

Election 2002

United States House and Senate

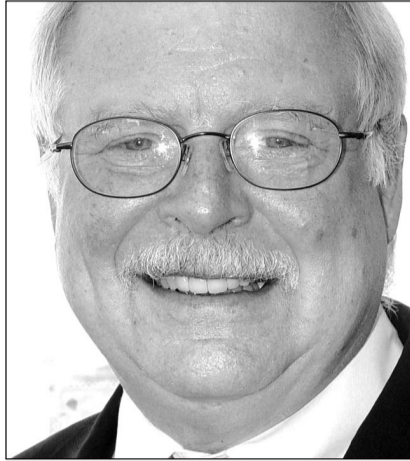
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Most of the Congressional races for Illinois face battles within party lines, and therefore the primary races offer more of a heated battle than the general election. This election season sees only a few tight fights, including two redistricted incumbents facing off downstate.

An openly gay man is hoping to make history in Illinois by winning a Congressional post from the North Shore's 10th District. Hank Perritt already made history March 19 by becoming the Democratic Congressional nominee—he is now the state's first openly gay Congressional candidate nominated by a major party.

Perritt faces off against moderate incumbent U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, who, despite a rating of 67% on gay-related bills, has the backing of the Human Rights Campaign.

Perritt is a former moderate Republican who worked in the Nixon and Ford Administrations but who later converted to



Candidate Hank Perritt. Photo by Tracy Baim

the Democratic Party when his own party shifted right. He took a leave of absence as dean of the Chicago-Kent College of Law to campaign.

The 10th District runs from Wilmette in the south to Waukegan in the north, and extends as far west as Arlington Heights. It includes Libertyville, Vernon Hills, Buffalo Grove, Prospect Heights, Glenview, Deerfield, Palatine and more.

Perritt's background includes serving on President Clinton's first transition team for technology, and he has vast experience in labor and employment law. He moved to Chicago in 1997 to assume the role of dean of the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has been with his partner 17 years, and he said he was out as a gay man when being interviewed for the dean's post.

Kirk's office did not respond to phone calls and mailings asking for an interview and for answers to the WCT questionnaire.

LEGEND FOR CHART BELOW:
N/A = Not available, meaning either not rated or not recommended; a "Yes" is the only solid endorsement, other

groups rate based on voting records or responses to questionnaires.

WCT = Windy City Times questions, based on possible 16 correct answers (16/16 is perfect score)

AFC = AIDS Foundation of Chicago (100% is perfect score)

NOW = Illinois National Organization for Women PAC

AFLCIO = American Federation of Labor: when there is a percentage after "Yes" that is their recent voting record on AFLCIO-related legislation

NARAL = National Abortion Rights Action League ratings (100 = perfect voting record in last Congress)

HRC = Human Rights Campaign rating (in each of the last Congresses: 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th; 100% is perfect)

IVI-IPO = Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization

.....WCT (16).....AFC.....NOW.....AFLCIO.....NARAL.....HRC 104th.....HRC 105th.....HRC 106th.....HRC 107th.....IVI-IPO

U.S. SENATE

Dick Durbin (D).....14/16.....100%.....Yes.....Yes/96%.....100%.....78%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes
Jim Durkin (R).....N/A

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

First Congressional District

Raymond Wardingley (R).....N/A
Bobby Rush (D).....N/A.....100%.....Yes.....65%.....86%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes

Second Congressional District

Doug Nelson (R).....8/16.....31%
Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D).....16/16.....100%.....Yes.....Yes/100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes

Third Congressional District

William Lipinski (D).....N/A.....0%.....11%.....12%.....10%.....17%

Fourth Congressional District

Anthony Lopez-Cisneros (R).....N/A.....46%
Luis Gutierrez (D).....15/16.....100%.....Yes.....Yes/100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes

Fifth Congressional District

Mark Augusti (R).....N/A.....62%
Rahm Emanuel (D).....16/16.....92%.....Yes.....Yes

Sixth Congressional District

Henry Hyde (R).....N/A.....46%.....0%.....0%.....12%.....0%.....17%
Tom Berry (D).....15/16.....100%.....Yes

Seventh Congressional District

Mark Tunney (R).....11/16.....54%
Danny Davis (D).....N/A.....100%.....Yes.....100%.....88%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes

Eighth Congressional District

Philip Crane (R).....N/A.....0%.....0%.....0%.....0%
Melissa Bean (D).....N/A.....100%.....Yes

Ninth Congressional District

Janice Schakowsky (D).....16/16.....100%.....Yes.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....100%.....Yes
Richard Benedict Mayers (D).....N/A

10th Congressional District

Mark Steven Kirk (R).....N/A.....77%.....100%.....67%
Henry Perritt, Jr. (D).....16/16.....100%.....Yes

11th Congressional District

Gerald "Jerry" Weller (R).....N/A.....0%.....33%.....25%.....20%.....17%

12th Congressional District

Jerry Costello (D).....N/A.....0%.....22%.....25%.....30%.....33%

13th Congressional District

Judy Biggert (R).....4/16.....100%.....70%.....83%
Tom Mason (D).....N/A.....92%.....Yes

14th Congressional District

J. Dennis Hastert (R).....N/A.....0%.....0%.....0%.....0%.....0%
Laurence Quick (D).....N/A.....85%

15th Congressional District

Timothy Johnson (R).....N/A.....0%.....0%
Joshua Hartke (D).....N/A.....77%

16th Congressional District

Donald Manzullo (R).....N/A.....0%.....0%.....0%.....0%.....0%
John Kutsch (D).....12/16.....69%.....Yes

17th Congressional District

Peter Calderone (R).....N/A
Tony Rees (R).....N/A
Lane Evans (D).....13/16.....100%.....Yes.....No.....100%.....67%.....100%.....90%.....100%

18th Congressional District

Ray LaHood (R).....N/A.....0%.....22%.....12%.....30%.....17%

19th Congressional District

John Shimkus* (R).....N/A.....62%.....0%.....12%.....20%.....17%
David Phelps (D).....N/A.....Yes/94%.....0%.....20%.....17%

*Shimkus HRC voting record is from previous votes in the 20th district. He is now running for a seat in the 19th district.