

AFSA STATE ELECTION WATCH 2024: VOLUME 2



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The 2024 presidential race will be drawing the most attention in tomorrow's general election, but it is not the only important election. With 44 states holding legislative elections, AFSA State Government Affairs are focused on those results. The 2022 midterm elections resulted in a major victory for the Democrats at the state level even after many political operatives predicted a Republican "Red" wave. Heading into tomorrow, Democrats hold 17 state trifectas while Republicans hold 22.

Gubernatorial races have less of a spotlight heading into Tuesday as only 11 states have a race on the ballot. Attorney general elections are also low in 2024, as only 10 states will hold elections—five held by Democrats and five held by Republicans.

State Legislative Races to Watch

- In 2022, narrow majorities helped create Democrat trifectas in states including **Michigan**. Republicans are optimistic that they can flip these legislatures on November 5th to create divided government. AFSA has heard from reliable sources in Lansing who believe there is a strong chance of flipping the state house to Republican in **Michigan**.
- As of November 4th, there are only two split legislatures in the country in **Pennsylvania** and **Minnesota**.
- **Pennsylvania** is a battleground in the fight for President as well as state legislative control. The senate is likely to remain under Republican control and both parties are focusing their resources on the house there.

Gubernatorial Races to Watch

- **New Hampshire**: Democrats are optimistic they will flip the Governor's Office for the first time in five terms.
- **North Carolina**: Originally, the state was considered the best chance for a Republican gubernatorial pick up until controversy in recent months with Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, the Republican candidate.
- Seven states including **Indiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont** and **West Virginia** are likely to remain in Republican control. New Hampshire is considered the only true gubernatorial "toss-up."

Attorney General Races to Watch

- **North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon** and **Washington** are the only races that look to be competitive and could change political parties. All of these are currently held by Democrats.