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Josie Tomkow

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Florida House of Representatives
District 53
Term ends
2024
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1
Predecessor
Paul Renner
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Florida House of Representatives
District 39
Term ends
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1
Predecessor
Ricky Gruen (D)
Born
Tampa, Florida
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Attorney
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Josie Tomkow (Republican Party) is a member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing District 53. She assumed office on November 8, 2022. Her current term ends on November 5, 2024.

Tomkow (Republican Party) was re-elected to the Florida House of Representatives District 39 in the November 3, 2020, general election. In November 8, 2022, she was canceled.

Biography

Josie Tomkow was born in Tampa, Florida, and lives in Polk City, Florida.[1] Tomkow earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. Tomkow's prior experience includes working as a cattle rancher. Tomkow is affiliated with the Florida Farm Bureau and Florida Cattlemen's Association.[2][3]

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2022. Ballotpedia completes current lists of committee assignments for state legislators. If you see an error, email us at editor@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Tomkow was assigned to the following committees:

- Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight
- House Appropriations Committee
- Commerce Committee

2019-2020

Tomkow was assigned to the following committees:

- Public Integrity & Elections Committee

Sponsored legislation

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Bills Sponsored By: Josie Tomkow

FL HB001 | Education
Revises provisions relating to Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Hope Scholarship Program, Gardiner Scholarship Program, part-time enrollment in public schools, transportation of students, graduations requirements, Commissioner of Education duties, &.
2022-2022 Immediately certified

FL HB1081 | Education
Revises provisions relating to Just Read, Florida! Office, Office of Early Learning, Florida Education Foundation, PLUS, charter schools, & Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; & creates bonuses to classroom teac...

Elections

2022

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2022

General election

The general election was canceled. Incumbent Josie Tomkow won election in the general election for Florida House of Representatives District 53.

Democratic primary election

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Horace Bird (D)

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 53

Incumbent Josie Tomkow defeated Bill Dixon in the republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 53 on August 23, 2022.

Candidate		Votes	%
✓ Josie Tomkow	✓	13,867	65.3%
Bill Dixon		6,653	31.3%

✓ Incumbent | ✓ Endorsed and unopposed | Source: Source 2
Total votes: 21,260 | Source: Source 1
✓ A candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Campaign finance

2022 election (Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2022)

Contributions	$214,544	Expenditures	$210,533
Number of unique contributors	216	Number of unique payees	76

Top Contributors

Florida House Republican Campaign Committee	$25,000
Florida Farm Bureau	$10,000
Florida Realtors Realtorpac Association Inc Justice Pac	$2,000
PPF Aviation Inc	$2,000
Realtors Political Advocacy Committee	$2,000
Southern Gardens Citrus Holding Corp	$2,000
Florida Cattlemen's Association	$1,000
A Duda and Sons Inc	$1,000
A Stranger Farms	$1,000
Fine Cigars Inc	$1,000

Top Payees

Capitol Resources LLC	$63,000
Lucid Science Company	$58,500
Capitol Resources LLC	$10,750
Phenomenon Pro LLC	$10,497
Lucid Science Company	$4,126
Florida Department of State Division of Elections	$1,750
Royal Riders Grp Corp	$1,500
Hillsborough County Republican Executive Committee	$1,250
Amelia Inc	$984
Schrage & Sons Barbecue	$480

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Contributions, Transactions, and Loans are rounded to the nearest dollar. | Data is current through 1/31/2023 | Data is updated every 24 hours | Report an error

2020

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Incumbent Josie Tomkow defeated Chris Cause in the general election for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on November 3, 2020.

Candidate		Votes	%
✓ Josie Tomkow (R)	✓	57,449	58.7%
Chris Cause (D)	✓	40,338	41.3%

✓ Incumbent | ✓ Endorsed and unopposed | The results have been certified. Source | Total votes: 97,787
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Democratic primary election

The Democratic primary election was canceled. Chris Cause advanced from the Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39.

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Parker Sim (Ben (R)

Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. Incumbent Josie Tomkow advanced from the Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39.

2018

Regular election

See also: Florida House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Incumbent Josie Tomkow defeated Ricky Gruen in the general election for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on November 6, 2018.

Candidate		Votes	%
✓ Josie Tomkow (R)	✓	38,877	58.1%
Ricky Gruen (D)	✓	27,958	41.8%

✓ Incumbent | ✓ Endorsed and unopposed | The results have been certified. Source | Total votes: 66,835
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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Ricky Gruen advanced from the Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on August 28, 2018.

Candidate
✓ Ricky Gruen

✓ There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
✓ A candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Incumbent Josie Tomkow advanced from the Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on August 28, 2018.

Candidate	
✓ Josie Tomkow	✓

✓ Incumbent | ✓ Endorsed and unopposed | The results have been certified. Source
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Special election

See also: Florida state legislative special elections, 2018

A special election for the position of Florida House of Representatives District 39 was called for May 1, 2018. A special primary election was called for February 20, 2018. The candidate filing deadline was December 28, 2017.[4]

The seat became vacant following Neil Combee's (R) resignation on November 24, 2017. Combee resigned to take a job with the Florida Department of Agriculture.[5]

Ricky Gruen was unopposed in the Democratic primary. Josie Tomkow defeated Jennifer Spath in the Republican primary. Tomkow defeated Gruen in the special election.[6][7][8]

General election

Special general election for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Josie Tomkow (R) defeated Ricky Gruen (D) in the special general election for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on May 1, 2018.

Candidate		Votes	%
✓ Josie Tomkow (R)	✓	5,895	56.1%
Ricky Gruen (D)	✓	4,626	43.9%

✓ Incumbent | ✓ There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source | Total votes: 10,521
✓ A candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Democratic primary election

Special Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Ricky Gruen advanced from the special primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on February 20, 2018.

Candidate
✓ Ricky Gruen

✓ There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified.
✓ A candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Republican primary election

Special Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39

Josie Tomkow defeated Jennifer Spath in the special Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39 on February 20, 2018.

Candidate		Votes	%
✓ Josie Tomkow	✓	4,368	64.9%
Jennifer Spath		2,472	36.7%

✓ Incumbent | ✓ There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source | Total votes: 6,756
✓ A candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Campaign themes

2022

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

Josie Tomkow did not complete Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection survey.

2020

Josie Tomkow did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Florida

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Political offices

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Preceded by	Succeeded by
Florida House of Representatives District 39 2018-2022	Doug Bankson (R)

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