MEEA’s Midwest 2020 Election Recap

MEEA Policy Team
Thursday, December 17, 2020
MEEA's Policy Team

State Leads

**Director**
Nick Dreher

**Policy Manager**
Reine Rambert
- Illinois
- Ohio

**Sr. Analyst**
Greg Ehrendreich
- Indiana
- Kentucky

**Sr. Policy Associate**
Maddie Wazowicz
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- Wisconsin

**Policy Associate**
Samarth Medakkar
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Missouri
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
Agenda

Federal Election Updates
• Congress
• Federal EE Policy Impacts
• Appointments, Funding, Etc.

State Election Updates
• State Executives
• State Legislatures
• States In-Depth
  • Illinois
  • Ohio
  • Minnesota
Federal Election Updates

Overview and Implications
Recap of the Presidential Election

Biden-Harris Victory

- **Biden-Harris** ticket defeated **Trump-Pence** in the 2020 election
- **306** vs. **232** electoral votes
- **51.3%** vs. **46.8%** of the popular vote
### Recap of Election Results

**The Midwest’s Representation in Congress: House**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Seats</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IA</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IL</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IN</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KS</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KY</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MI</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MN</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MO</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ND</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NE</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OH</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SD</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WI</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **38** seats in the House represent the Midwest.
- **62** seats are held by other regions.
- **Three** seats in MEEA territory flipped from Dem to Rep control.
- **One complication**:
  - Iowa 2nd District certified R but disputed by losing candidate.
The Midwest’s Representation in Congress: Senate

Recap of election results

- No major shakeups
- Only OH and WI have split senators between parties
- No seats in MEEA territory experienced flips in party control
Impact on Federal EE Policy

Implications of Biden-Harris Administration

9 Key Elements of Joe Biden's Plan for a Clean Energy Revolution

- Target of economy-wide net-zero emissions no later than 2050
- Investment of $400 billion over 10 years in clean energy and innovation
- Target of reducing the carbon footprint of US building stock 50% by 2035
- 500,000 new public charging outlets by the end of 2030

The success of the Biden agenda is tied to the two Senate run-off races in GA. Thus, there is considerable uncertainty.
Appointments, Funding, Policies Changes
Who's Who of the Administration & Other Notables

- Appointees include environmentalists, electric vehicle advocates and scientists, as well as cybersecurity experts
- Long list of qualified, potential nominees for senior positions
MEEA and other REEOs have collaborated with the U.S. DOE in the past to:

- Promote DOE initiatives
- Allocate federal funding
- Implement programming
State and Federal Outreach
An Overview

• DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
  – Advanced Manufacturing Office
  – Buildings
  – Weatherization and Intergovernmental
  – National Labs

• State Energy Program
  – Midwest State Energy Offices
Midwest Election Results
State Executives

- Re-elected incumbents
  - MO governor, AG & Sec of State
  - ND governor
  - IN governor

No party changes

Only one seat change

- IN attorney general
  (non-incumbent, same party)
# Midwest Election Results

## State Legislatures – Regional Overview

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State Houses</th>
<th>State Senates</th>
<th>Trifectas</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **10 states** **R control**  
- House Supermajority **7R /1D**  
- Party balance changes  
- 10 states **+R**  
- 2 states **+D**  
- Biggest gain: Kentucky **+13R** | **12 states** **R control**  
- Senate Supermajority **7R /1D**  
- Party balance changes  
- 7 states **+R**  
- 4 states **+D**  
- 3 no change  
- Biggest gain: ND & WI **+3R** | **7 Republican**  
- **1 Democratic** |

[Image of MEEA logo]
Regulatory Changes

2020 elected commissioners
- NE: D incumbent Crystal Rhoades reelected
- SD: R incumbent Gary Hanson reelected

Open seats
- OH: Sam Randazzo (chair) (resigned)

Commissioners' terms expiring in 2021
- IA: Geri Huser
- IN: Jim Huston (chair)
- KY: Talina Mathews
- MI: Sally Talberg (resigning effective 1/1/21)
- MN: John Tuma
- MO: William Kenney, Scott Rupp, Maida Coleman
- OH: Dennis Deters
- WI: Tyler Huebner
No Supermajorities, R maintain control of both chambers
New chairs in both House and Senate Commerce
Senate sponsor of SF2311 (Chapman) elevated to Senate President (from Ways and Means)
• **D Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
• Speaker of the House could be replaced after 35 years
State Election Results
IN State Legislature

- R Supermajorities maintained in both chambers
- New chair of Senate Utilities (Koch)
- House Utilities chair re-elected (Soliday)
State Election Results
KS State Legislature

- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
- Changes in Senate Leadership: New Senate President (Masterson) is former Utilities Committee chair
- Potential changes to House and Senate Energy/Utilities Committee members
- Energy efficiency will be a key issue in the coming session
State Election Results
KY State Legislature

- R Supermajorities strengthened in both chambers
- Massive gain for R in House
- No change in House or Senate leadership
- No energy in stated priorities from leadership in either chamber
MI State Legislature

State Election Results

- No Supermajorities, R maintain control in both chambers
- Changes in leadership
- Continued hope for bipartisanship on energy efficiency issues
State Election Results
MN State Legislature

- No Supermajorities, legislature remains split
- *2 D Senators left DFL caucus to form an independent caucus after re-election in 2020
State Election Results
MO State Legislature

- R Supermajorities maintained in both chambers
- Leadership changes in both House and Senate

Utilities Committees:
- House: +1/+1 (2 filled vacancies)
- Senate: +1/+2 (3 filled vacancies)
State Election Results
ND State Legislature

- **Trifecta**

**House**
- **+1**

**Senate**
- **+3**

- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
State Election Results
NE State Legislature

- Unicameral, nonpartisan legislature
- EE progress tends to be made at Public Power Districts, not the legislature
State Election Results
OH State Legislature

- R Supermajorities maintained in both chambers
- All HB 6 “Yes” voters were re-elected
State Election Results
SD State Legislature

- R supermajorities maintained in both chambers
State Election Results
WI State Legislature

- No Supermajorities, **R** maintain control of both chambers
- 1 **R** resigned from Assembly post-election
Illinois

Midwest States In-Depth

Legislative

- Special session cancelled; Fate of CEJA?
- Leadership shake-up?

Executive

- Gov. Pritzker holds working groups on Clean Energy; what's next?

- Failure of Fair Tax Amendment complicates Governor's agenda

Prominent Dems come out against Madigan
- May lack votes to retain speakership

Speaker Madigan
### Legislative
- New biennium: all legislation will need to be reintroduced and begin process again
- Despite progress, major energy bills like ECO and CEFA did not pass in 2020
- Political challenges remain in passing energy legislation

### Administrative
- Desire from Walz administration to make progress in energy and environment
- EO created Climate Change Subcabinet and Advisory Council on Climate Change
- DOC work groups, like the Electrification Action Plan
Ohio

Midwest States In-Depth

Legislative

- Debate over fate of HB 6 saga continues
  • SB 346 / HB 738 / HB 746 (repeal and revive EERS)
  • HB 772 (partial repeal / no EERS)
  • HB 798 (delay bill / no EERS)

Regulatory

- Open seat on PUCO; pending appointment
  • Sam Randazzo resigns Nov. 20
Conclusions

Election Recap

• Anticipating Biden Administration's and Congress' energy priorities
• Midwest political landscape left unchanged
• Midwest policy landscape in flux
SAVE THE DATE

2021 MIDWEST ENERGY SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE | February 16-19

Presented by MEEA
Thank you!

MEEA’s Policy Team

Director
Nick Dreher
ndreher@mwalliance.org

Policy Manager
Reine Rambert
rrambert@mwalliance.org

Sr. Analyst
Greg Ehrendreich
gehrendreich@mwalliance.org

Sr. Policy Associate
Maddie Wazowicz
mwazowicz@mwalliance.org

Policy Associate
Samarth Medakkar
smedakkar@mwalliance.org
Q&A

How can I ask a question?

A. Type it in the question chat box
B. Raise your hand to be unmuted to ask aloud

- We answer all the questions that we have in the available time
- If we can’t get to your question, we can follow up by email