# State Elections Preview and Legislative Outlook

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#### Nebraska 2024 State Electoral Issues

- 25 of 49 seats in Nebraska's (officially) non-partisan Legislature are up for election. Fifteen (15) legislative seats are open due to term limits or incumbents not seeking re-election.
- Republicans currently hold 33 seats in the 108<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Legislature.
- Five ballot initiatives and one referendum will appear on statewide ballots.
- No constitutional offices elected this cycle.

SENATOR RAY AQ UILAR	(FORMER) SENATOR DAN QUICK

SENATOR JEN DAY	BOB ANDERSEN

SENATOR ROB DOVER	JENNE REIGLE

FELIX UNGERMAN	VICTOR ROUNDTREE

#### 2024 Ballot Initiatives

Initiatives 434 and 439 are proposed constitutional amendments dealing with abortion.
Initiative 434 proposes a constitutional 12 week ban (current law). Initiative 439 proposes a constitutional right to abortion until fetal viability.

• Initiative 436 enacts a statute providing for paid sick leave for Nebraska employees.

• Initiatives 437 and 438 are statutory proposals creating access to medical marijuana for Nebraska patients. Legal challenges to these two initiatives are pending.

#### 2024 Ballot Referendum

Referendum Measure 435 proposes to repeal LB1402 (2024), a legislative bill directing \$10 Million annually for financial aid to eligible students attending private and parochial K-12 schools in Nebraska (a/k/a Opportunity Scholarships)

#### Previewing the 109<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Legislature

#### Current Legislative Leadership

Speaker of the Legislature – Senator John Arch Chair of the Executive Board - Senator Ray Aquilar Appropriations Committee Chair–Senator Rob Clements Revenue Committee Chair – Senator Lou Ann Linehan Judiciary Committee Chair – Senator Justin Wayne Government Committee Chair – Senator Tom Brewer Health and Human Services Committee Chair – Senator Ben Hansen Natural Resources Committee Chair – Senator Bruce Bostelman

#### Current Legislative Leadership (cont'd)

Banking Committee Chair – Senator Julie Slama Agriculture Committee Chair – Senator Steve Halloran General Affairs Committee Chair – Senator John Lowe Education Committee Chair-Senator Dave Murman Business and Labor Committee Chair-Senator Merv Riepe Transportation Committee Chair-Senator Mike Moser Urban Affairs Committee Chair – Senator Terrell McKinney Retirement Committee Chair – Senator Mike McDonnell

#### Current Legislative Caucus Rosters

District 1 – Clements (2), <del>Blood (3)</del>, <del>Walz (15</del>), Hansen (16), Dover (19), Ballard (21), Moser (22), Bostelman (23</del>), Hughes (24), Bosn (25), Dungan (26), <del>Wishart (27</del>), Raybould (28), Bostar (29), Sanders (45), Conrad (46)

District 2 – Von Gillern (4), <del>McDonnell (5)</del>, M. Cavanaugh (6), <del>Vargas (7),</del> Hunt (8), J. Cavanaugh (9), Deboer (10), McKinney (11), Riepe (12), <del>Wayne (13</del>), Arch (14), Armendariz (18), Fredrickson (20), Kauth (31), Holdcroft (36), <del>Linehan (39)</del>, Day (49)

District 3 – <del>Slama (1), Albrecht (17),</del> Dorn (30), Brandt (32), <del>Halloran (33),</del> Lippencott (34), Aguilar (35), <del>Lowe (37),</del> Murman (38), DeKay (40), <del>Meyer (41),</del> Jacobsen (42), <del>Brewer (43),</del> Ibach (44), <del>Erdman (47),</del> Hardin (48)

## 2025 Legislative Issues

• State Budget – Is the party over or just winding down?

• LB 34 (First Special Session) Gap Year of Property Tax Relief

• Property Tax Relief-Pillen Plan Version 2.0?