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MEEA's Midwest 2020 Election Recap

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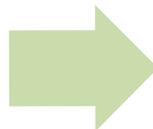
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Agenda

Federal Election Updates

- Congress
- Federal EE Policy Impacts
- Appointments, Funding, Etc.



State Election Updates

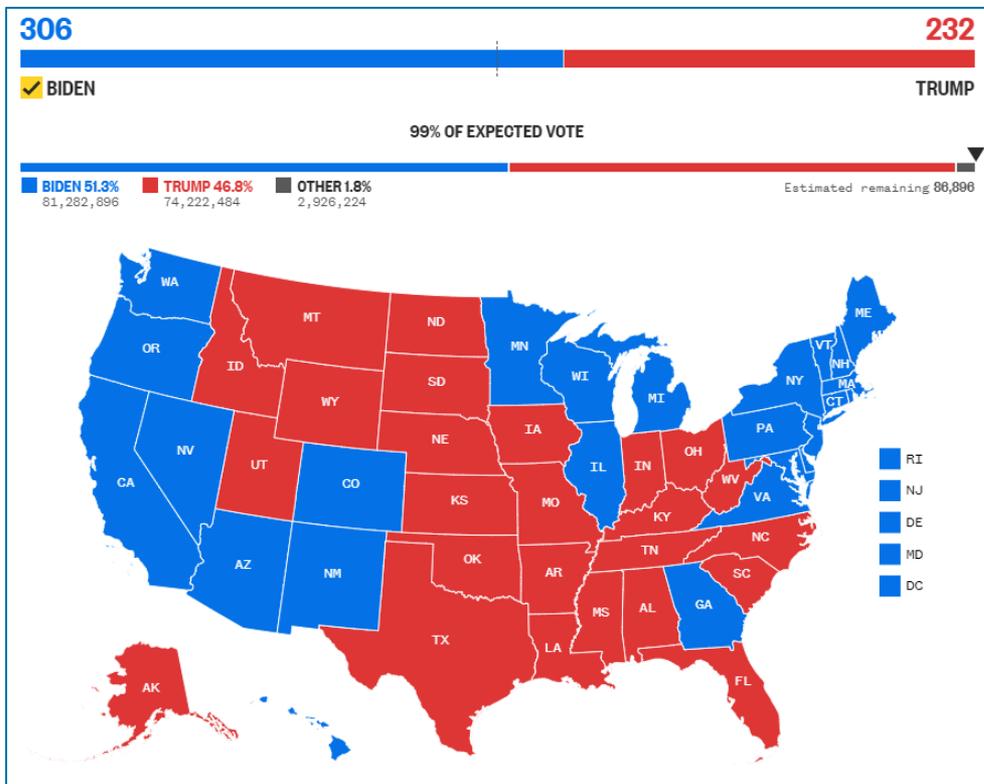
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Federal Election Updates

Overview and Implications

Recap of the Presidential Election

Biden-Harris Victory

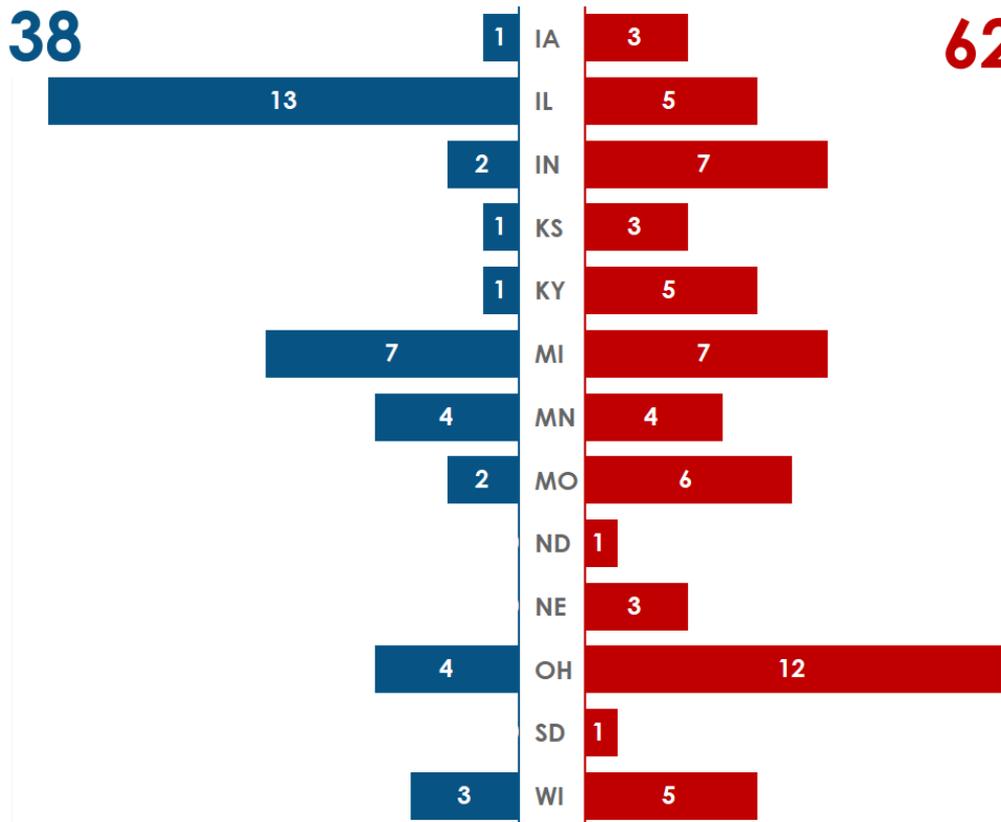


- **Biden-Harris** ticket defeated **Trump-Pence** in the 2020 election
- **306** vs. **232** electoral votes
- **51.3%** vs. **46.8%** of the popular vote

Image: NBC News

Recap of Election Results

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



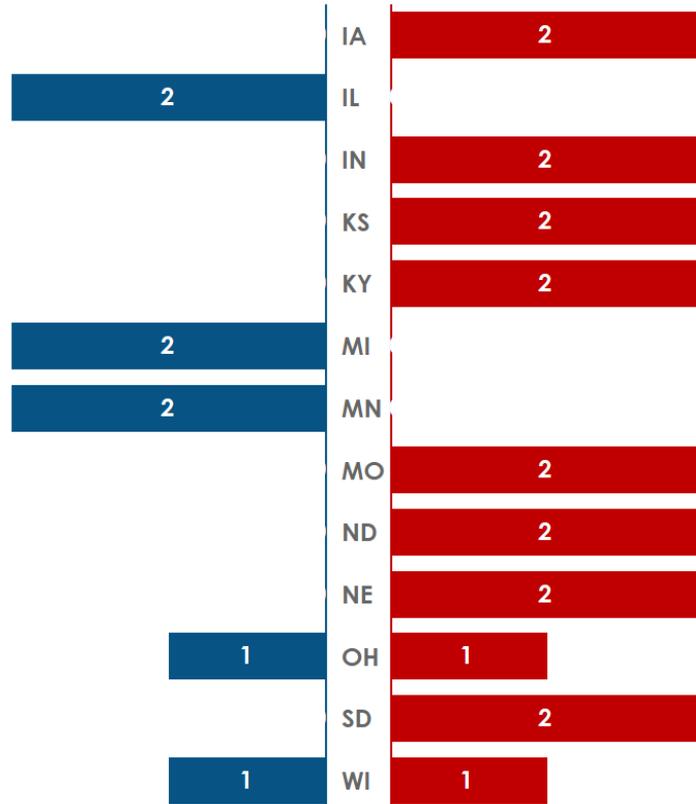
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- Three seats in MEEA territory flipped from **Dem** to **Rep** control
- One complication
 - Iowa 2nd District certified **R** but disputed by losing candidate

Recap of election results

The Midwest's Representation in Congress: **Senate**

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- 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



John Kerry



Jennifer Granholm



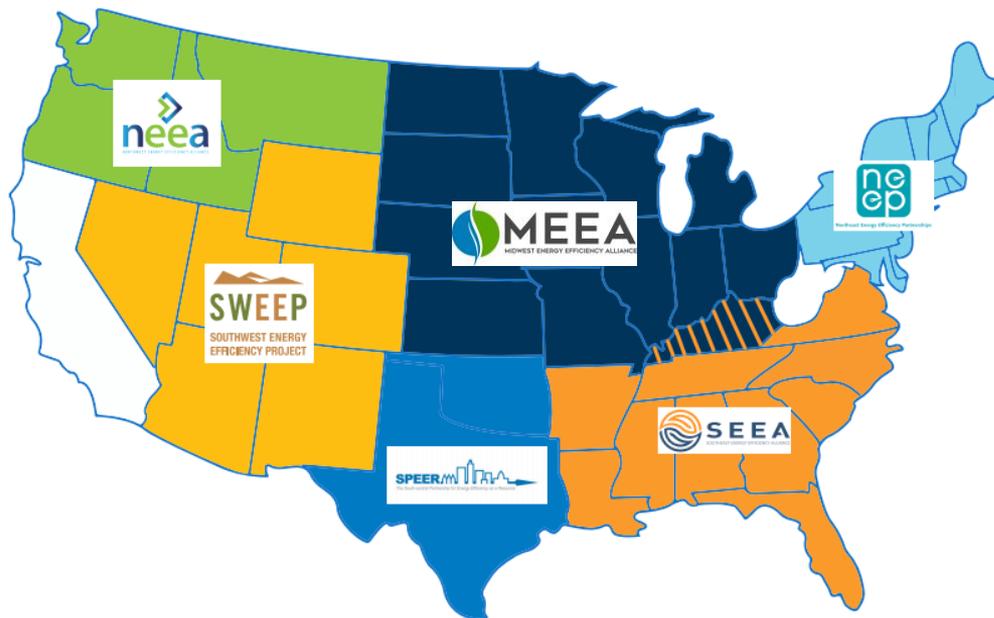
Kathleen Hogan



Caitlin Durkovich

U.S. Department of Energy

Implications for REEOs and State Energy Offices



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

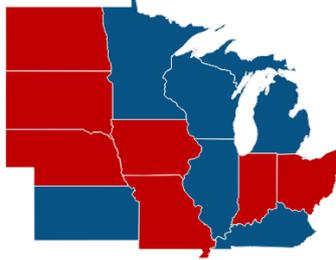
State Election Updates

Midwest Election Results

State Executives

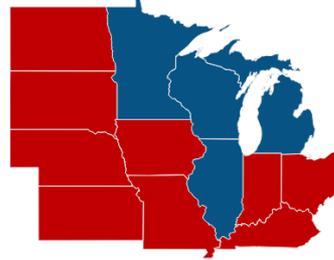
Midwest Governors after 2020 Election

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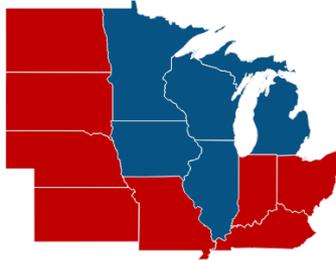
Midwest Secretaries of State after 2020 Election

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Midwest Attorneys General after 2020 Election

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No party
changes

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

Only one
seat change

- **IN** attorney general
(non-incumbent, same party)

Midwest Election Results

State Legislatures – Regional Overview

State Houses

- 10 states **R** control
- House Supermajority **7R /1D**
- Party balance changes
 - 10 states **+R**
 - 2 states **+D**
- Biggest gain: Kentucky **+13R**

State Senates

- 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**

Trifectas

- **7 Republican**
- **1 Democratic**

Regulatory Changes

2020 elected commissioners

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

Open seats

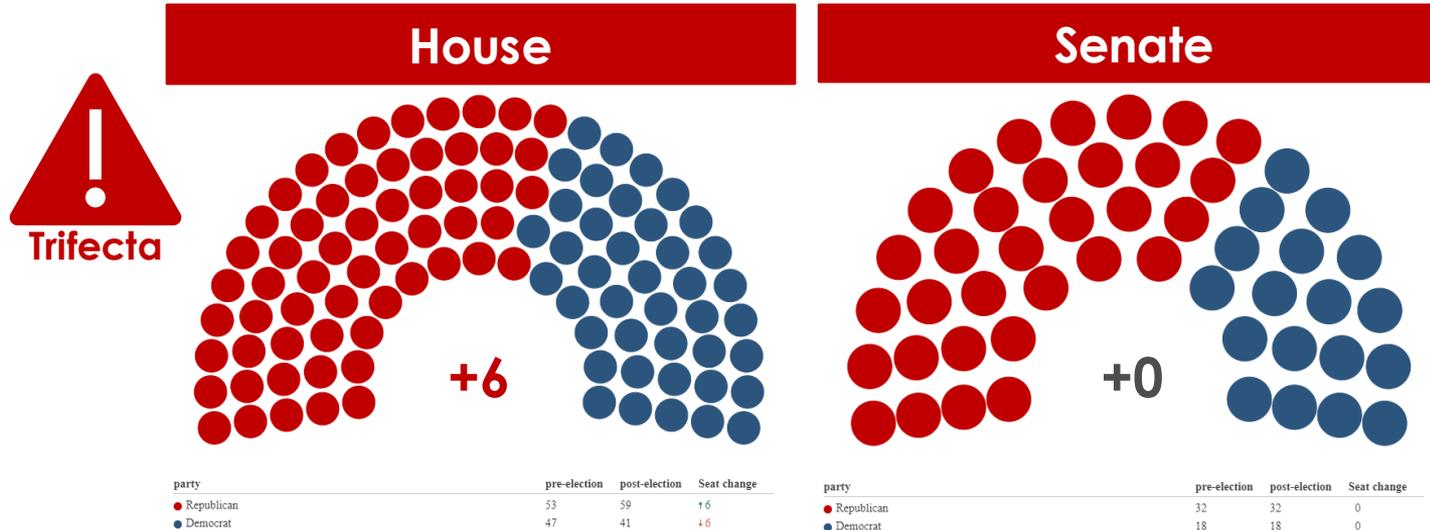
- OH: Sam Randazzo (chair) (resigned)

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

State Election Results

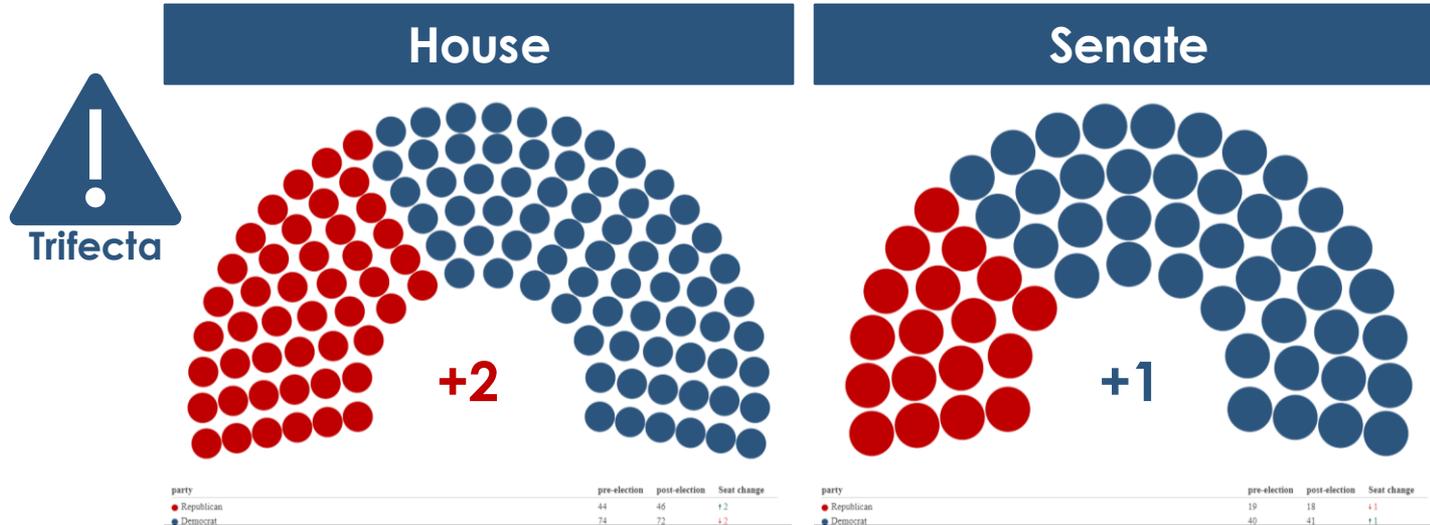
IA State Legislature



- 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)

State Election Results

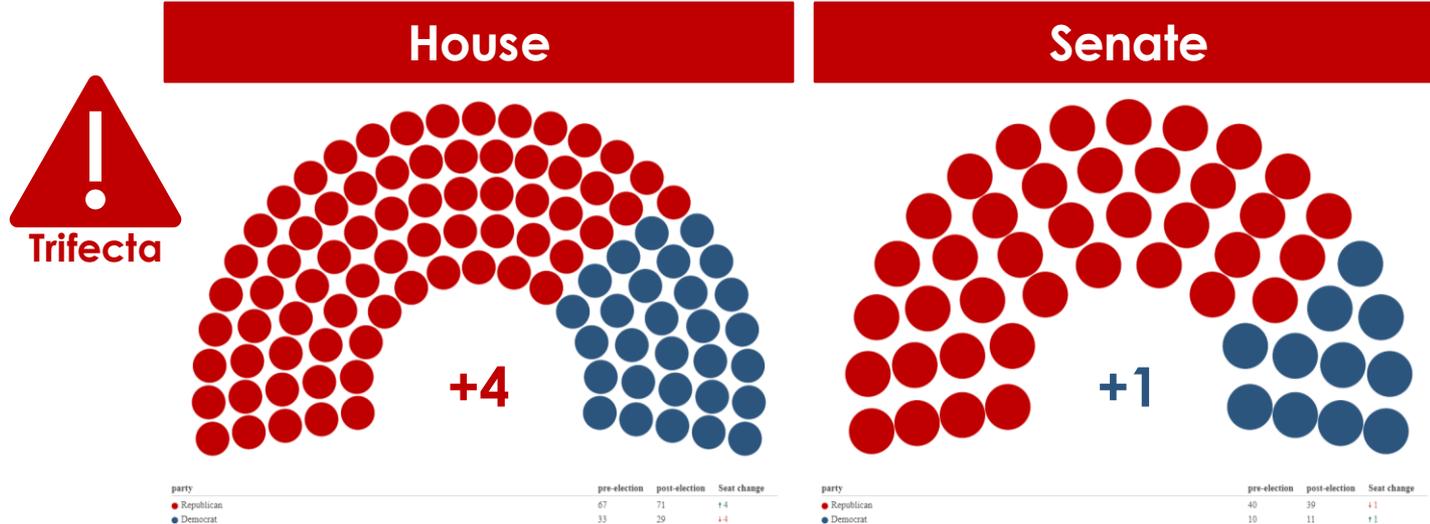
IL State Legislature



- **D Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
- Speaker of the House could be replaced after 35 years

State Election Results

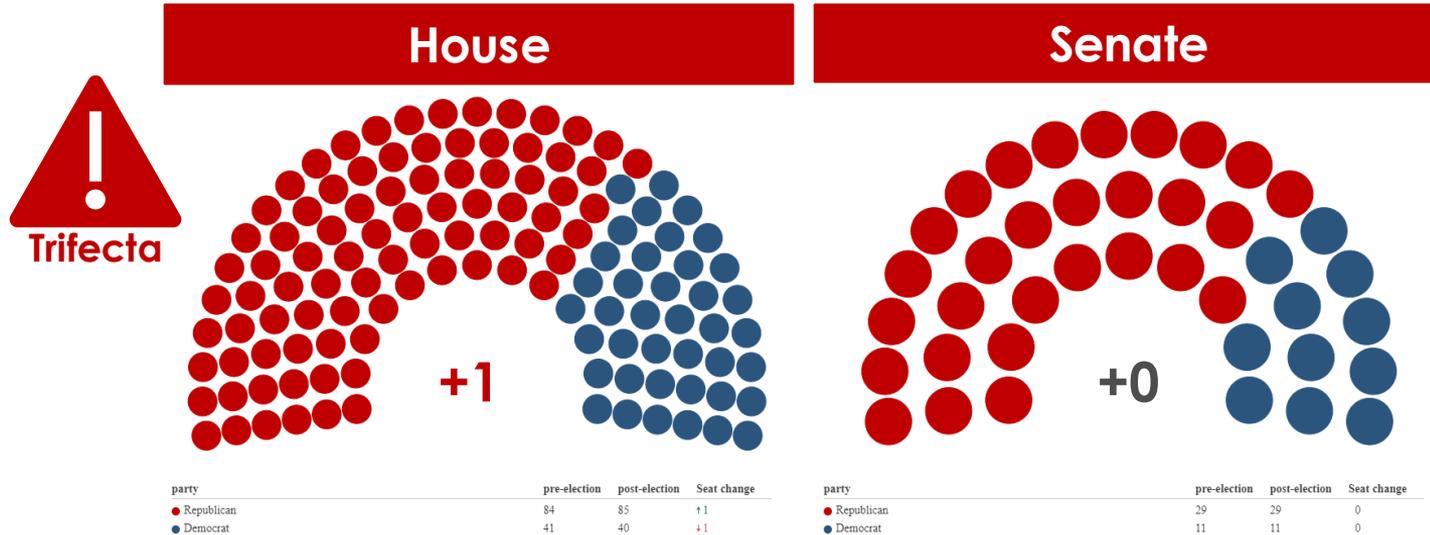
IN State Legislature



- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
- New chair of Senate Utilities (Koch)
- House Utilities chair re-elected (Soliday)

State Election Results

KS State Legislature

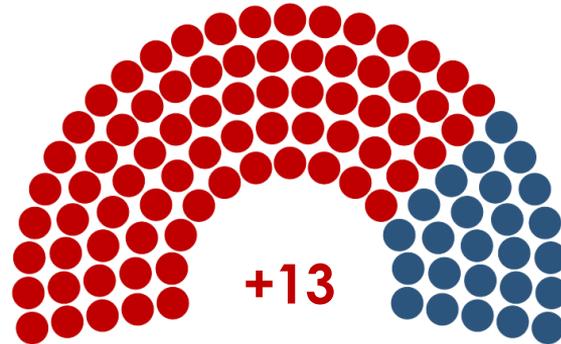


- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
- Changes in Senate Leadership; New Senate President (Masterson) is former Utilities Committee chair
- Potential changes to House and Senate Energy/Utilities Committee members
- Energy efficiency will be a key issue in the coming session

State Election Results

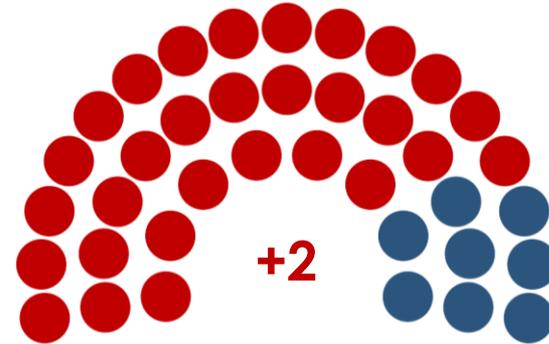
KY State Legislature

House



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	62	75	+13
● Democrat	37	25	+12
○ Vacant	1		+1

Senate



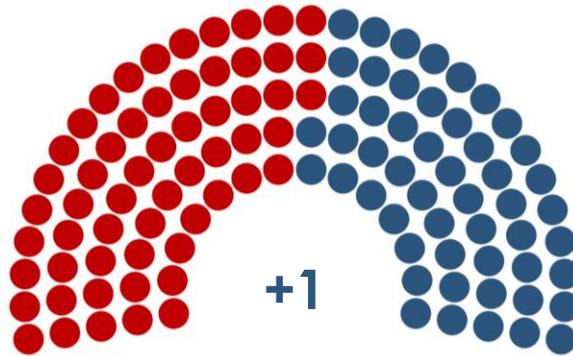
party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	28	30	+2
● Democrat	10	8	+2

- **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

State Election Results

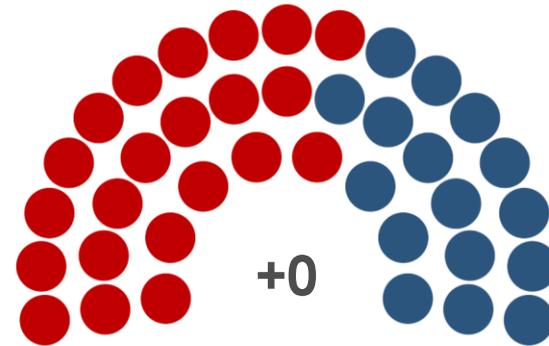
MI State Legislature

House



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	58	58	0
● Democrat	51	52	+1
○ Vacant	1	1	1

Senate



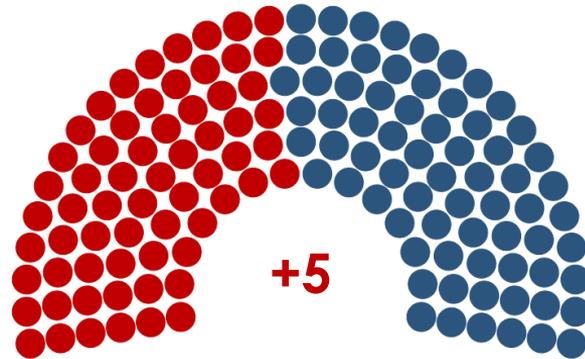
party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	22	22	0
● Democrat	16	16	0

- No Supermajorities, **R** maintain control in both chambers
- Changes in leadership
- Continued hope for bipartisanship on energy efficiency issues

State Election Results

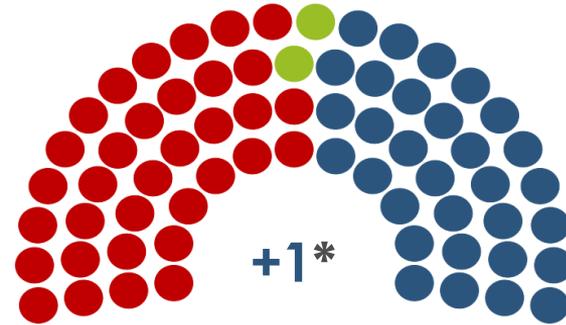
MN State Legislature

House



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	59	64	+5
● Democrat	75	70	-5

Senate



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	35	34	+1
● Other		2	+2
● Democrat	32	31	+1

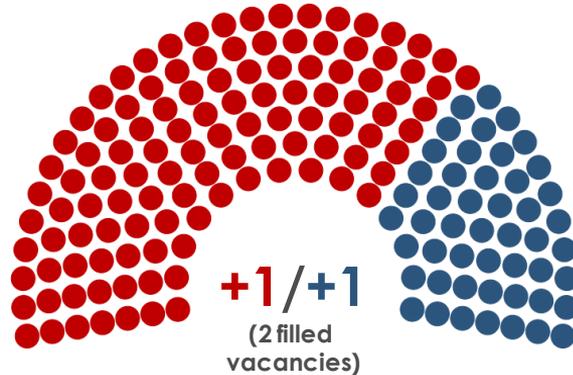
- No Supermajorities, legislature remains split
- *2 **D** Senators left DFL caucus to form an independent caucus after re-election in 2020

State Election Results

MO State Legislature

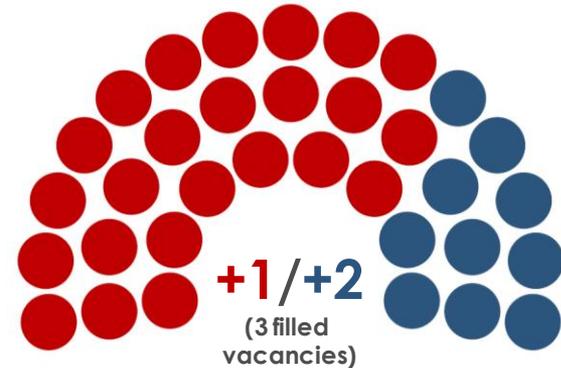


House



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	113	114	+1
● Democrat	48	49	+1
○ Vacant	2		+2

Senate

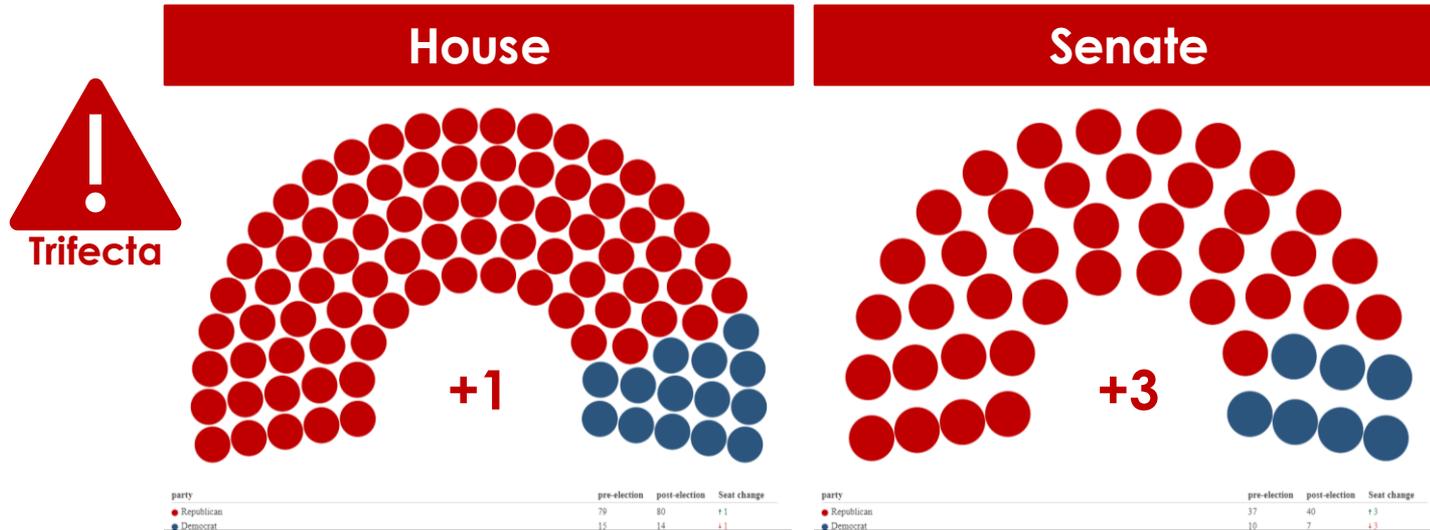


party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	23	24	+1
● Democrat	8	10	+2
○ Vacant	3		+3

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

State Election Results

ND State Legislature

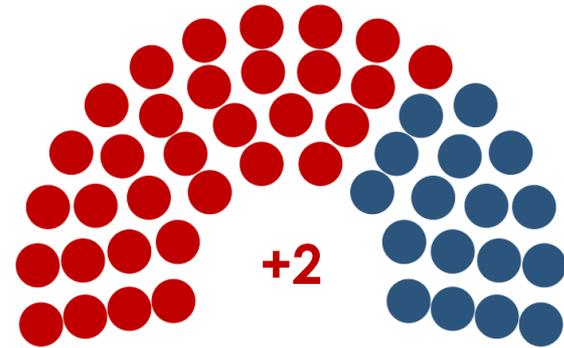


- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers

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NE State Legislature

Senate

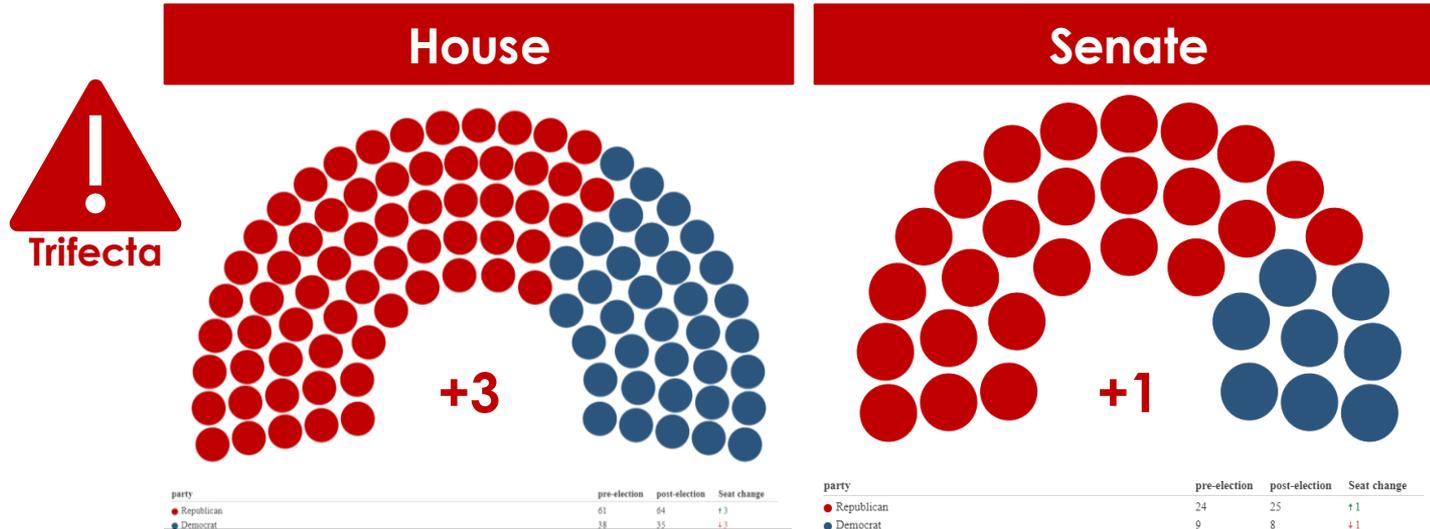


party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	30	32	+2
● Other	1	1	+1

- Unicameral, nonpartisan legislature
- EE progress tends to be made at Public Power Districts, not the legislature

State Election Results

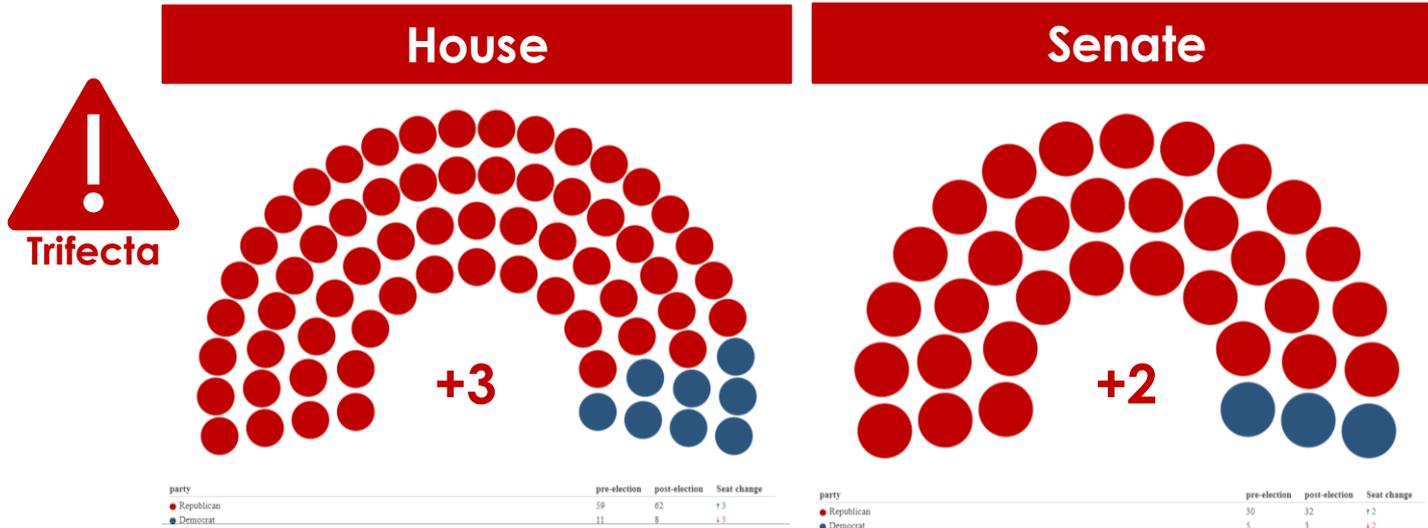
OH State Legislature



- **R Supermajorities** maintained in both chambers
- All HB 6 “Yes” voters were re-elected

State Election Results

SD State Legislature

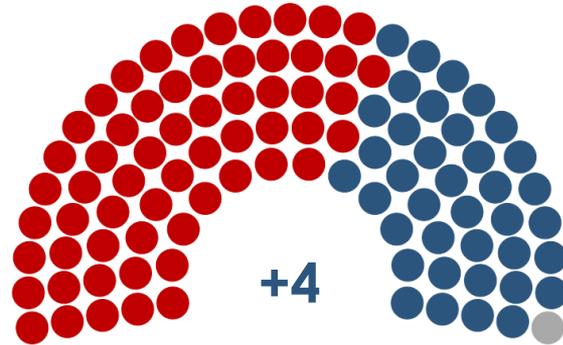


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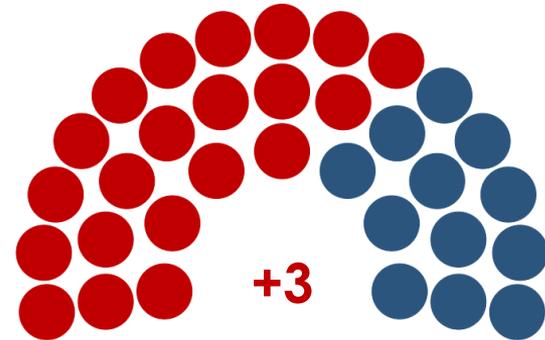
WI State Legislature

Assembly



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	63	60	-3
● Democrat	34	38	+4
● Vacant	2	1	-1

Senate



party	pre-election	post-election	Seat change
● Republican	18	21	+3
● Democrat	13	12	-1
● Vacant	2	2	0

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

Midwest States In-Depth

Illinois

Legislative

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



**Speaker
Madigan**

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

Executive

- Gov. Pritzker holds working groups on Clean Energy; what's next?
- Failure of Fair Tax Amendment complicates Governor's agenda

Midwest States In-Depth

Minnesota

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

Midwest States In-Depth

Ohio

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



Chairman
Randazzo

- Sam Randazzo resigns Nov. 20

Election Recap

Conclusions

- Anticipating Biden Administration's and Congress' energy priorities
- Midwest political landscape left unchanged
- Midwest policy landscape in flux

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