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## Senator Givens will continue to serve as Senate president pro-tem

Senator David Givens, R-Greensburg, has been re-elected to the leadership as Senate president pro-tem unanimously after being unchallenged by his Senate colleagues.

This decision comes exactly one week after Kentuckians went to the polls and voted to increase the size of the Republican Senate majority to a historic 31 members. The minority Democratic caucus currently sits at seven members but will be six upon the resignation of Senator Morgan McGarvey, who was recently elected to Kentucky's third Congressional district following Congressman John Yarmuth's retirement.

"It's an honor and truly humbling that I have the faith and support of my colleagues to continue to serve in a leadership role. Now the hard work begins, and that is continuing to deliver results for the residents of our great commonwealth."

As president pro-tem, Givens serves as presiding Senate officer in the absence of the Senate president. Pro-tempore is Latin for, "for the time being."

The Senate president and Senate president pro-tempore are constitutional positions and require election by the full Sen-

ate. Givens will be formally elected to the position on the first day of the 2023 Legislative Session.

Givens represents District 9, including Barren, Edmondson, Green, and Hart Counties, and northwestern Warren County. He was first elected to the Senate in 2008. Givens first served in the role between 2015—2017. He reassumed the position in 2019—present.

Senator David Givens, R-Greensburg, represents the 9th District, including Barren, Edmondson, Green and Hart Counties as well as northwestern Warren County. He serves as the Senate president pro-tempore and is co-chair of the Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity. Givens is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Appropriations and Revenue, Agriculture, Education, and Health and Welfare. Additionally, Givens is a member of the Legislative Research Commission, the Rules Committee, and the Committee on Committees. Givens was most recently appointed as co-chair to the Emergency Medical Services Task Force during the 2022 Interim.

## Hart County man wins \$777K on scratch-off

Eddie Polston, of Munfordville, says he was speechless after he won \$777,000 on a Kentucky Lottery Scratch-off ticket.

Polston purchased the \$20 Mega 7's Limited



Eddie Polston

Edition ticket last Tuesday at the Five Star on Main Street in Munfordville. He went to work where he scratched the ticket off. When Polston came to the last spot on his ticket, he revealed the "777" symbol. This symbol indicates the prize located below is multiplied by seven.

"When I saw the triple sevens, I was hoping it was at least ten dollars but then I saw the three ones," Polston said. Turns out, the prize amount shown was \$111,000, making it \$777,000 after the multiplier was applied.

Polston took the ticket back to the store to confirm his big win. "She (store clerk) scanned it and screamed so loud. I was speechless," he said.

"I couldn't hold onto anything. I dropped the ticket because I was shaking so bad," Polston told lottery officials.

The Hart County man drove to lottery headquarters the next day where he received a check for \$551,670. He told officials he hadn't slept at all and that once he got the check in the bank, he would be able to sleep. Polston says he plans

to pay off bills with his winnings.

Five Star will receive a \$7,770 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

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