessee Valley) - Mo Brooks (R) reelected
- District 6 (Birmingham) - Gary Palmer (R) reelected
- District 7 (Tuscaloosa/West Alabama) - Terri Sewell (D) reelected

STATE LEVEL RACES

There were no state legislative elections or elections for statewide constitutional executive offices.

Public Service Commission President Twinkle Cavanaugh (R) was reelected to her position.

Greg Shaw (R) and Brad Mendheim (R) were unopposed in their reelection bids to the **Alabama Supreme Court**.

Judge Bill Thompson (R) was unopposed in his re-election bid to the **Alabama Court of Civil Appeals**. Likewise, State Representative Matt Fridy (R) was unopposed in securing an open seat on the Court of Civil Appeals.

Judges Mary Windom (R) and Beth Kellum (R) were unopposed in their reelection bids for the **Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals**.

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

- **APPROVED** - A constitutional amendment to require that voters must be U.S. citizens
- **REJECTED** - Amendment 2 would have imposed several changes to judicial branch governance and operations but was narrowly defeated. The proposed changes would have:
 - Extended appointment authority over the leadership of the Administrative Office of the Courts to the full Supreme Court. Under current law, the Chief Justice has sole appointment authority.
 - Provided that county district courts do not have to hold city court in a city with a population of less than 1,000
 - Increased the total membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission (JIC) from 9 to 11. JIC evaluates ethics complaints against judges and determines who appoints each member.
 - Allowed the governor, rather than the lieutenant governor, to appoint a member of the Court of the Judiciary, which hears complaints filed by the JIC.
 - Prevented a judge from being automatically disqualified from holding office simply because a complaint was filed with the JIC
 - Provided that a judge can be removed from office only by the Court of the Judiciary.
- **APPROVED** - A constitutional amendment to extend the time appointed circuit and district court judges could fill a vacancy before facing election. Under previous law, district and circuit judges appointed by the governor serve an initial term of one year or the remainder of the original term, whichever is longer. The amendment changes that initial term of the appointed judge to at least two years before they must run for election.
- **APPROVED** - A constitutional amendment to authorize the state legislature to remove racist language from the State of Alabama Constitution

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES OF INTEREST

- **APPROVED** - Montgomery County approved a property tax increase intended to benefit Montgomery County public schools.