



Nebraska

Nebraska voters appear headed toward giving Richard Nixon and the rest of the state's Republican ticket a clean sweep in Tuesday's election.

Nixon, who carried Nebraska by a wider percentage spread in both 1960 and 1968 than any other state, may repeat that same performance if the results of recent polls are accurate.

According to the latest poll by the *Omaha World Herald*, Nixon leads his Democratic opponent George McGovern by 70 to 22 per cent. Eight per cent were undecided in the poll.

McGovern's strongest showing in the state appears to come from Lincoln voters. He also fares best among voters under 30, especially students.

The state's three Republican incumbent House members should have little trouble getting re-elected, according to most political observers.

Darrel Berg is trying to unseat Charles Thone in the state's First District, Patrick Cooney is opposing John McCollister in the Second District, and Warren Fitzgerald is attempting to replace Dave Martin in the state's largely rural Third District.

Thone and McCollister have just completed their first term in the House. Martin is a veteran member.

The best showing of any Democrat on the state ticket will probably be made by Terry Carpenter who opposes U.S. Senator Carl Curtis for a six-year term in the Senate.

Carpenter, who has changed party

registration several times, has been criticized by some party regulars as being an opportunist. It appears, though, that Carpenter will put up a better race than any other Democrat on the state ballot.

Curtis none-the-less should have no trouble defeating him.

Besides the federal races to be voted on by Nebraskans, 26 seats in the state's 49-member Unicameral are to be decided.

When the Legislature meets January, at least six of the 26 seats up for election will be occupied by new members.

In five districts, (9th, 31st, 37th, 41st, and 45th) there is no incumbent senator seeking re-election. The 9th and 31st Districts are new districts formed by re-apportionment.

Incumbent state senators face opponents in 18 districts, with two senators—Eugene Mahoney of Omaha's 5th District, Richard Marvel of Hastings (33rd)—having no opposition.

In the 7th District, Gov. Exon appointee Blair Richendifer faces two opponents to complete the unexpired term of C.W. Holmquist who died shortly after the Legislature adjourned last spring.

The state's voters Tuesday also will determine the out-come of 16 proposed state constitutional amendments.

Voters in Lincoln will decide whether to raise city council members' salaries from \$20 per meeting to \$5,000 per year.

One of Lancaster County's three county commissioner's spots will also be decided. James Studnicka, who defeated the incumbent Democrat in the primary, faces Republican Jan Gauger.

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