



ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

New Political Realities for Energy Policy
in Washington & Columbus

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FEDERAL LANDSCAPE

U.S. House of Representatives



- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) keeps control.
- GOP picked up net-twelve seats – narrowest margin for Dem’s since 1940s.

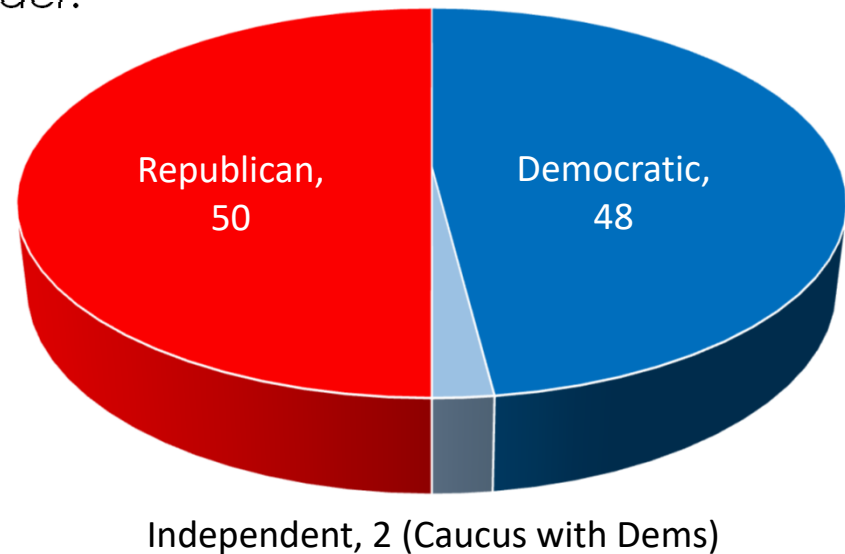
117th Congress House Lineup



U.S. Senate



- Democrats win back control, with 50/50 split (tie is broken by VP Harris).
- Chuck Schumer now Senate Majority Leader.
- Agency Nominations much easier.
- First 50/50 split since 2001-2003.
- Filibuster remains an important tool for the Republicans (for now?).



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)



Mark Christie
Republican
New – Jan. 2021
Term ends 6/30/25



Allison Clements
Democratic
New – Dec. 2020
Term ends 6/30/24



Richard Glick
Democratic
Chair, (1/21/21)
Term ends 6/30/22



Neil Chatterjee
Republican
Former Chair
Term ends 6/30/21



James Danly
Republican
Former Chair
Term ends 6/30/23

Republicans will have 3-2 Majority Until mid-2021



OHIO LANDSCAPE

Ohio House Bill 6 (HB 6) – Major Provisions



- Signed into law and became effective on Oct. 22, 2019.
- Provided support payments to Ohio's two nuclear plants (Davis-Besse, Perry):
 - *Payments provided \$9/MWh (~\$150 million/year thru 2027).*
- Phased down and eliminated Energy Efficiency/Peak Demand Reduction Targets.
- Slowed the growth of Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).
 - *Final target of 8.5% in 2026. Targets sunset to 0% thereafter.*
- Unique decoupling methodology for the FirstEnergy utilities.
- Numerous other provisions (OVEC, county fairs, etc.)

FBI Raids / Calls for Repeal & Replacement

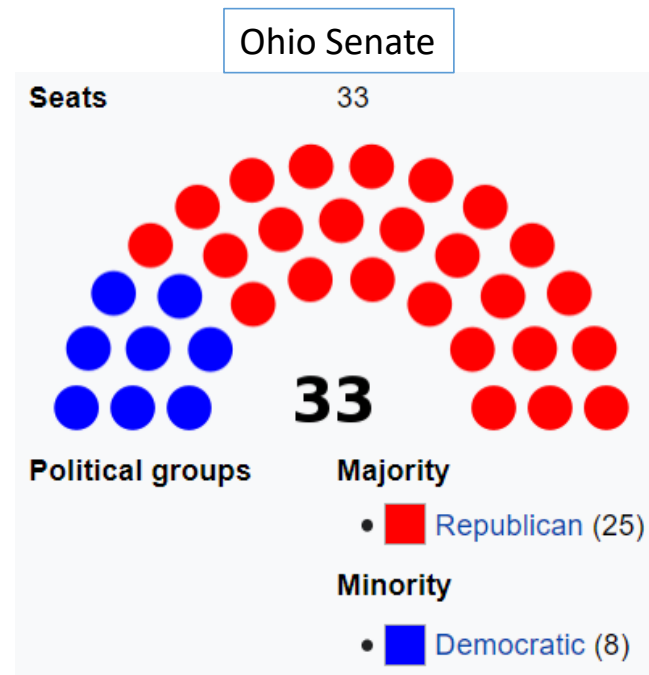
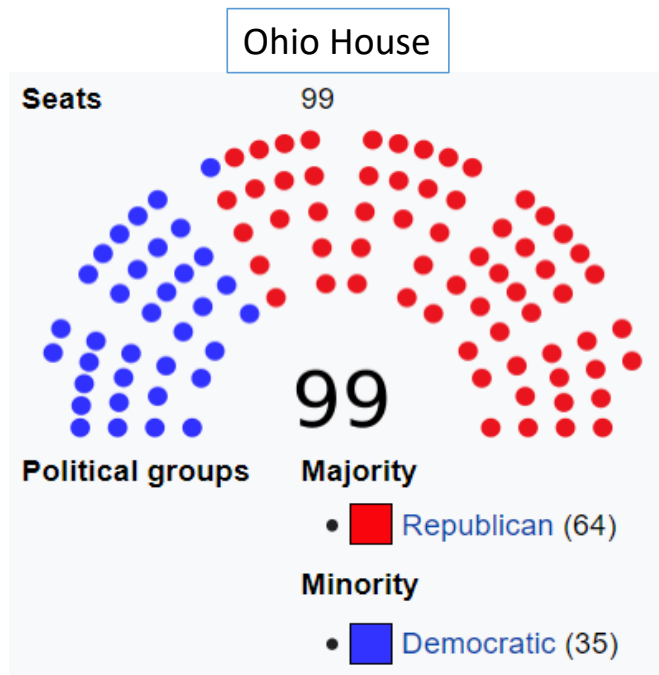


- July 2021:** Speaker Householder & four others arrested by FBI for alleged racketeering and bribery scheme related to passage of HB 6.
- Oct. 2021:** Householder associates Jeffrey Longstreth & Juan Cespides accept guilty plea deals.
- Election:** Householder is re-elected. No lawmakers who voted for HB 6 are defeated – though some who voted against it are.
- Nov. 2021:** PUCO Chairman Sam Randazzo's Columbus home is raided by FBI & a public disclosure by FirstEnergy lists a \$4.3 million payment to terminate a consulting contract to an individual matching Randazzo's description. Randazzo resigns to avoid being a "distraction" (*Randazzo has not been charged with any crimes*).

134th General Assembly (2021-2022)



Ohio Republicans expanded their Supermajorities in November 2020 Election.



Source: Wikipedia, Ohio House of Representatives / Ohio Senate

Term Limits, New Leadership



- **Ohio's legislative term limits guarantee turnover.**
 - *House welcomes 22 new members.*
 - *Senate welcomes 6 new members.*
- **House Speaker Bob Cupp succeeds Larry Householder.**
 - *New leadership team, new committee chairs.*
- **Senate President Matt Huffman succeeds Larry Obhof.**
 - *New leadership team, new committee chairs.*



Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)



Acting Chair



Lawrence Friedeman
Democratic
Term ends 4/10/25



Beth Trombold
Independent
Term ends 4/10/23



Dan Conway
Republican
Term ends 4/10/22



Dennis Deters
Republican
Term ends 4/10/21

- Randazzo seat remains vacant as of 2/9/2021.
- On 1/20/2021, Gov. DeWine requested new candidates for the position.

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