

Ballot Breakdown

November 4, Iowans will be casting their votes in the 2014 midterm elections and we wanted to send you some information on what to expect.

First off, the election is on November 4, 2014. Polls are open 7:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. You can vote any time during that time period at your local polling place, which can be found at: sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx.

In Iowa you have to be registered in order to vote. If you are not currently registered, do not worry, you can register on Election Day at the polls. Simply bring your driver's license and a utility bill with your current address to your polling place.

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for you and for believers you know to vote next Tuesday. Your vote will determine who controls the U.S. Senate and the state senate. For the past eight years, The FAMiLY LEADER has been lobbying the Iowa Senate, hoping to pass righteous legislation that would: reduce or end abortions in Iowa, restore natural marriage, slow down divorces, offer more school choice, and any legislation that benefits the family and honors God.

All of these have been blocked by a Democratic Senate majority.

Although The FAMiLY LEADER is not a partisan organization, in the current environment, Democratic control of the Senate means we have a 0% chance of passing most righteous legislation. Now, we are under no illusion that Republican control in the Senate would guarantee any or all righteous legislation passing, but it does greatly increase our chances.

We are not writing you today to tell you how to vote. But we want you to be aware that several races in Iowa could be won

by less than 100 votes. In nearly every election cycle in Iowa a handful of legislative races are determined by a merely dozen votes. **We are asking you to be informed and inform your friends on where the candidates stand on the biblical issues such as life and marriage.**

We have statistical evidence that proves that there are thousands of “biblical issues voters” who vote for candidates who do not share their biblical worldview. Many vote this way because they are unaware. Help us change this. In this email we have broken down the election ballot. Please share this information and we have other resources we can make available to you, including information your pastor can use to legally inform your congregation on the elections. I do not mean this to pressure or scare you, but in all seriousness, **your network of friends and your church could be the deciding factor in whether Iowa will continue to kill another 5,000 babies next year.** The election will likely be close, and hundreds of righteous bills are on the line.

Here is the breakdown of the ballot and please contact me if you need more resources:

U.S. Senate

In 2014 Iowa will have its first open U.S. Senate race in nearly four decades. The Senate race in Iowa could largely determine which party controls the U.S. Senate. U.S. Senate terms are for 6 years.

Joni Ernst (R) (current State Senator, SD 12)

Life: Pro-life

- Sponsored Human Life Amendment.

Marriage: Supports natural marriage.

- Sponsored Iowa Marriage Amendment.

Obamacare: Supports repealing.

-According to candidate website.

Bruce Braley (D) (current U.S. Congressman, Iowa 1st District.)

Life: Pro-abortion

-100% voting record with Planned Parenthood.

-Supports late-term abortion. Voted against HR 1797, which bans late-term abortions.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

-According to candidate website.

Obamacare: Voted in favor of it, H.R. 3962.

U.S. Congress

All four U.S. House seats are up for election in Iowa. U.S. House terms are for two years.

District 1

Rod Blum (R) (businessman)

Life: Pro-life.

Marriage: Supports natural marriage.

Obamacare: Supports repeal.

Pat Murphy (D) (state representative)

Life: Pro-abortion.

-In 2014 he voted against telemed abortion ban in Iowa House and in 2011 he voted against a late-term abortion ban.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

– Voted against Iowa Marriage Amendment.

Obamacare: Does not support repeal.

(<http://data.desmoinesregister.com/compare-candidates/>)

District 2

Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R) (doctor)

Life: Pro-life except in case of rape, incest, and life of the mother.

Marriage: Supports natural marriage.

Obamacare: Supports repeal.

Dave Loebsack (D) (incumbent)

Life: Pro-abortion.

-100% voting record with Planned Parenthood.

-Supports late-term abortion. Voted against HR 1797, which bans late-term abortions.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

Obamacare: Voted in favor of it, H.R. 3962.

(Information on these candidates' stances on these issues came from voting records, and this Des Moines Register article:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/elections/2014/10/12/second-district-issues-loebsack-miller-meeks-obamacare-jobs-economy-congressional-candidates-election-congressional/17087197/>)

District 3

David Young (R) (former chief of staff for Senator Grassley)

Life: Pro-life

Marriage: Supports natural marriage.

Obamacare: Supports repeal.

(<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/iowa-politics/2014/04/22/young-congress-iowa-primary/8011977/>)

Staci Appel (former state senator)

Life: Supports abortion.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

Obamacare: Does not support repeal.

(<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/iowa-politics-insider/2014/06/02/appel-congress-iowa-third/9886373/>)

District 4

Steve King (R) (incumbent)

Life: Pro-life. Voted in favor of late term abortion ban, HR 1797.

Marriage: Supports natural marriage

Obamacare: Supports repeal.

Jim Mowrer (D) (U.S. Army)

Life: Supports allowing abortion.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

Obamacare: Opposed to complete repeal.

(<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/elections/issues/2014/10/18/steve-king-jim-mowrer-th-district-congress-issues-election/17491007/>)

State Executive Branch (Up every four years)

Governor/ Lt. Governor

If Terry Branstad is re-elected, and serves at least 2 more years, he would be the longest serving Governor in the U.S. Governors serve 4 year terms in Iowa. Terry Branstad is

serving his 20th year. Current U.S. record is 22 years. 6th term will give him a potential 24 years.

Terry Branstad/ Kim Reynolds (R) (incumbent)

Life: Pro-life.

Marriage: Supports allowing Iowans to vote on the issue of marriage.

Jack Hatch/ Monica Vernon(D) (state senator)

Life: Favors abortion, even late-term.

-In 2011 voted for SF 534, which allows late-term abortions at hospitals.

Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage.

-In 2012 refused to sign Rule 42 petition allowing debate to vote to restore "one man-one woman marriage."

Secretary of State

Paul Pate (R) (former Secretary of State and mayor of Cedar Rapids)

-Supports requiring voters to show an ID before they vote.

Brad Anderson (D) (Former Obama advisor)

-Endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

-Does not support requiring voters to show an ID before they vote.

Auditor of State

Mary Mosiman (R) (incumbent)

Jonathan Neiderbach (D)

Treasurer of State

Sam Clovis (R) (former U.S. Senate candidate)

Michael Fitzgerald (D) (incumbent)

Secretary of Agriculture

Bill Northey (R) (incumbent)

Sherrie Taha (D)

Attorney General

Adam Gregg (R)

Tom Miller (D) (incumbent)

State House of Representatives

All state representatives are up for re-election. State representatives serve two year terms. Republicans currently control Iowa House 53-47.

In the past four years that Republicans have controlled the Iowa House, the House has passed the Iowa Marriage Amendment, late-term and telemed abortion bans, more school choice, and bills to defund abortionists.

State Senate

Odd number state senate seats are up for re-election. State senators serve four year terms. Democrats currently control the Iowa Senate 26-24. Senator Mike Gronstal (D-Council Bluffs) currently serves as majority leader. Senator Gronstal has refused to allow many good pro-life, marriage, and family bills to come to a vote. As a result, these bills, which could save thousands of unborn children, have died in the Iowa Senate. As long as Democrats control the Senate, it appears Senator Gronstal will remain as majority leader. If Iowans want life, marriage, and other pro-family legislation to pass, they will need to change which party controls the Iowa Senate.

County Offices

County office elections vary by county. County officials serve four year terms. Offices usually include county supervisors, auditor, treasurer, recorder, and attorney.

Judges

In 2014, no Iowa Supreme Court judges are on the ballot. Other judges across the state will be on the ballot. In 2010 and 2012, we were able to inform you on who to support for retention on the State Supreme Court. However, for the lower courts, we do not have adequate information and we encourage you to use your best judgment.

When we have asked the judges in the past for their judicial philosophy via questionnaires, they have almost unanimously refused to answer. Also, the current judicial selection process in Iowa makes it difficult for voters to have input, or get adequate information on who and who not to retain.