

2021 Elections Summary

“Doesn’t it feel like we are always having elections? In Wisconsin, perception matches reality.”

Wisconsin voters get a bit of a break in 2021, as there is only one statewide race on the ballot this year – Superintendent of Public Instruction. This is considered a non-partisan office. Following the February 16th primary, the general election will be held on the regular Spring election day, April 6th.

Spring Election General: April 6th, 2021

► STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Tony Evers had to vacate his post as State Superintendent upon winning the race for Governor in 2018. He appointed **Carolyn Stanford Taylor** to fill the role for the remainder of the elected term. Stanford Taylor opted not to seek election to another term in the position. Several candidates are running for a four-year term. The State Superintendent of Schools is a constitutional officer within Wisconsin’s executive branch. They head the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Individual Contribution Limit: \$20,000, per candidate.

► STATE LEGISLATURE SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Voters in the 13th Senate District will go to the polls to select a successor to former Senate Majority Leader **Scott Fitzgerald** (R-Juneau), who was elected to Congress.

In the 89th Assembly District, voters will select a replacement for Rep. **John Nygren** (R-Marinette), former Co-chair of the powerful Joint Finance Committee, who recently accepted a position in the private sector.

Partisan primary elections for these races will take place on February 16th.

Individual Contribution Limit: \$2,000 per Senate candidate, \$1,000 per Assembly candidate.

► COURT OF APPEALS

Three of the 16 seats on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals are on the ballot this Spring – one in districts 1, 2, and 3. The seats from districts 2 and 3 are contested and will be determined via nonpartisan primary.

Individual Contribution Limit: \$6,000 per candidate in District 1, \$5,000 in others, per candidate.

► LOCAL ELECTIONS

There are several locally elected offices are also on the slate throughout the state. School boards and municipal governments can be powerful bodies whose decisions have wide ranging impacts on communities. Be sure to make it to the bottom of your ballot and vote in these local races, where applicable.

Individual Contribution Limit: \$6,000 per candidate in District 1, \$5,000 in others, per candidate.

Visit myvote.wi.gov to find out what’s on your ballot.

► IN 2022

Effective planning is one component of banker and bank advocate success. While there may not be as much on the ballot in 2021 and the year has only just begun, it is critically important that we begin to look ahead 2022. 2022 will be a red letter year for key races in Wisconsin and we must start getting prepared. Here is a rundown of the state offices up in November, 2022: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, all members of the State Assembly, and half of the State Senate.

On the federal side, 2022 will be **President Biden’s** mid-term election. All eight House seats and Sen. **Ron Johnson’s** Senate seat will be up.