

# **Byers, Minton and Associates**

This Week at the Statehouse

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## **Around the Square**

### **Get to Know Glenn Holmes: State Representative**

Democrat Glenn Holmes defeated Devon Stanley to win Ohio House District 63. Previously the mayor of McDonald, Holmes also was a member of the Ohio Public Works Commission Small Government Committee. Additionally, he was on the Natural Resource Advisory Council and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, among others. Holmes received his Bachelor of Art's degree from Girard High Mount Union University. His legislative priorities include growing the business and labor capabilities, infrastructure, and common sense environmental requirements.

### **Get to Know Theresa Gavarone: State Representative**

Republican Theresa Gavarone assumed office in Ohio's 3rd House District in August of 2016, but was officially elected to the position in November. Gavarone has a Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a law degree from the University of Toledo College of Law. Prior to joining the legislature, Gavarone served on the Bowling Green City Council where she was chair of the Public Lands and Buildings Committee. She also served on Finance and Ways and Means Committee and the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee. She is currently an attorney with Ruck & Wright Law and co-owner of a family business.

### **Kasich to Pursue Congressional Redistricting**

Governor John Kasich announced his goal of congressional redistricting during the budget process. Kasich hopes the Legislature can accomplish something similar to the legislative districts in evading gerrymandering. In his statement he added legislative leaders may not discuss this issue because it is not germane to the state budget. Legislative redistricting will begin its process in 2021, but congressional districts have yet to see a change.

### **Speaker Rosenberger Announces GA Goals**

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger announced his priorities for the 132nd General Assembly to include combating opiate addiction, protecting Ohio's aging population, and taking a bipartisan approach to intimate partner violence. The Speaker commented the Chamber's first legislation will likely be a measure to extend protection over intimate partners. A similar bill went through the last legislature, but did not receive Senate approval before the conclusion of Lame Duck.

## **Political News and Notes**

### **Borges defeated for ORP Chairmanship**

Ohio Republican Party Chairman Matt Borges withdrew his candidacy for another term after Challenger Jane Timken landed 33 committee votes to Borges's 32. 34 votes are required to win. Ms. Timken plans to bridge the gap between Kasich and Trump supporters as chairman. Committee members voted Borges as chairman emeritus, a newly created position.

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