

AFSA STATE ELECTION WATCH 2024: VOLUME 3



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*Results as of 11/6 morning

On election night, the AFSA State Government Affairs team tracked 44 states who held legislative elections. Tuesday saw areas with extremely high turnout leaving some states still up in the air as ballots continue to be counted. Heading into election day, Democrats held 17 state trifectas while Republicans held 22. One of those trifectas appears to have been beat with Republicans looking as though they flipped the Michigan House.

Gubernatorial races held less of a spotlight heading into Tuesday, as only 11 states have a race on the ballot and saw all remain with the incumbent party. Attorney general elections were also low in 2024, as only 10 states held elections—five held by Democrats and five held by Republicans. Pennsylvania was the only flipped state from Democrat to Republican.

State Legislative Races to Note

- Republicans were optimistic that they could flip legislatures such as **Michigan** on November 5th to create divided government. They appear to be successful in winning the house as of Wednesday morning.
- As of November 4th, there were only two split legislatures in the country in **Pennsylvania** and **Alaska**.
- **Minnesota**: Democrats won a trifecta following the 2022 election, but that appears to be in jeopardy with many house races still being counted after Tuesday night.
- **Pennsylvania** was a battleground in the fight for President as well as state legislative control. As of Wednesday morning, there are still 18 house seats to be called, so neither party has won a majority yet.

Gubernatorial Races to Note

- **New Hampshire**: Democrats were optimistic heading into Tuesday, but Republicans remain in control by electing Kelly Ayotte.
- **North Carolina**: Originally, the state was considered the best chance for a Republican gubernatorial pick up, but Democrat Josh Stein won with 55% of the vote.
- Seven states including **Indiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont** and **West Virginia** will remain in Republican control.

Attorney General Races to Note

- **North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon** and **Washington** were the only competitive races that could have changed political parties. All of these were previously held by Democrats.
- **North Carolina** elected Democrat Jeff Jackson, while Pennsylvania flipped to Republican by electing Dave Sunday. **Oregon** and **Washington** were both held by Democrats.