

Election Wrap Up, Lame Duck Preview, COVID-19 Legal Update

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ELECTION WRAP UP

Ohio House of Representatives

- House Republicans gain 4 seats and lose 1
- Majority 64-35

Ohio Senate

- Senate Republicans gain 1 seat
- 1 additional seat is Too Close to Call
- Majority 24-8

All congressional incumbents re-elected



ELECTION WRAP UP

Ohio Public Library Levies

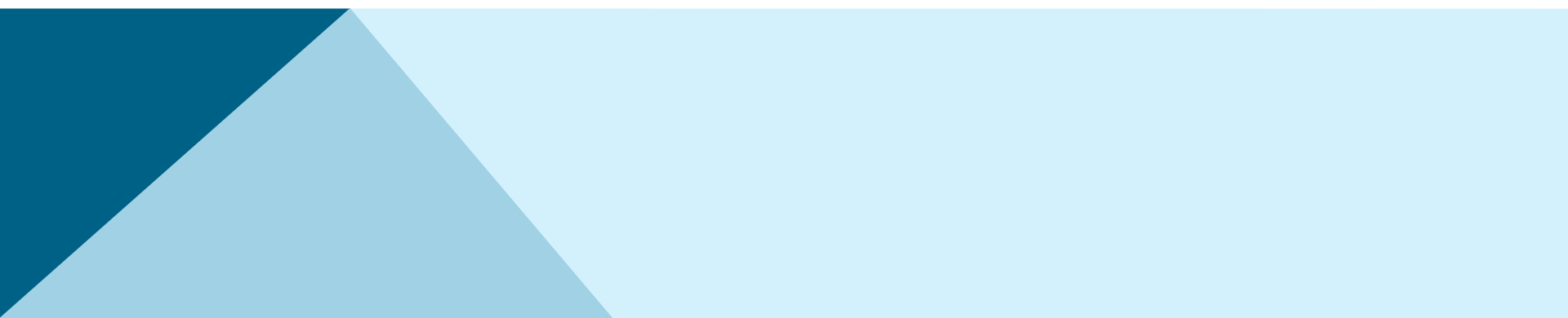
- 16 out of 17 local issues passed
- 14 renewals, 1 additional, and 1 replacement
- average voter approval rate was 66%

LAME DUCK SESSION BEGINS

“Lame Duck” session

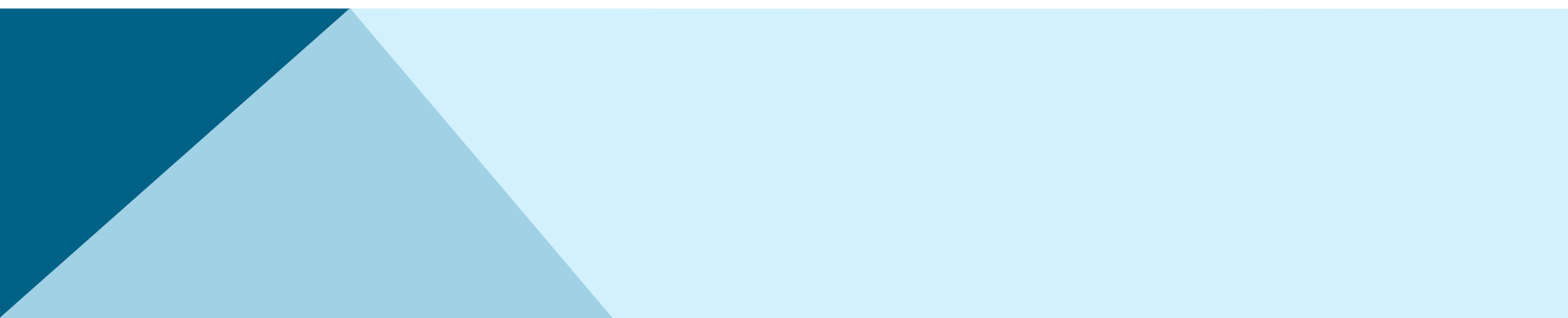
- period between the November election and the end of the 133rd General Assembly
- last opportunity to get bills passed
- often volatile and quick paced
- change in House Leadership may impact agenda

LAME DUCK PRIORITIES

- **Ohio Senate**
 - Ohio Capital Budget
 - Coronavirus Relief
 - **Ohio House**
 - Coronavirus Relief
 - Capital Budget
 - School Funding
 - Criminal Sentencing Reform
 - HB 6 Repeal (Energy Subsidy Bill)
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LAME DUCK SESSION

“Lame Duck” legislation

- HB 13 – Broadband Expansion Program
 - Open Meetings Flexibility (HB 197 extension)
 - HB 325 – Toni Morrison Day
 - HB 773 – Public Library Fund
 - HB 450 – Fiscal Officer Succession Guidelines
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134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

What's ahead....

- **Biennial Budget Legislation**
 - Begins in February
- **Redistricting**
 - Both congressional and statehouse districts

MESSAGE TO LAWMAKERS

- Our goal is to preserve the PLF at 1.7% and maintain critical funding for Ohio's libraries.
- Educate lawmakers on how our libraries are funded, and the essential services provided to local communities.
- Positive messaging about special programs and services.
 - Education
 - Workforce development
 - Digital divide
- Our libraries offer a significant return on investment in Ohio.

COVID-19 LEGAL ISSUES

- Municipal Income Taxes
- CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)
- Mass Gathering Executive Order
- Quarantining library materials
- Open Meeting flexibility

RESOURCES

<http://olc.org/>

- Talking points
- Templates
- Statehouse directory
- Legal updates

Questions???

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**Thank You
and
Stay Safe**