

November 2018 Election Results in Wisconsin

Statewide Election Results

Last week Democrats won five statewide races with four of those being a change in representation. These new constitutional officers are as follows:

Governor: Tony Evers ✓

Lieutenant Governor: Mandela Barnes ✓

Attorney General: Josh Kaul ✓

Secretary of State: Doug LaFollette ✓

State Treasurer: Sarah Godlewski ✓

Wisconsin Legislature

In the State Legislature Republicans retained majorities in the State Assembly and State Senate. The State Assembly had one seat change with State Representative-Elect Robyn Vining (D) winning in the open 14th Assembly District. The State Senate also had a seat change with State Senator-Elect Andre Jacque (R) winning in the 1st Senate District. The State Assembly is now currently controlled by Republicans 63-36 and the State Senate is controlled by Republicans 19-14.

What Happens Next?

Governor-Elect Evers will begin to work with outgoing Governor Scott Walker on the transition of Administrations. These transitions include a transition team, the formal inauguration, and the hiring/appointment of Cabinet Secretaries and staffing in respective offices and agencies. This process is underway and will continue into the new year.

Following Inauguration Day in January of 2019, Governor Evers will introduce his proposed budget for 2019-2020. Governor Evers will introduce his proposed budget through a public address, then the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance will debate, amend, and pass the budget. With different parties in power, the process of agreeing on a budget may take some time.

The state legislature will continue to debate and pass laws. Again, with a divided government, proposals will need Republican approval in the legislature and a signature by a Democratic Governor, making bipartisanship much more important than in the last several sessions.