

## **Primary Highlights**

- In the State Senate, women will maintain eight (8) current seats since the one female incumbent running is unopposed; however, if all female candidates win, the number will increase to 12.
- In the State House, only 8 seats will definitely be held by women; however, if all female candidates win, the number of women will increase to 28. If just incumbents and female-only races win, the number will stay relatively unchanged at 23.
- Four (4) women currently serve in state executive offices; two of which are up for election with one facing a female challenger. If all the offices are filled by women, five state executive offices will be held by women.

#### Women in Indiana Primaries

	Primary		November					
May 2010								
	DEM	REP	DEM	REP				
US Senate	0	0	0	0				
US House	2	4	0	1				
State Senate	6	3	6	1				
State House	14	23	14	13				
State Executive Offices	0	0	0	0				
May 2012								
	DEM	REP	DEM	REP				
US Senate	0	0	0	0				
US House	2	2	2	2				
State Senate	7	6	5	6				
State House	19	18	18	11				
State Executive Offices	3	1	3	1				
May 2014								
	DEM	REP	DEM	REP				
US Senate	0	0	0	0				
US House	2	4	1	3				
State Senate	3	3	3	2				
State House	17	13	17	11				
State Executive Offices	4	1	4	1				

# Hoosier Women Lead Women as Political Candidates

2014 Primary Status Report<sup>1</sup>

### National Level<sup>2</sup>

- Six (6) women ran in the Indiana Primaries for US Representative.
- Of those six women, four were Republican, two were Democrat and two were incumbents.
- Of the nine Congressional Districts in Indiana, four General Election races will have women candidates.

List of Primary Candidates for US Representative in Indiana

US District	Name	Party	Seat Status	May 6 <sup>th</sup> Primary	November Opponent
2	Rep. Jackie Walorski	REP	Incumbent	Won	Joe Bock
5	Rep. Susan Brooks	REP	Incumbent	Won	Shawn Denney
6	Susan Hall Heitzman	DEM	Candidate	Won	Rep. Luke Messer
6	Corinne Nicole Westerfield	DEM	Candidate	Lost	
7	Catherine "Cat" Ping	REP	Candidate	Won	Rep. Andre Carson
9	Kathy Lowe Hall	REP	Candidate	Lost	

# **State Level Offices**

- Four women are running for state-level executive offices.
  - ~ Current Secretary of State Connie Lawson (R) will face Marion County Clerk Beth White (D) in November.
  - ~ State Auditor Suzanne Crouch (R), who was appointed in December 2013, will be on the General Election ballot, running for a four-year term; she faces a male candidate.
  - Kelly Mitchell (R) announced her candidacy for Indiana State Treasurer along with two other candidates. The Republican candidate will be decided at Convention in June 2014 while the Democrat candidate has not been announced.
- Six women were Indiana Senate candidates in the 2014 Indiana Primary.
  - That number represents 12% of all candidates in Indiana Senate primaries but is 6% less than the number of women running in 2010<sup>3</sup>.
  - ~ Five (5) women were selected by their parties to run in the General Election. Of that number, one woman has no opponents; four women face male candidates, two of which are running for open seats and two as challengers to incumbents.
- Thirty (30) women ran for State Representative in the May 6th Primary
  - Though 18% of 2014 Primary candidates were women, which represents a 2% increase compared to 2012 figures<sup>4</sup>, more women (38) ran for State Representative in the 2012 Primary.
  - ~ Twenty-two (22) female incumbents ran for office, with all but two winning their Primary.
  - ~ Of the 8 other women who won their Primaries, all will be challengers to incumbents in November.
  - ~ There are three races where both candidates are women and five incumbents have no challengers in November.

#### Indiana Commission for Women (ICW)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Findings are based on uncertified election results from the May 6, 2014, Primaries for the State of Indiana.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Indiana had no women running for U.S. Senate in 2014.

Because Indiana State Senators are elected every four years, the previous election to include the same districts was the 2010 election year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Indiana State Representatives are elected every two years.