Codebook for "Institutional Attachments and Patterns of Ambition in State Legislatures"
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Variables

Note: Except where otherwise noted, data collected by authors.

caseid: unique identifier for the legislator-opportunity

nameid: identifier for the legislator (from Makse 2019)

distid: identifier for the legislator's lower chamber district

statenum: identifier for state

year: year of progressive ambition opportunity

firstelec: year of legislator's first election to chamber

cohortid: identifier for the legislator's initial election cohort

nocohort: legislator won in special election or appointed (dummy)

ranfor3: office sought by legislator (1 = sought re-election in lower chamber; 2 = sought other office; 3 = retired)

static: legislator sought re-election in lower chamber (dummy)

overlap: what % of upper chamber opportunity district is in legislator's current district? (calculated using Missouri Census Data Center's Geographic Correspondence Engine)

cong_overlap: legislator's district overlaps an open US House seat (dummy)

party: legislator's political party (100 = Democrat; 200 = Republican; 300 = Other)

gop: is legislator a Republican? (dummy)

srty: legislator's years of service in chamber

age: legislator's age at time of opportunity

margin: legislator's previous margin of victory (Klarner 2018)

smideol_abs: absolute value of legislator's Shor-McCarty ideology score (Shor-McCarty 2011)

top_lead: did legislator hold top leadership position? (dummy)

female: is legislator female? (dummy)

wave: did opportunity occur during wave election year? (0 = Unfavorable wave; 1 = Neutral wave; 2 = Favorable wave)

wave_first: was legislator elected during wave election? (0 = Unfavorable wave; 1 = Neutral wave; 2 = Favorable wave)

maj_opp: was legislator in majority at time of opportunity? (dummy)

maj_first: was legislator in majority during first term? (dummy)

maj_chg: legislator's change in majority status since first term (1 = Lost majority; 2 = No change in majority; 3 = Gained majority)

maj_lost: has legislator lost majority status since first term? (dummy)

tlstate: does state has term limits? (dummy)

squire: legislative professionalism index for 2009 (from Squire 2017)

salary10: legislature salary for 2010 (from Bowen and Greene 2014)

slength10: legislature session length for 2010 (from Bowen and Greene 2014)

expend10: legislature expenditures for 2010 (from Bowen and Greene 2014)

turnover: legislative turnover 2002-2018 (adapted from Butcher 2022)

sen_size: number of seats in upper chamber

chamber_size: number of members in lower chamber

pa_ratio: upper chamber seats and congressional districts in state divided by lower chamber seats

cohort_size: raw size of cohort

rel_size: % difference between legislator's cohort size and average cohort in state

cohort_large: is legislator's cohort size at least 1 s.d. above state mean? (dummy)

inparty_pct: % of cohort in same party as legislator

inparty_large: was legislator's cohort above mean in same-party percentage? (dummy)

within_cand: does legislator appear multiple times with variance in majority loss? (dummy)

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