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R.J. Palmer

R.J. Palmer II (b. December 15, 1970) is a former Democratic member of the Kentucky State Senate, representing District 28 from 2001 to 2015. He served as State Senate Minority Leader for the final four years of his tenure.

Palmer served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1999 to 2001.

R.J. Palmer
Democratic Party
Prior offices
Kentucky House of Representatives
Kentucky State Senate District 28
Education
Bachelor's Transylvania University
Graduate Eastern Kentucky University
Personal
Religion Christian

Biography

Palmer earned his B.A. from Transylvania University and his MBA from Eastern Kentucky University. His professional experience includes working as an account representative for Central Kentucky Corrugated Specialists and as vice president of Central Bank, Winchester.

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Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Palmer served on the following committees:

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• Committee on Committees
• Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations
• Rules
• State and Local Government

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Palmer served on the following committees:

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2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Palmer served on the following committees:

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Elections

2014

See also: *Kentucky State Senate elections, 2014*

Elections for the Kentucky State Senate took place in 2014. A primary election took place on May 20, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in this election was January 28, 2014. Incumbent R. J. Palmer II ran unopposed in the Democratic primary, while Ralph Alvarado ran unopposed in the Republican primary. Alvarado defeated Palmer in the general election.[1][2][3]

Kentucky State Senate, District 28 General Election, 2014			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✔**Ralph Alvarado**	52.8%	18,636
Democratic	R.J. Palmer II **Incumbent**	47.2%	16,656
Total Votes			**35,292**

2010

See also: *Kentucky State Senate elections, 2010*

Palmer defeated Republican candidate Ralph Alvarado by a margin of 18,876 to 16,940 in the November 2 general election.[4]

In the May 18 primary election, Palmer defeated Ryan Dotson by a margin of 6,705 to 14,575.[5]

Kentucky State Senate, District 28 (2010) General Election		
Candidates	**Votes**	**Percent**
✔ **R.J. Palmer (D)**	**18,876**	**52.7%**
Ralph Alvarado (R)	16,940	47.3%

2006

See also: *Kentucky State Senate elections, 2006*

On November 7, 2006, Palmer was re-elected to the 28th District seat in the Kentucky State Senate. He had no opposition.[6] Palmer raised $30,900 for his campaign.[7]

Kentucky State Senate, District 28 (2006)		
Candidates	**Votes**	**Percent**
R.J. Palmer (D)	24,663	100%

Campaign donors

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R.J. Palmer campaign contribution history [hide]			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	—	$40,245
2010	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	✔	$167,590
2008	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	—	$0
2006	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	✔	$30,900
2004	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	—	$1,968
2002	Kentucky State Senate, District 28	✔	$143,940
2000	Kentucky State House, District 73	✔	$11,729
1998	Kentucky State House, District 73	✔	$90,767
Grand total raised			**$487,139**
Source: [8] Follow the Money			

2012

Palmer was not up for election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$40,245**.

Kentucky State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions [show]

2010

Palmer won re-election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2010. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$167,590**.

Kentucky State Senate 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2006

Palmer won re-election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2006. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$30,900**.

Kentucky State Senate 2006 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2004

Palmer was not up for election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2004. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$1,968**.

Kentucky State Senate 2004 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2002

Palmer won election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2002. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$143,940**.

Kentucky State Senate 2002 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2000

Palmer won re-election to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 2000. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$11,729**.

Kentucky House of Representatives 2000 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

1998

Palmer won election to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1998. During that election cycle, Palmer raised a total of **$90,767**.

Kentucky House of Representatives 1998 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

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- Campaign Contributions: 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998
- Voting record from KentuckyVotes.org

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Footnotes

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4. ↑ Kentucky Secretary of State, "Official 2010 General Election Results," accessed July 10, 2014
5. ↑ Kentucky Secretary of State, "Official 2010 Primary Election Results," accessed July 10, 2014
6. ↑ Kentucky State Board of Elections, "2006 Primary and General Election Results," accessed November 21, 2014
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Frankfort (capital)

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