

Incumbent Democrats In This Area Do Well

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Although voters were in a Republican mood yesterday, a look at state and congressional elections in this area shows incumbent Democrats racked up convincing victories.

That Republican mood prompted Rep. Stanley N. Lundine, D-Jamestown, to say this was the toughest atmosphere in which he has waged a campaign, despite vote tabulations showing area incumbent Democrats were never in any danger of losing their posts.

The Republican groundswell was evident, however, as Chautauqua County went strongly for both Reagan for president and D'Amato in the senate race.

Lundine won his race with 55 percent of the vote, Assemblyman Rolland Kidder, D-Jamestown, with 57.6 percent of the vote, and Assemblyman Daniel Walsh, D-Franklinville, with 68 percent of the vote.

Lundine is the only candidate of the three to lose ground in the county, mostly in Jamestown. It is also the first time he has faced a Republican challenger from Jamestown. The county has been Lundine's power base for the past four elections although he has claimed strong diverse support throughout the dis-

trict.

In the last election, 1978, Lundine took 71 percent of the vote in the city, compared to yesterday's 59 percent. In 1978 he took 61 percent of the Chautauqua County vote, compared to only 55 percent this year.

He showed only a 1 percentage point decrease in Dunkirk, which has been plagued by subsidized housing problems for several years. During the past six months, those problems festered into open resistance to federal mandates requiring housing in the city, leading some Republicans to speculate that mood may splash over and hurt Lundine's voter support in the area. That speculation did not pan out, however.

Kidder's victory margin remained about the same over the two years, decreasing one half of one percent from 1978 when he drew 58.1 percent of the vote against John Glenzer.

Walsh, who came out on the winning end of a relatively close race in 1978, picked up a lot of ground this year going from 55 percent of the vote two years ago to 62 percent this year. In Chautauqua County, Walsh went from 55 percent in 1978 to 62 percent this year. In Cattaraugus County he went from 56 percent to 69 percent.