



Key Legislative Primaries to Watch

In even-numbered years all 100 Indiana House and 25 of 50 Senate seats hang in the balance.

With the notable exceptions of primary upsets of Senate Finance Chair **Larry Borst** (2004) and Senate President Pro Tempore **Bob Garton** (2006), historically there have been few primary challenges. Today, as Republicans hold super-majorities in each chamber, the number of primary challenges grows each cycle.

This year, House and Senate leadership members are potentially in the crosshairs of a restless populace during a hotly contested presidential election.

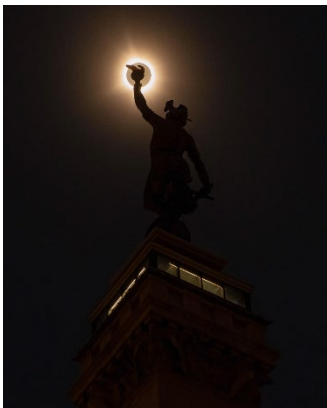
State Representative **Sharon Negele** (R-Attica) has served since being elected in 2012 and rose quickly to become the Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore. An elected Warren County official in the district is challenging her.

Senate President Pro Tempore **Rod Bray** (R-Martinsville) also faces a primary challenger. Bray, who was first elected in 2012 and rose to the position of Pro Tempore in 2018, faces a local resident.

Rep. Negele and Sen. Bray have the full backing of their respective caucuses and the immense resources available. That said, both are taking their opponents seriously and actively campaigning.

Other notable House primaries include Assistant Majority Floor Leaders **Alan Morrison** (R-Brazil) and **Joanna King** (R-Middlebury), Insurance Committee Chairman **Martin Carbaugh** (R-Fort Wayne), and Ethics Chair **Karen Engleman** (R-Georgetown).

Indiana's primary Election is Tuesday, May 7, and the General Election is Tuesday, November 5.



Eclipsed

This past Monday, April 8, was historic for Indiana as a total solar eclipse traversed the state.

Communities everywhere enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience as the "astronomical" became real and "Hoosier Hospitality" was extended to hundreds of thousands of visitors.

It is estimated that Indiana's 6.7 million statewide population temporarily grew by 10% on Monday due to the influx of tourists.

Reddit user *chandupal753* captured this incredible photograph of the eclipse at Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis.

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Odds & Ends

A South Korean firm has committed to building a **\$4 billion semiconductor facility** in West Lafayette. It's the largest economic development [deal](#) in the state's history.

Meanwhile, another **microchip facility** at Purdue's Discovery Park first announced in 2022 seems to be [on hold](#) due to lack of funding from the federal CHIPS Act.

House Democrat Leader **Phil GiaQuinta** has [thrown](#) his hat in the ring to become the next mayor of Fort Wayne at an upcoming caucus.

The **Black Legislative Caucus** has announced a series of [six town halls](#) across the state.

Indiana's **tax revenues** rebound in the [latest report](#), coming in ahead of the December revenue forecast. (paywall)

Q&A: GOP **gubernatorial candidates** weigh-in on [environmental issues](#).
