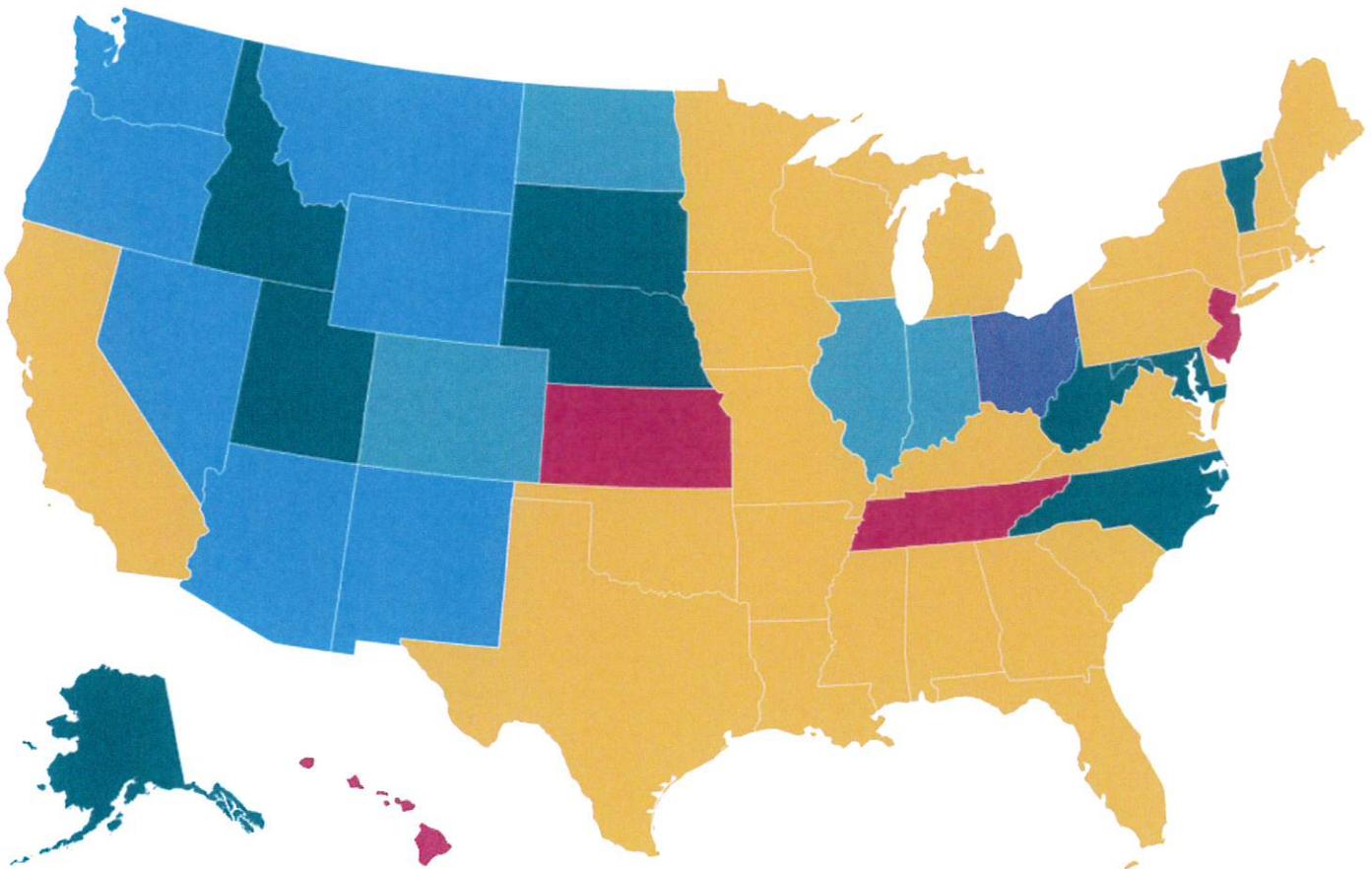


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How vacancies are filled in state legislatures

Board of Cty Commissioners Governor Hybrid Legislative chamber Political party Special election

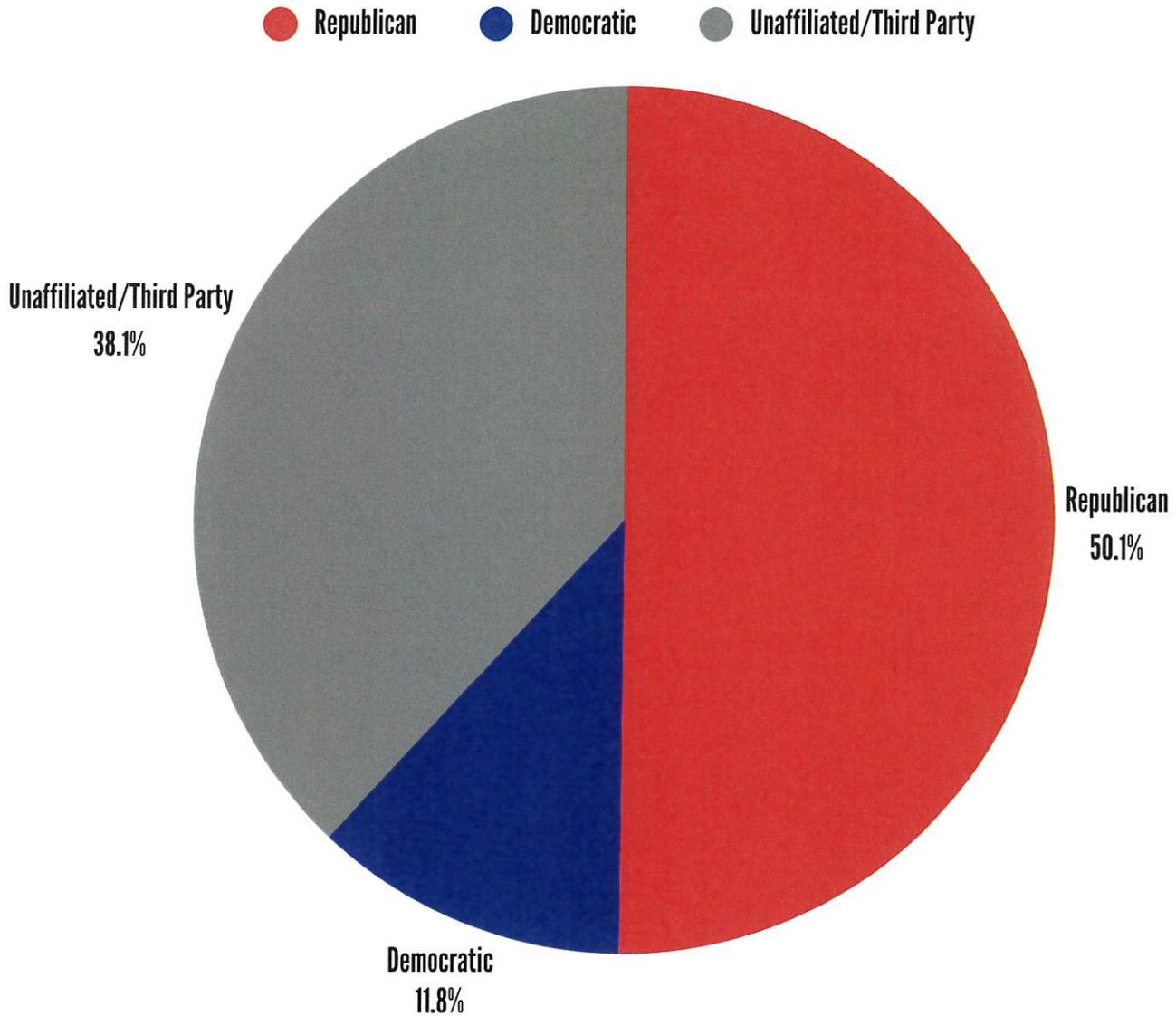


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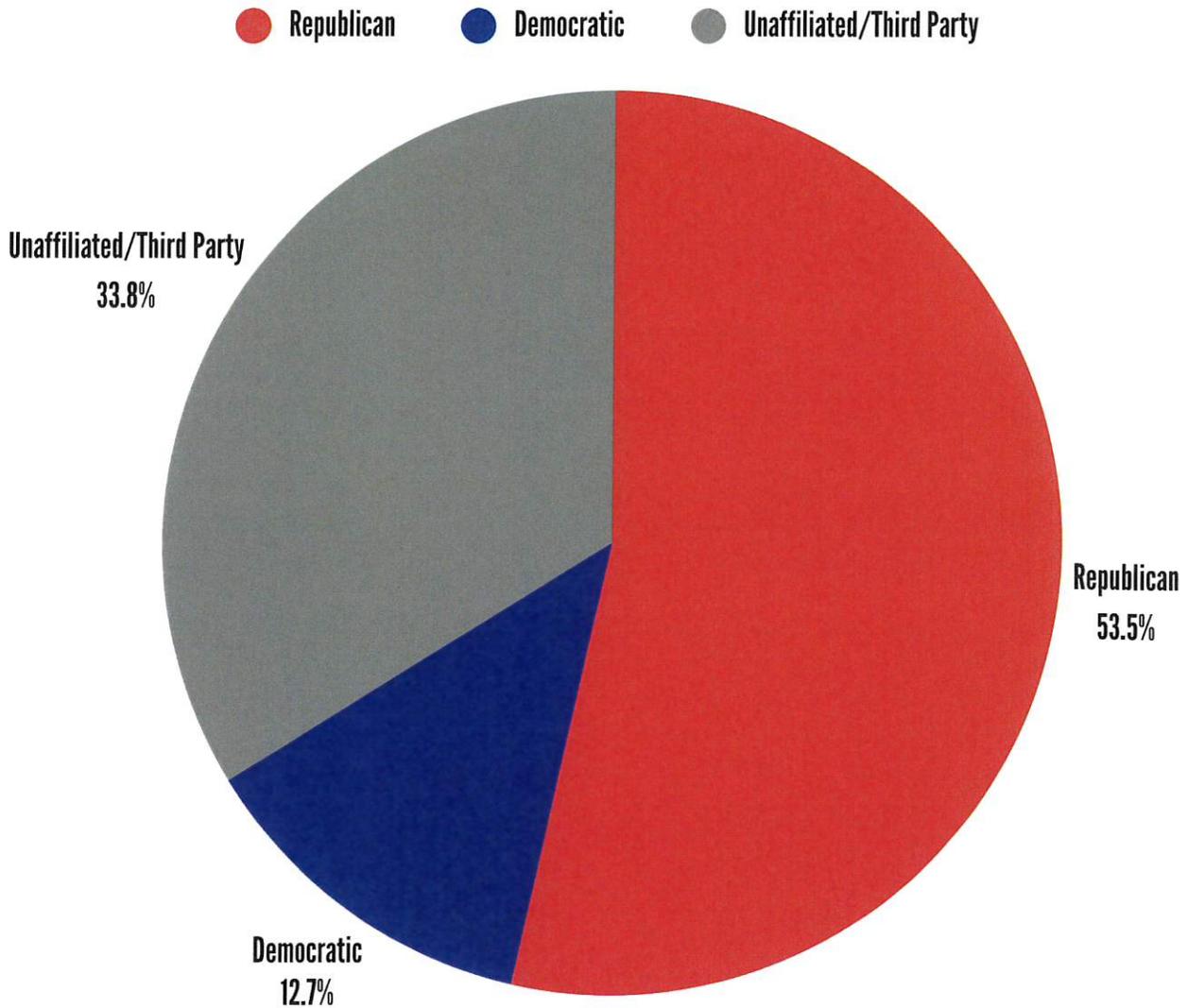
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62,228 voters as of December 2025
Raw voter file analysis; available upon request

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Open Midterm Replacement – Forward Party (Dec 2025)



Intention was to replicate a state-run Special Election

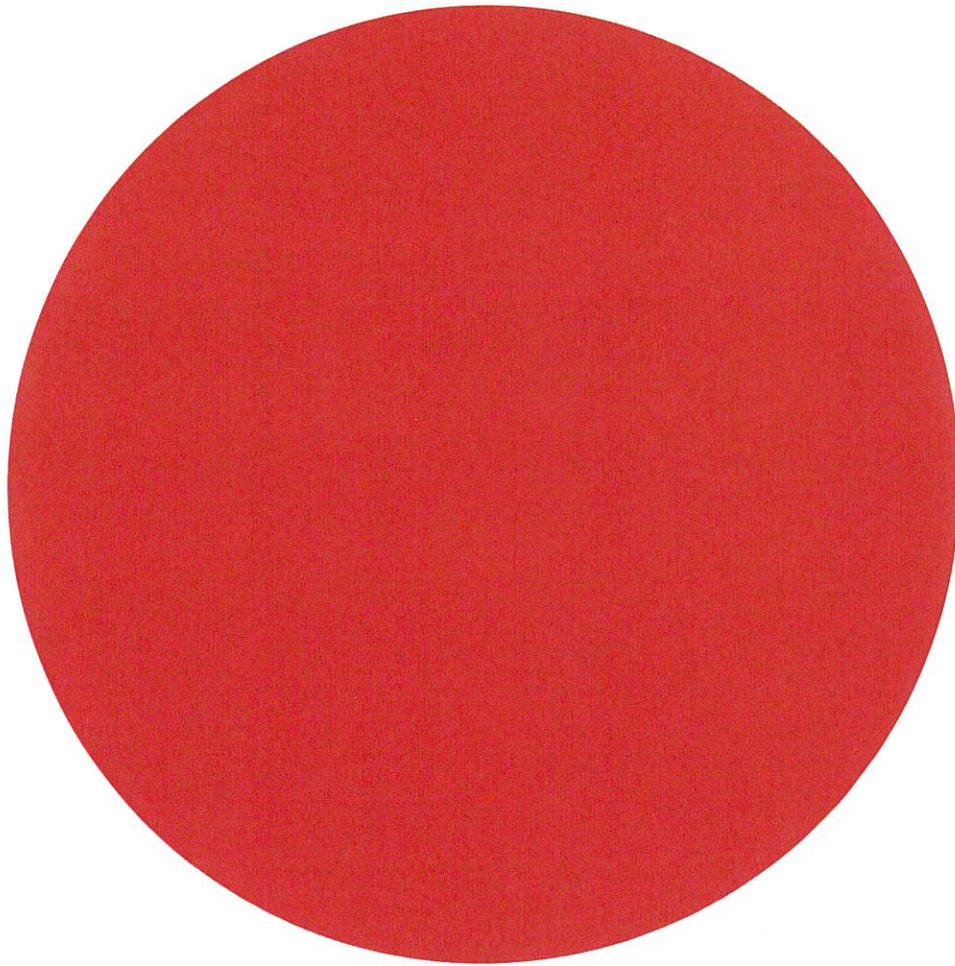
1301 votes cast

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Closed Delegate Vote – Republican Party

● Republican

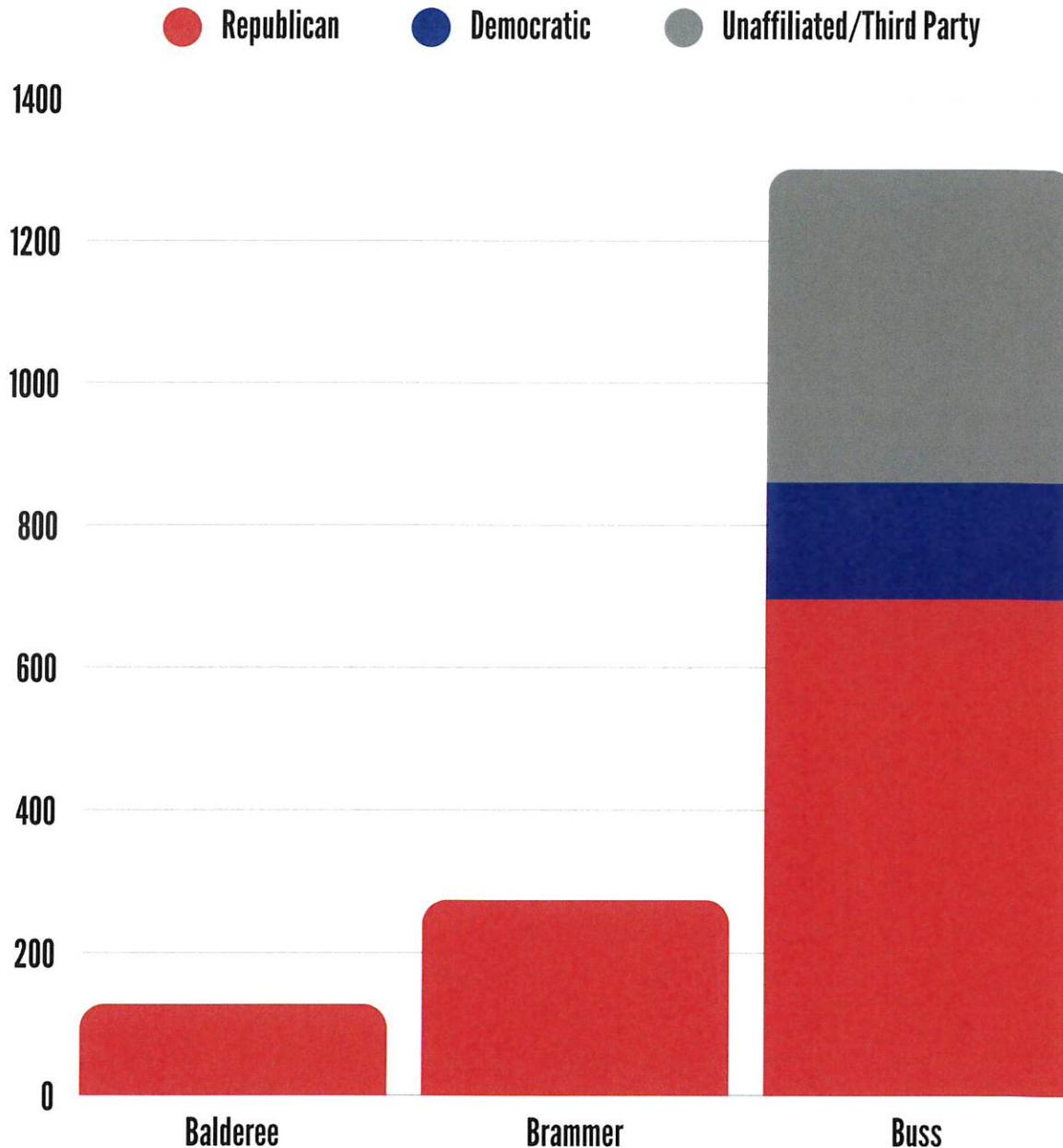


Republican
100%

State Parties have legal right to conduct a closed, delegate-only vote
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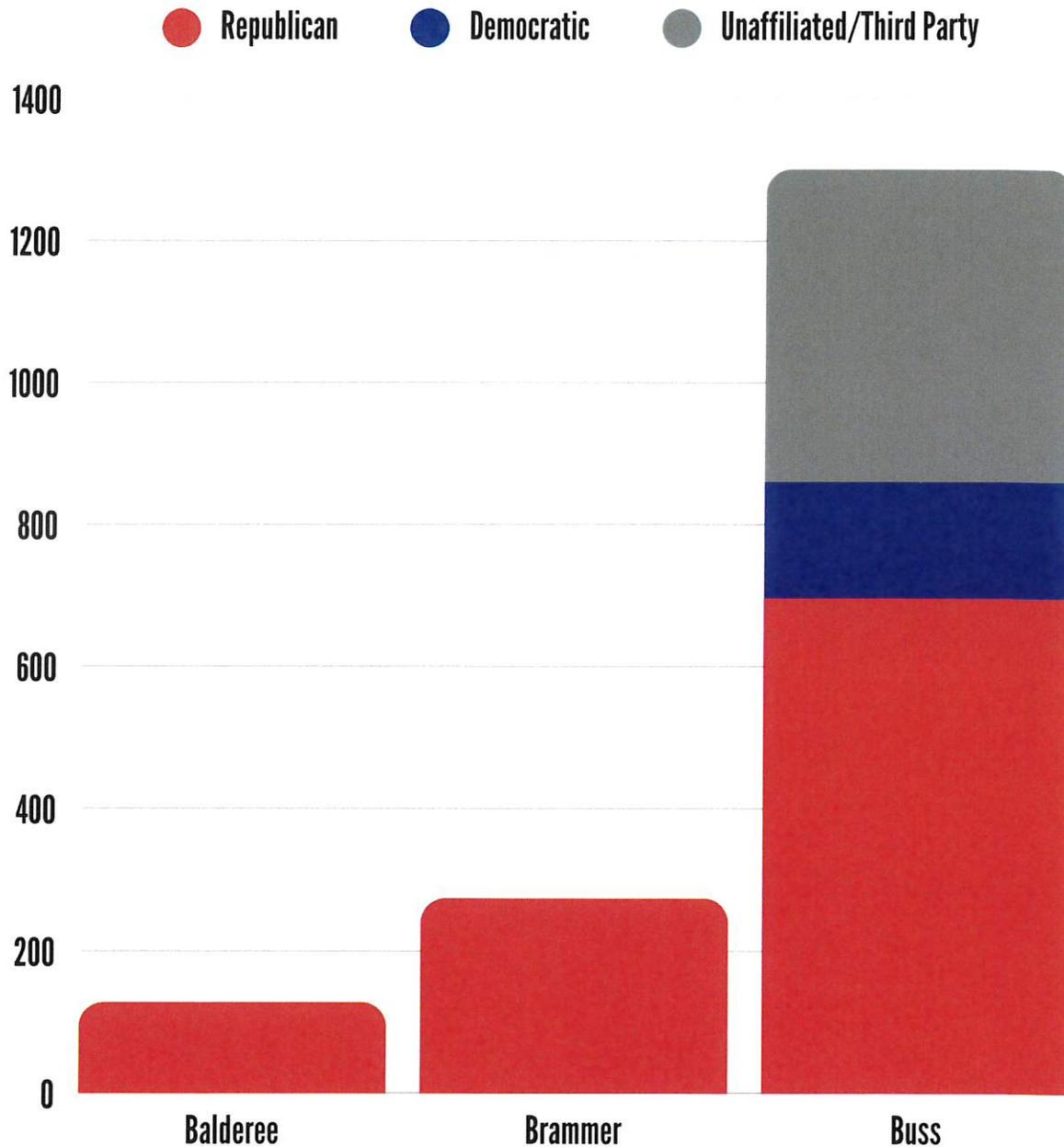
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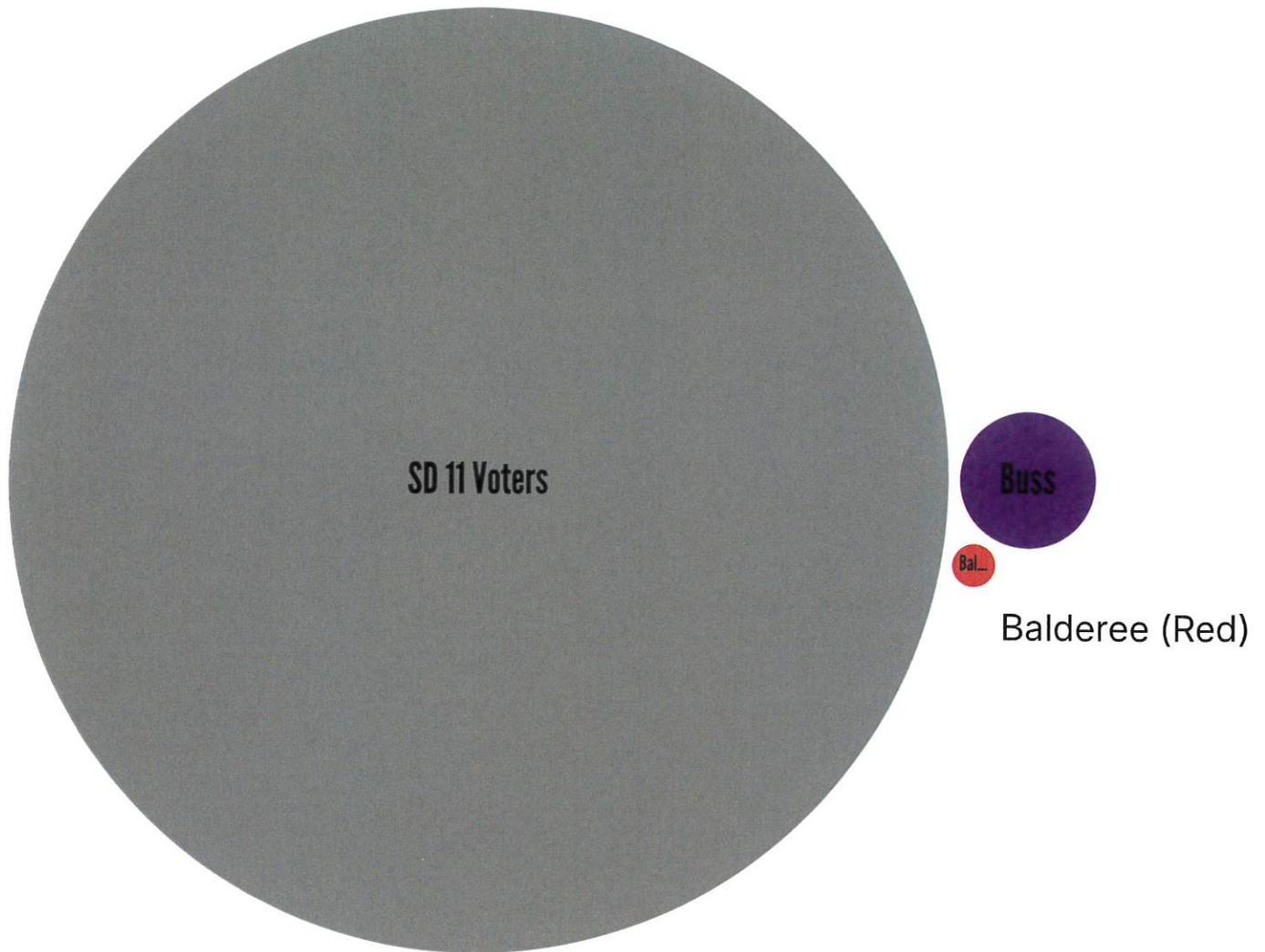
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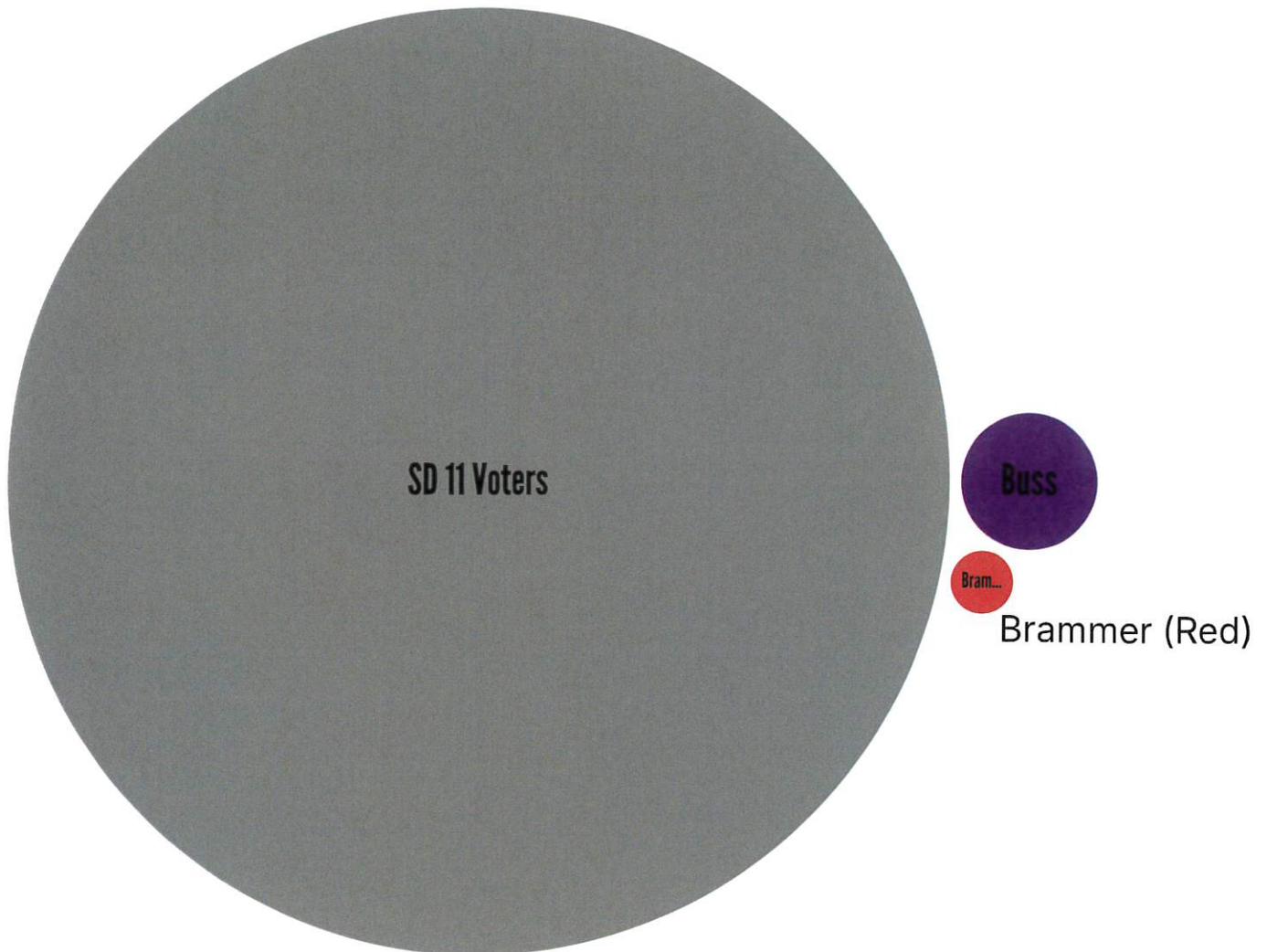
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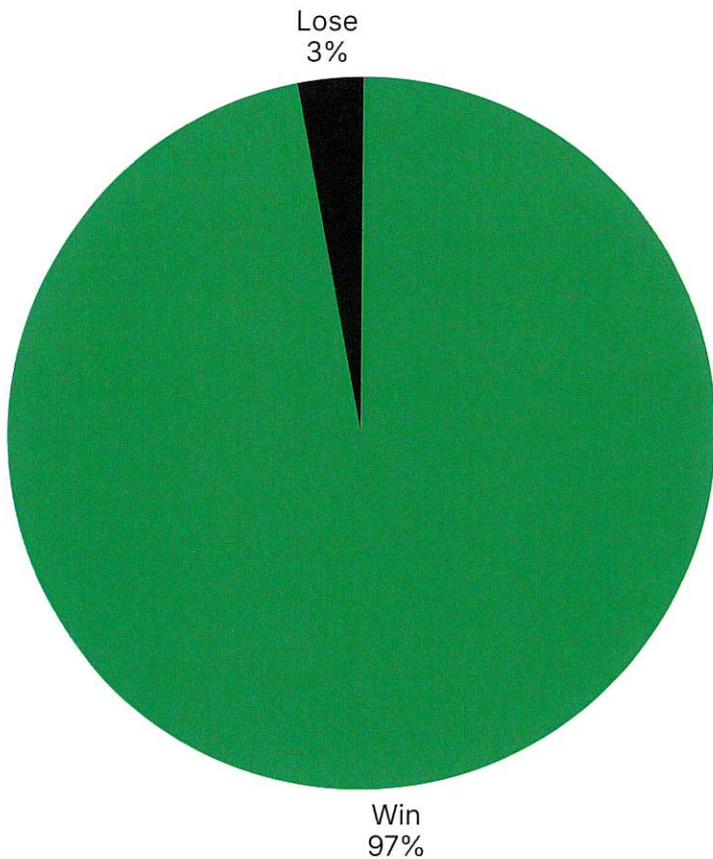
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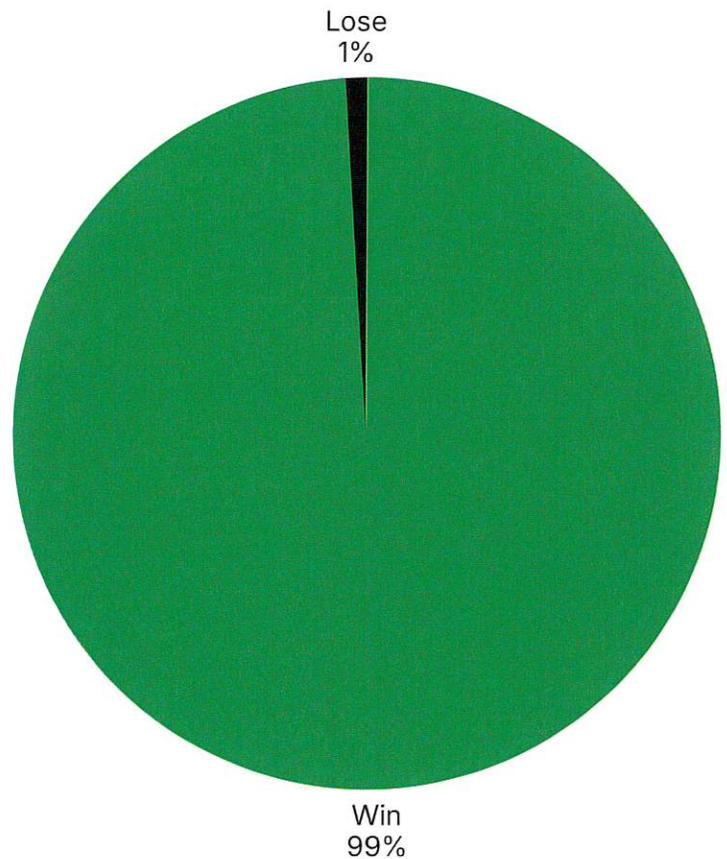
Nationwide, 2024

● Win ● Lose



Utah, 2024

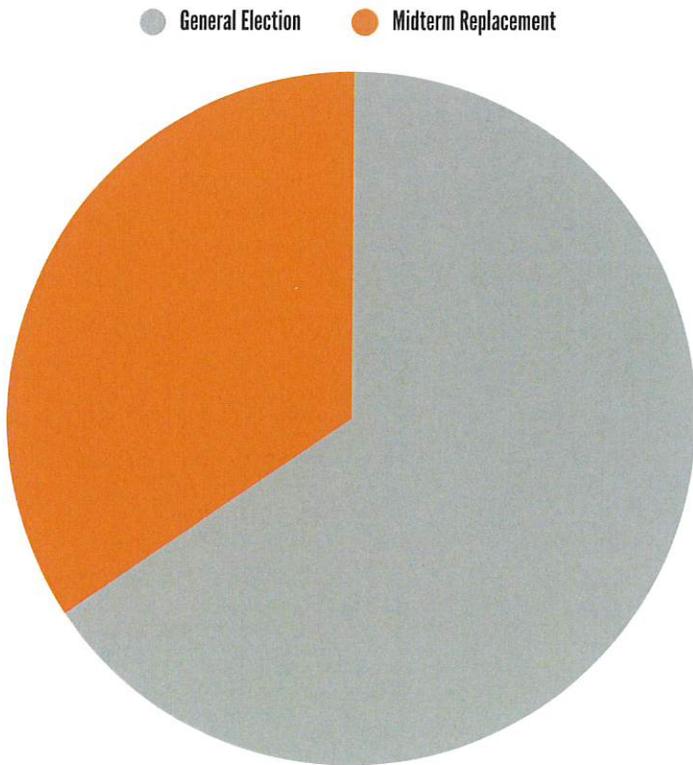
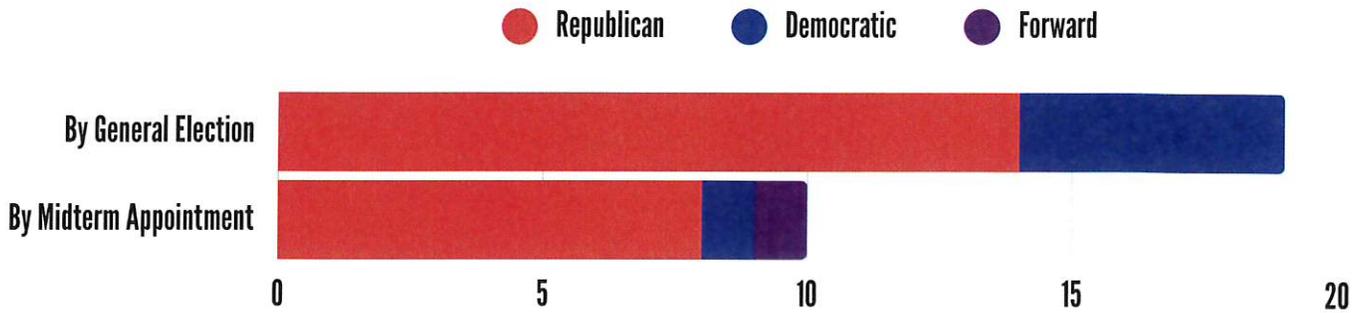
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| Senator | Year | Vote Count |
|----------------|------|------------|
| Stevenson (6) | 2010 | Unknown |
| Adams (7) | 2009 | Unknown |
| Weiler (8) | 2012 | Unknown |
| Buss (11) | 2025 | 1301 |
| Kwan (12) | 2023 | 52 |
| Fillmore (17) | 2016 | Unknown |
| Brammer (21) | 2024 | 274 |
| Balderree (22) | 2023 | 128 |
| Grover (23) | 2018 | 9 |
| Ipson (29) | 2016 | Unknown |