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Local legislators retain seats

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Both Democratic legislative incumbents enjoyed unusually comfortable victories over their Republican challengers Tuesday night.

State Rep. Sydney Carlin turned back the challenge of Republican Bob Strawn in the 66th District, winning a third term with 57 percent of the vote. That was several points better than Carlin ran against Paul Barkey in 2004, although turnout was down markedly in the district this year. Carlin called the election — locally and nationally — a good victory for the Democrats.

"The pendulum swings, and if you don't do what the people want, then they'll make a change," she said of Democratic successes in general.

In the 67th District, Hawk did even better, defeating Republican challenger Dick Miller with 57.5 percent of the vote. That was a big improvement over 2004, when Hawk won the closest legislative race in the state by just 89 votes over Joe McGraw. This time Hawk's margin was 1,125 votes.

Carlin said Strawn, ran a good, clean campaign, and she was disappointed that negative campaigning on both sides had stained the process. In the end, though, she viewed peoples' familiarity and satisfaction with her as decisive.

"I'm a big part of their lives, and I think the people wanted their voices to be heard," she said.

Does she plan to take any time to relax after the win? Nope.

"I'm going to Indianapolis to meet with the Midwest Education Compact, I've got several committees to meet with, and I'd like to see my mom," she said.

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"Sydney knows how to run a good campaign," Strawn said.
"She knows her constituents and they know her, and I don't
have the name recognition she does."

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