



## 2018 General Election Results

The first Republican Governor to win reelection since 1954, **Maryland Governor Larry Hogan** won decisively by a vote of 56.2-42.7% against Democratic candidate **Ben Jealous**. In other statewide races, **Senator Ben Cardin (D)**, **Comptroller Peter Franchot (D)**, and **Attorney General Brian Frosh (D)**, were all reelected. In an interesting twist, Governor Hogan's enormous popularity did not result in Republican victories for down ballot races. High Democratic turnout across the state produced a number of surprising upsets, flipping seats in the House of Delegates and electing Democratic Country Executives in solidly red areas.

### Maryland State Senate Highlights

Prior to the election, Maryland Senate Democrats enjoyed a veto-proof majority of 33-14. While there are three races that likely need absentee and provisional vote tallies to determine the outcome, Republicans made a net gain of one seat, which will make it a 32-15 Democratic-controlled Senate – and will tighten up vote margins on controversial issues. While the Democratic advantage didn't substantially change, the makeup of the Maryland Senate will, with 17 new members who will be sworn in this January. Currently, here's where key state Senate races stand as of this morning:

Without much surprise, but in a closer race than expected with a 51.8-48.2% victory, **Delegate Chris West (R)** succeeded in replacing **Senator Jim Brochin (D)** who lost in the Democratic Primary for Baltimore County Executive. Senator-elect West is positioned to sit on the Senate Judiciary Committee (JPR); however, it is possible that he is added to the Senate Finance Committee (FIN).

On the Lower Eastern Shore, **Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (R)** defeated long-serving **Senator Jim Mathias (D)** by a 53.0-46.9% margin. While it may seem logical to place Senator-elect Carozza on FIN, it is not improbable that she ends up on the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee (B&T) especially if the margins in Senator Bates' race hold as she was rumored to be moving to B&T.

In Howard and Carroll Counties, **Senator Gail Bates (R)** appears to be defeated by challenger **Katie Frye-Hester (D)** by a vote of 49.8-50.1% - a mere 154 vote loss without absentees or provisional ballots being counted, which could change the outcome. If this outcome holds, it is likely that Ms. Hester will be added to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHEA). If Senator Bates prevails, she is likely to move to B&T.

In Frederick County, **Senator Ron Young (D)** who represented one of the Republican targeted seats handily defeated **Craig Giagrande (R)** by 57.6-42.2%. Senator Young will likely remain on EHEA.

In Anne Arundel County, **Sarah Elfreth (D)** defeated former **Delegate Ron George (R)** by a vote of 53.2-45.2%, where she will replace **Senator John Astle (D)** keeping this Annapolis-based seat in Democratic hands. Senator-elect Elfreth will likely land on FIN.

Baltimore County **Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D)** appears to have defeated **Delegate Christian Miele (R)** by 50.6-49.3% - a 554 vote margin out of over 45,500 votes counted. While possible, it is not likely that the outcome will change with absentee and provisional ballots. Senator Klausmeier will remain on FIN.

In Harford County, **Senator Bob Cassilly (R)** appears to be squeaking out a victory in his rematch with former **Delegate Mary-Dulaney James (D)** with 50.3-49.5% of the vote – a 399 vote margin out of 46,715 votes cast. It is conceivable that the outcome of this race could change with the absentee and provisional ballots cast. If Senator Cassilly holds onto his seat, he will remain on JPR. If former Delegate James prevails, she is also likely to land on JPR with a possibility that she could end up on B&T.

## **Maryland House of Delegates**

Democrats prevailed in the majority of tough House races across the state, and picked up at least five new seats. Two races hang in the balance, but it looks very likely that the total advantage for Democrats will be 98-43 in the House. Like the Senate, there will be many new members elected to the chamber – approximately a third of incoming members will be new to the position.

## **Anne Arundel County**

In the race for Anne Arundel County Executive, **Steuart Pittman (D)** upset incumbent **Steve Schuh (R)** 51.8%-48.1%. The county council also now has a 4-3 Democratic advantage – a significant change in a solidly Republican county.

## **Baltimore County**

Former delegate, **John (“Johnny O”) Olszewski, Jr. (D)** was victorious over **Al Redmer (R)**, sitting Maryland Insurance Commissioner appointed by Governor Larry Hogan. In a highly contested race, two-term Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D), held on to her seat allowing the Democrats to retain a simple 4 - 3 majority on the council.

## **Harford County**

Incumbent County Executive, **Barry Glassman (R)** handily won his bid for re-election amid a challenge from **Maryann Connaghan (D)**. Harford County Council remains majority Republican. District A elects Andre Johnson (D), bringing the Republican majority to 6-1 from its current 7-0.

## **Howard County**

**Calvin Ball (D)** defeated incumbent **Allan Kittleman (R)** in the Howard County Executive's race. Kittleman narrowly won the election day vote, but it was not enough to overcome the significant advantage that Ball had built in early voting. At the County Council level, all 5 members will be new. The party makeup remains the same though, with 4 Democrats to 1 Republican.

## **Frederick County**

Incumbent County Executive **Jan Gardner (D)** won her second term as County Executive. There are several county council races that are too close to call, including the at-large race, with four candidates all within a percentage point of winning. For now, the new council breakdown is up in the air.

## **Montgomery County**

Councilmember **Marc Elrich (D)** won his bid for County Executive, soundly defeating fellow Councilmember **Nancy Floreen (I)** and **Robin Ficker (R)**. The Montgomery County Council welcomes four newcomers and five returning members, all Democrats.

## **Prince George's County**

State's Attorney **Angela Alsobrooks (D)** will be the first woman to lead Prince George's County as County Executive. This election also expanded the Prince George's County Council to include two at-large members, and all incumbent county council members up for reelection retained their seats. All nine members of the county council are Democrats.

## **Congressional Races**

Andy Harris (R-1), Dutch Ruppersburger (D-2), John Sarbanes (D-3), Anthony Brown (D-4), Steny Hoyer (D-5), Elijah Cummings (D-7), and Jamie Raskin (D-8) were all reelected. Businessman David Trone (D) won his race in district 6, replacing Congressman John Delaney, who is retiring.