

AFSA STATE ELECTION WATCH 2024: VOLUME 4



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*Results as of 11/7 afternoon

The AFSA State Government Affairs team has been tracking 44 states who held legislative elections this week. On November 5th, there were a total of 17 trifectas held by Democrats and 22 held by Republicans, but that number is looking to shift in several states as votes are still being counted.

Michigan and **Minnesota** Democrats appear to have lost their trifectas by losing control of their respective state houses. With a slight scare, **New Hampshire** Republicans will be holding their trifecta by narrow margins in the legislature and by remaining in control of the Governor's office with newly elected Kelly Ayotte.

Additionally, nine states held special elections on November 5th. Of the 18 seats up for special election, 11 were won by Democrats and seven by Republicans. Only two seats switched parties, with Democrats flipping both **North Dakota** Senate District 9 and **Oklahoma** Senate District 46.

State Legislative Races to Note

- Republicans were optimistic that they could flip legislatures such as **Michigan** on November 5th to create divided government. As of Wednesday afternoon, they have succeeded by winning 57 of the 110 seats in the state house.
- **Alaska**: With votes still being counted, Republicans have lost two seats in the state house.¹ The house will now likely be made up of 20 Republicans, 14 Democrats, and six independents.
- **Minnesota** Democrats appear to have lost their trifecta from the 2022 midterm election as there is currently a 67-67 tie in the house. Many seats will be recounted in the coming weeks.
- **Pennsylvania**: As of Thursday afternoon, there are still two seats to be officially called, so neither party has won a majority yet. Currently, the Republicans have a 101 to 100 seat advantage with 102 being the needed amount for a slight majority.

Gubernatorial Races to Note

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 elected Democrat Jeff Jackson, while Pennsylvania flipped to Republican by electing Dave Sunday. **Oregon** and **Washington** were both held by Democrats.

1. Alaska is a heavily Republican state, but uniquely has a ranked voting system and a legislature that is currently controlled by a bipartisan power sharing agreement.