



## Hoosier Women Lead Women in Elected Offices

2014 General Election Status Report<sup>1</sup>

### Election Highlights

- Two Indiana women, Congresswoman Susan Brooks (5<sup>th</sup> District) and Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (1<sup>st</sup> District) will continue to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- After the November 2014 General Election, five (5) women (Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, Secretary of State Connie Lawson, State Auditor Suzanne Crouch, State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz) will serve in state executive offices, the highest number of women to serve simultaneously in state-level executive offices.
- As a result of the election held November 4, 2014, women were elected to serve in 30 (20%) of the 150 seats in the 2015-2016 Indiana General Assembly, which is a slight decrease in the number of women from the number serving during the 2013-2014 legislative session.
- Women gained two seats in the Indiana Senate while losing three seats in the Indiana House of Representatives.

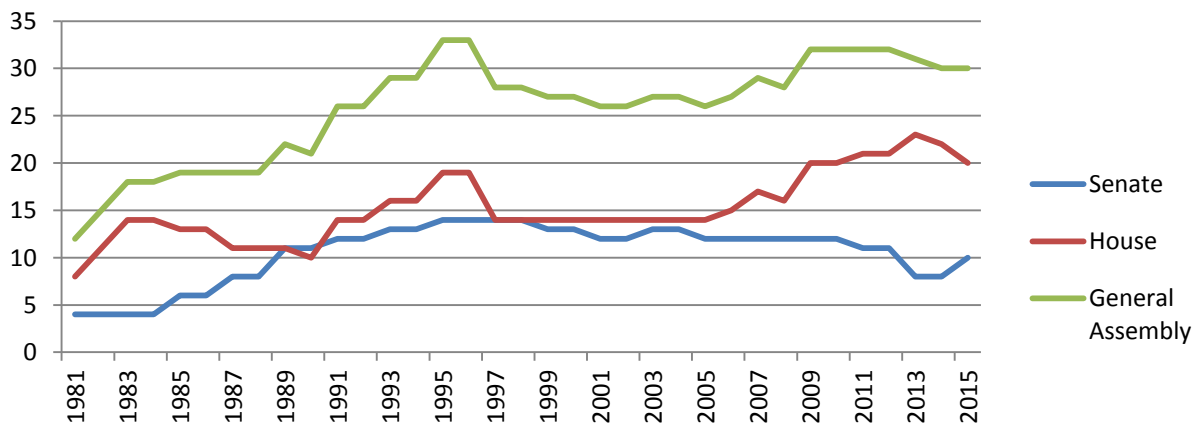
### Indiana Senate

- Women were elected to serve in 10 (20%) of the 50 seats in the Indiana Senate for the 2015-2016 Indiana General Assembly, which is an increase from eight Senate seats held by women in the 2013-2014 Indiana General Assembly. However, it is still less than the highest number of women to serve in the Senate, which were fourteen women who served between 1995 and 1998.
- Of the overall number of women Senators to serve in the 2015-2016 Indiana General Assembly
  - ~ Seven women were not up for reelection in the November 2014 General Election
  - ~ One Senator was running for reelection and her seat was unchallenged.
  - ~ Two women elected in November 2014 will be new members in the 2015-2016 Indiana General Assembly.

### Indiana House of Representatives

- Women were elected to serve in 20 (20%) of the 100 seats in the Indiana House of Representatives for the 2015-2016 Indiana General Assembly, which is a decrease from 23 seats in 2013-2014 and 21 seats in 2011-2012.
- Of the overall number of women Representatives elected to serve in the Indiana General Assembly:
  - ~ Eighteen women were incumbents and four of those women were unchallenged in their respective races.
  - ~ Two women were challengers who beat incumbents.
- Of the ten women who lost their election, three were incumbents and seven were challengers.

Women in the Indiana General Assembly, 1981-2015



<sup>1</sup> Findings are based on uncertified election results from the November 4, 2014, General Elections for the State of Indiana.