

Kline defeats Adkins in attorney general race

TOPEKA (AP) — After months of tireless campaigning, Phill Kline will take a brief pause after winning the Republican nomination for attorney general, then move toward November.

Kline, a conservative former House member from Shawnee, defeated David Adkins, a moderate state senator from Leawood. Many viewed it as the nastiest campaign fight this year in Kansas.

With 98 percent of Tuesday's vote counted, Kline racked up 50 percent against 39 percent for Adkins. Topeka attorney Charles McAtee finished with 11 percent.

On Wednesday, Kline planned to attend a GOP breakfast, a political fence-mending event following the primary, to show support for candidates in the Nov. 5 general election against Democratic opponents.

Despite the bitter primary, Kline said he and Adkins could work together to unite the conservative and moderate wings of the party behind him.

"I have worked with him in the past," Kline said.

Kline said that he would take his daughter to a theme park in Kansas City, Mo., on Thursday but would be back on the campaign trail Friday.

"I'm not going to take a break. We've got a great team raring to go," he said.

Kline attributed his victory to hard work by thousands of volunteers in all 105 counties, "The victory is theirs."

That hard work allowed Kline to carry the counties by a 9-to-1 margin — margins from a high of 10,000 in Sedgewick County to a low of three in Cloud County.

The outcome proved some pollsters wrong. One poll over the weekend showed Adkins with 30.2 percent against 26.6 percent for Kline. The big number there was the 38.6 percent of undecided voters.

From the start, Kline and Adkins traded insults and allegations in their quest to replace retiring Attorney General Carla Stovall.

Jenkins takes majority in treasurer race

TOPEKA (AP) — Republican Sen. Lynn Jenkins will take on Democrat Sally Finney in November to see who will become the next state treasurer.

With 98 percent of the precincts reporting Tuesday night, Jenkins had 56 percent of the vote. Johnson County Treasurer Dennis Wilson had 44 percent.

Finney, of Olathe, is the daughter of the late Gov. Joan Finney, who was held the office for 16 years. She had no primary opposition.

State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger decided against a second term, seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination, which he won Tuesday.

A first-term senator from Topeka, Jenkins won't be the only member of that chamber on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Sen. Sandy Praeger, of Lawrence, won the GOP nomination for insurance commissioner with 57 percent of the vote. Bryan Riley, of Wichita, had 26 percent, and David Powell, of El Dorado, had 17 percent.

Praeger, who is chairwoman of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, will face House Minority Leader Jim Garner, D-Coffeyville.

That office is being vacated by Democrat Katheleen Sebelius, who will take on Shallenburger.

Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh had no opposition in the GOP primary and will face was state Sen. David Haley, D-Kansas City, in the Nov. 5 general election.

Jenkins focused her campaign on being a certified public accountant. She served one term in the House before being elected to the Senate in 2000.

Wilson, of Overland Park, touted his mix of business and political experience. After two House terms, he worked on Shallenburger's campaign for treasurer and served as director of administration and unclaimed property in the treasurer's office from 1999 into 2001.

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Each candidate unleashed reams of rhetoric about why his opponent was less qualified.

One issue was a 2000 change in criminal sentencing laws that reduced the time the state supervised parolees and offenders who received probation.

Kline argued it let violent criminals loose, while Adkins saw it as a balanced effort to reduce prison crowding and reserve space for the most hardened criminals.

But the two also scrapped over who was the lesser lawyer.

Adkins noted Kline allowed his Kansas law license to lapse three times since joining the bar in 1987, suggesting Kline's law practice was a hobby.

Kline accused Adkins of not doing any work for his Kansas City area law firm and claimed the firm's billing records would show no legal work by Adkins. The firm's managing partner called that assertion "ridiculous."

Adkins questioned why Kline backed away from a chance to be U.S. attorney for Kansas last year, citing statements from a congressional staffer that the White House didn't think Kline was qualified.

Kline's name went to the White House in March 2001, and he withdrew six months later to pursue other political opportunities.

The White House issued a statement saying it had been "pleased" to receive Kline's name, and Kline said Adkins' suggestion was a lie.

Kline noted repeatedly Adkins received an informal admonishment from the Kansas Supreme Court's disciplinary administrator in 1994, for using money from an estate to cover legal fees owed him.

The sanction was the mildest punishment possible and came after Adkins reported the incident himself.

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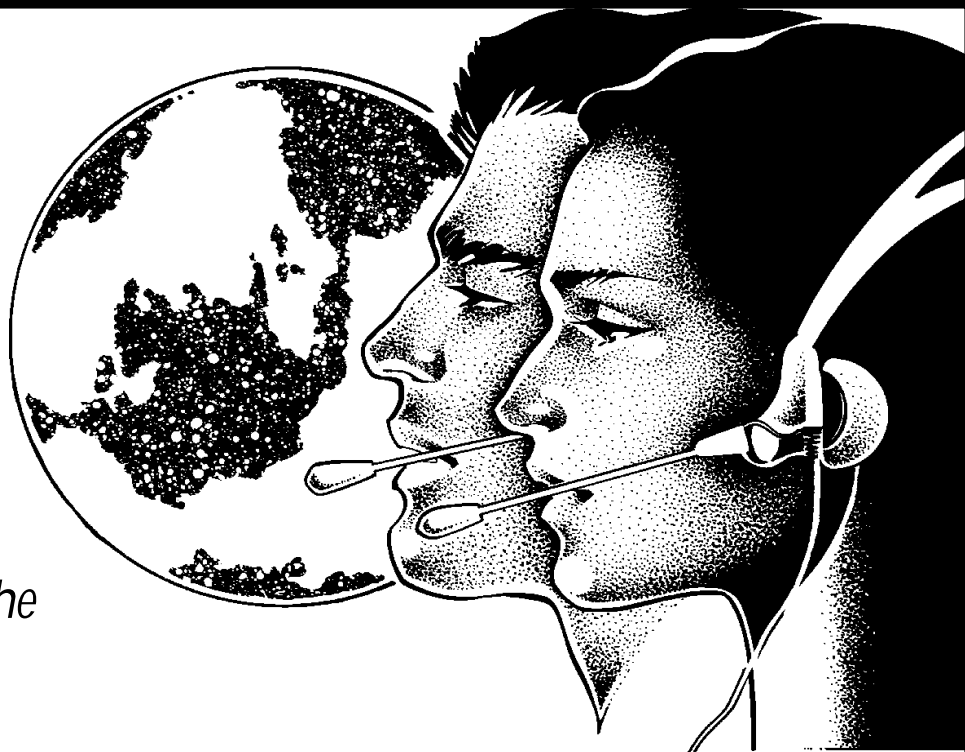
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