



General Information

Population: 6,195,643

Size: 35,867

04 Presidential Results:

Bush: 59.9%

Kerry: 39.3%

Electoral Votes: 11

State Elections

Lower House: 51D/49R

Next Election: 2008

Upper House: 17D/33R

Next Election: 2008

Constitutional Offices:

Governor: R

Lt. Governor: R

Secretary of State: R

Attorney General: R

Next Election: 2008

Federal Elections

House of Rep: 9

Party Makeup: 5(D) 4(R)

Sen. Richard Lugar (R)

Next Election: 2012

Sen. Evan Bayh (D)

Next Election: 2010

State Overview

The Indiana Democratic Party orchestrated surprising success below the national radar. In 2006 Democrats were able to set the stage to challenge the well-funded Republican Governor Mitch Daniels by assembling a stable fundraising program and generating local support through coordinated outreach and campaign efforts. Furthermore, Democrats won three new U.S. Congressional seats and took control of the State House. While Indiana voted overwhelmingly for the Republican Presidential nominee in the 2000 and 2004 elections, the state is rich with significant win opportunities for Democrats down the ticket. In 2008, Democrats must wage competitive and well-funded campaigns in order to defend those congressional and legislative gains made in 2006.

Redistricting Information

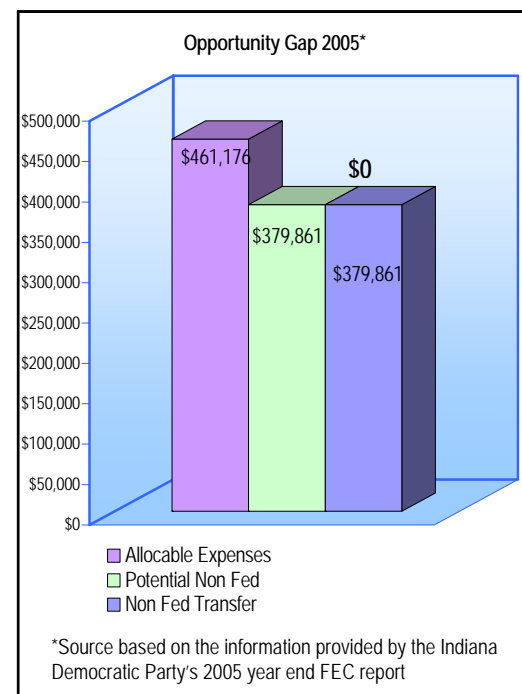
The State Legislature is responsible for creating both plans which must then be approved by the Governor.

The State Party has turned its attention to the municipal level as all mayoral seats are up in 2007. Currently, Democrats hold eight of the ten largest cities and are looking to control them all. The gubernatorial seat is up in 2008 and several Democratic contenders have the potential to wage a very viable campaign against Daniels. Capturing the Governor's mansion in 2008 will significantly improve Democrats' position at the redistricting table, particularly since the Governor can veto plans.

Going Forward

The Indiana Democratic Party has set the following goals for the 2007/2008 cycle:

- Expand fundraising base with new programs and online tools
- Invest in hardware by replacing outdated computers and servers
- Revamp the website and bulk email system to allow for growth and increase activist actions
- Identify new ways to increase voter turnout



Currently, the Indiana Democratic Party is using outdated computers. In order to be more efficient, the state party needs new computers and a new server.

Additionally, the state party in Indiana is working with Grassroots Democrats to build an online strategy that will raise larger amounts of money to support their operations. By focusing on providing valuable online legislative and candidate resources to grassroots activists and voters, the Indiana Democratic Party will strengthen the bond between voters and the Party which will, in turn, create a larger pool of small donors. Grassroots Democrats staff will be spending time on the ground later this year.