

## Arizona Update

With Governor Jan Brewer being subject to term limits, Arizona's primary election was held on August 26th and featured a competitive Republican primary for Governor. Emerging from the six candidate field is current State Treasurer Doug Ducey. In contrast, Fred DuVal, the Democratic nominee, faced no primary opposition.

Polling released immediately after the election suggests that the head-to-head match up between Ducey and DuVal is even, each garnering 35%, with 12% supporting a Libertarian candidate.

In other high profile races, Attorney General Tom Horne was defeated by former State Gaming Director Mark Brnovich in a hotly contested primary. Brnovich will face Democrat Felcia Rotellini in the General Election. Rotellini lost to Horne in 2012. Likewise, Superintendent John Huppenthal lost his re-election bid to newcomer Diane Douglas. The General Election will feature Douglas and Democrat David Garcia, an Arizona State University professor.

Both the Horne and Huppenthal campaigns were marred by personal and professional concerns about professional conduct.

State Senator Michelle Reagan, who sponsored CAWA initiated legislation in 2010, earned the Republican nomination for Secretary of State, the second highest constitutional office in Arizona. Reagan will meet former Attorney General Terry Goddard in the General Election.

In legislative races, with one exception, all incumbent legislators survived their respective primary elections. Looking towards the November elections, out of Arizona's 30 legislative districts, nearly two-thirds of legislative seats were largely determined in the partisan primary election, leaving only a handful of truly competitive contests in November.

The General Election is scheduled for November 4th. Early voting begins on October 9th. The last day to register to vote in order to cast a ballot in the General Election is midnight on October 6th.