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Liz Snyder

Liz Snyder (Democratic Party) is a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, representing District 27. She assumed office on January 19, 2021. Her term ends on January 17, 2023.

Snyder (Democratic Party) ran for election to the Alaska House of Representatives to represent District 27. She won in the general election on November 3, 2020.

In the 2020 general election, Snyder defeated Lance Pruitt by a margin of 11 votes. Pruitt filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the results, but the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that Pruitt did not provide sufficient evidence to support his challenge, confirming Snyder's victory. Click here to learn more.

Democratic Party

Alaska House of Representatives District 27
Tenure
2021-Present
Term ends
2023
Years in position
1
Predecessor
Lance Pruitt
Compensation
Base salary	$50,000 per year
Per diem	For legislators whose permanent residence is not Juneau up to $307/day. No per diem is paid to legislators who reside in Juneau.
Elections as a candidate
Last elected	November 3, 2020
Education
Graduate	Emory University, 2004
Ph.D	University of Florida, 2009
Personal
Profession	Professor
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Biography

Liz Snyder earned a master's degree in public health from Emory University in 2004 and a Ph.D. in soil and water science from the University of Florida in 2009. Snyder's career experience includes working as an associate professor at the University of Alaska at Anchorage.[1] She co-founded the Food, Research, Enterprise, and Sustainability Hub of the North, which describes its mission as "to engage in research that advances our understanding of and ability to respond to, circumpolar food system challenges and opportunities."[2][3]

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2021. Ballotpedia completes yearly updates of committee membership. If you would like to send us an update, email us at editor@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Snyder was assigned to the following committees:

- House Health & Social Services Committee, Co-chair
- House Judiciary Committee, Vice-chair
- House Labor & Commerce Committee

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following bills could be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored by: Liz Snyder

AK HB123 - State Recognition Of Tribes
AN ACT Providing for state recognition of federally recognized tribes; and providing for an effective date.
10/09/2022 - EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 2/26/22

AK HCR2 - Supporting Alaska Ocean Cluster
AN ACT Supporting the Alaska Ocean Cluster in its mission, efforts, and vision for a vibrant coastal economy in the state, its promotion of a diversified and resilient state economy that creates value from ocean resources, and its building of...
10/05/2022 - PERMANENTLY FILED B/9 LEGIS RESOLVE 15 -

Elections

2022

See also: Alaska House of Representatives elections, 2022

Liz Snyder did not file to run for re-election.

2020

See also: Alaska House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Liz Snyder defeated Incumbent Lance Pruitt in the general election for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on November 3, 2020.

Candidate	%	Votes
Liz Snyder (D)	52.2	4,574
Lance Pruitt (R)	47.8	4,563
Other/Write-in votes	0.2	17
Total votes: 9,154		

Incumbents are **bolded and underlined**. The results have been certified. Source
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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Incumbent Lance Pruitt advanced from the Republican primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on August 18, 2020.

Candidate	%	Votes
Lance Pruitt	100.0	1,919
Total votes: 1,919		

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Alaska Democratic and Independence parties primary election

Alaska Democratic and Independence parties primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Liz Snyder advanced from the Alaska Democratic and Independence parties primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on August 18, 2020.

Candidate	%	Votes
Liz Snyder	100.0	1,904
Total votes: 1,904		

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2018

See also: Alaska House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Incumbent Lance Pruitt defeated Liz Snyder in the general election for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on November 6, 2018.

Candidate	%	Votes
Lance Pruitt (R)	52.2	3,867
Liz Snyder (D)	47.4	3,686
Other/Write-in votes	0.6	45
Total votes: 7,598		

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Incumbent Lance Pruitt defeated Donald Jones in the Republican primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on August 21, 2018.

Candidate	%	Votes
Lance Pruitt	69.1	1,358
Donald Jones	31.1	614
Total votes: 1,972		

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Alaska Democratic, Libertarian, and Independence parties primary election

Alaska Democratic, Libertarian, and Independence parties primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27

Liz Snyder advanced from the Alaska Democratic, Libertarian, and Independence parties primary for Alaska House of Representatives District 27 on August 21, 2018.

Candidate	%	Votes
Liz Snyder	100.0	1,142
Total votes: 1,142		

There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
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2020

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Liz Snyder did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

Noteworthy events

2020 election results lawsuit

See also: Alaska House of Representatives elections, 2020#Aftermath

On December 10, 2020, Lance Pruitt (R) filed a lawsuit to overturn his 11 vote loss to Snyder in the November 3 general election. The complaint centered on the argument that the state did not adequately notify the public when the Alaska Division of Elections moved a polling location and that the Division of Elections did not provide suitable election security in regard to absentee ballots. Under Alaska state law, the case could be immediately appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court, and Pruitt's attorney, Stacey Stone filed the appropriate paperwork to do so.[4]

On January 8, 2021, the Alaska Supreme Court denied Pruitt's challenge and confirmed Snyder's victory. Pruitt's attorney, Stacey Stone, said that Pruitt will not pursue any further actions to challenge the results.[5]

Scorecards

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

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Alaska scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

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