

29TH SENATE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

Just 24 votes separated State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Eric Shane Hamilton when they tangled in the 2004 Democratic primary. Since then, Turner pleaded guilty in December 2006 to a misdemeanor for non-willfully participating in a vote-buying scheme stemming from his 2000 race. Hamilton, meanwhile, has been dogged by city code-enforcement officials in Lexington for the conditions of several of his properties.

Johnny Ray Turner

Born: Sept. 19, 1949

Residence: Drift

Occupation: Marketing consultant for Codell Construction Co.; retired teacher and coach

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Morehead State University

Family: Wife, Linda; two grown daughters

Public office: State Senate, 2001 to present; Senate Democratic Caucus chairman, 2003 to present



Eric Shane Hamilton

Born: Jan. 16, 1962

Residence: Garrett

Occupation: Business owner; owner of rental property in Lexington and Eastern Kentucky

Education: Attended Alice Lloyd College and Hazard Community College

Family: Wife, Lois; two children

Public office: Ran unsuccessfully in 2004

