

As of 1/12/2025:

- Republicans have broken the Democrat Tri-fecta during the 2024 elections with an initial tie in the House [67-67]
- MN In-Play Seat Summary *[Details for each item are included below]*
 - MN Senate is split [33-33] with passing of MN SD60 Senator on 12/27/2024; A special election is scheduled for 1/28/2025.
 - MN HD 40B ruling gives Republicans MN House *Majority* [67-66] until a special election for HD40B scheduled for 1/28/2025. A lawsuit was filed as special elections are not to be called until after the session starts.
 - MN HD54A is being contested with a judge to provide a ruling about 1/14/24 or sooner. **Scott County Commissioner action – request a 3rd party audit on election processes!**

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### DETAIL ON THE ABOVE IN-PLAY SEATS

MN SD60:

Special election for SD60 seat to be on 1/28/2025. Alpha News [article link](#) on passing of Senator Kari Dziedzic.

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MN HD40B [Roseville/Shoreview]:

The governor has issued a [Writ of Special Election](#) to fill a vacancy in House District 40B for 1/28/2025. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Representative-elect Curtis Johnson effective December 27, 2024. [House District 40B](#) represents parts of Roseville and Shoreview in Ramsey County.

Two issues:

- 1) Curtis Johnson can't resign from a seat he never was sworn-in to hold.
- 2) Special Elections are not to be called until 22 days after the session has started.

Read the details of the situation and lawsuit on this link to Alpha News' [article](#).

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MN HD54A [Shakopee]

**For the following reasons, we ask EVERYONE to call or write the Scott County Commissioners to request the County pay for a 3rd Party Auditor to investigate to understand the process issues and determine solutions to restore confidence in the elections**

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**CONCERNS to Raise with Commissioners in Requesting a 3rd Party Audit to restore voter confidence in the election processes:**

- 1) The county posted, with 100% precincts reporting, that Aaron Paul won by over 300 votes. After midnight the results were pulled and by morning it was reported that absentee ballots were found giving Brad Tabke (D) a lead of about 15 votes.

**How do you report 100% and then find more ballots?**

- 2) It came to light that 20 ballots were missing and later confirmed to have been thrown out.

**How does the election process allow for ballots being thrown out? Every election judge knows you need to account for EVERY ballot, even spoiled ballots.**

- 3) Across Scott County there are over 130 ballots that do not have voters assigned to them.

**How do you have votes that are not assigned to a voter? How did these ballots get cast?**

- 4) Within 54A about 30 voters voted twice. These were discovered by others outside of the county after Scott County submitted their 'completed' or final voter records to the SOS on 12/6/24.

**How is any voter allowed to vote twice? I thought we pay for the SOS to have a sophisticated system, ERIC, that is supposed to prevent that from happening?**

- 5) It was also discovered that the voter files continue to be updated after the due date of 12/17/24 or when files are entered to be 'completed'. According to the SOS website Scott county posted their 'completed data file on 12/6/2024. Between 12/25/24 and 1/9/25 the data has changed to now only have 6 voters double voting.

**Questions include: How do they determine which voter record to use**

when 'cleaning up the records'? How are they able to update 'completed' voter records without requesting an extension according to election statutes? What impact does this clean-up have on the votes?

### Communications from Scott County BPOU on MN HD54A:



1/2/2025

While the judge has not ruled on the **HD54A** race as of this writing, there is something we can do. Next **Tuesday January 7th at 9 am** there will be a regular Scott County Commissioner meeting. I'm sure that you have all heard by now about the 21 missing ballots and the 30 or so voters who were double registered. What a mess!

While we need statewide election reform, we can make real and lasting changes right here in Scott County. Next Tuesday at the regular county commissioner meeting make your voice heard. We are going to organize around this:

#### **Errors in the process**

- #1) Election officials messed up allowing races to be called before counting all votes.
- #2) Election officials lost 20 ballots and reported bad data to the SOS
- #3) The Auditor oversees election officials, and we have no answers to how any of this happened, where the process broke down, and if it has been fixed.
  1. Why hasn't the board fired anybody?
  2. Why hasn't the board demanded answers?
  3. Since we can no longer trust the Auditor and election officials to report and audit their own process errors with their \$280,000 per year combined salaries one or both should be fired.
  4. Since the Auditor and election officials aren't trustworthy to audit themselves, the county needs to pay for a 3rd party election audit of the last election and their current processes.

Also, Brade Tabke has or will have at least 4 fundraisers in expectation of a special election. We will have to match those efforts. Legally no fundraising can be done while the state legislature is in session, starting January 14th.

So please consider using your 2025 PCR to help us fund any potential special election.

Learn more about PCR here: <https://www.scottcountygop.com/pcr>

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Overview of the hearing on the HD54A race from the H.R.C.C.

"Today (12/18/2024) concluded the 54A election contest trial in Scott County as you may have read in recent news reports. I was fortunate enough to be available to attend both days of the trial in person to be able to keep Aaron Paul informed. As you know, he is a Sergeant on the City of Bloomington Police Force, and was unable to be present due to his current work schedule.

On Monday we heard detailed examination and testimony given by the Scott County Elections Administrator, an Election Judge, the Assistant to the City of Shakopee Administrator, the Mayor of Shakopee, a Scott County Commissioner, and a number of voters whose votes may not have been counted. The Elections Administrator cited the City Clerk (who has resigned from Scott County recently) as incredible, and pointed out a number of practices she did NOT follow, ultimately resulting in ballots being thrown away.

On Tuesday, we heard from more voters, a different Election Judge who worked the EV period, and helped to transition from EV to direct balloting, then two subsequent experts - One expert on Statistics from the U of MN, and another in Political Science and Voter Habits, U of California-Irvine.

Reid LaBeau, with Emily Neese, are representing Aaron Paul in this contest and did excellently at dismantling the claims of the Tabke-testifiers on a number of items ranging from getting the U of MN Statistics expert to admit his mathematical analysis of the missing ballots and possible outcomes may be useless, to getting one of the Election Judges to admit the number of ballots were not balancing back in October, and the City Clerk was processing ballots alone without witnesses. Aaron Paul's legal team had only a handful of days to prepare for this trial. What they were able to organize in such a short period of time is nothing short of astonishing.

Timeline for decision - Reid must submit his final report to the District Court Judge by next Monday, the 23rd, and Tabke's attorney must submit his by this Friday, the 20th. The attorneys must also submit their proposed Findings of Fact reports by December 30th to the judge. Aaron Paul is asking for a new election due to this mishandling of the ballots and elections process by the City of Shakopee. **We will know more after the 30th when these final stages are completed. "**

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