

State of
the
States:

2010

Although the popular media has focused largely on the upcoming Congressional mid-term elections, more than thirty-seven governors' races will take place in November 2010. As Congress debates the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and states grapple with Race to the Top implementation, adoption of Common Core standards, and shrinking budgets, turnover among our nation's chief executives is likely to trigger significant shifts in education politics and policy.

The following guide provides a snap-shot of the 37 governors' races.

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TOPLINE






- 2010 will be a mega-election year at the state level – including thirty seven gubernatorial races (the most since 2000). The significance of this cycle is compounded by the fact that, given the number of term-limited and retiring governors, over half (nineteen) of the races are for open seats.
- With ESEA reauthorization likely to stall this summer and nearly half of the freshman members of the U.S. House of Representatives (Democrat and Republican) addressing NCLB during their 2008 campaigns, we anticipate that education will emerge as an important and high profile issue during the 2010 cycle—in both federal and state races.
- The following booklet contains a state-by-state analysis of the 37 governors’ races, along with helpful information on education governance within each state.
- Each state analysis includes information on the current governor, including term limits where applicable and the year that the current governor was elected.
- A comprehensive list of current primary candidates, pending filing deadlines, and primary dates are also provided. Polling data, including incumbent approval ratings, is provided in most cases.
- The chart below provides a graphic overview of the gubernatorial races. Based on current polling and research, the chart predicts outcomes and categorizes each state as “Safe/Likely,” “Leans” Democrat or Republican, or as a “Toss Up”.




2010 Governors Races

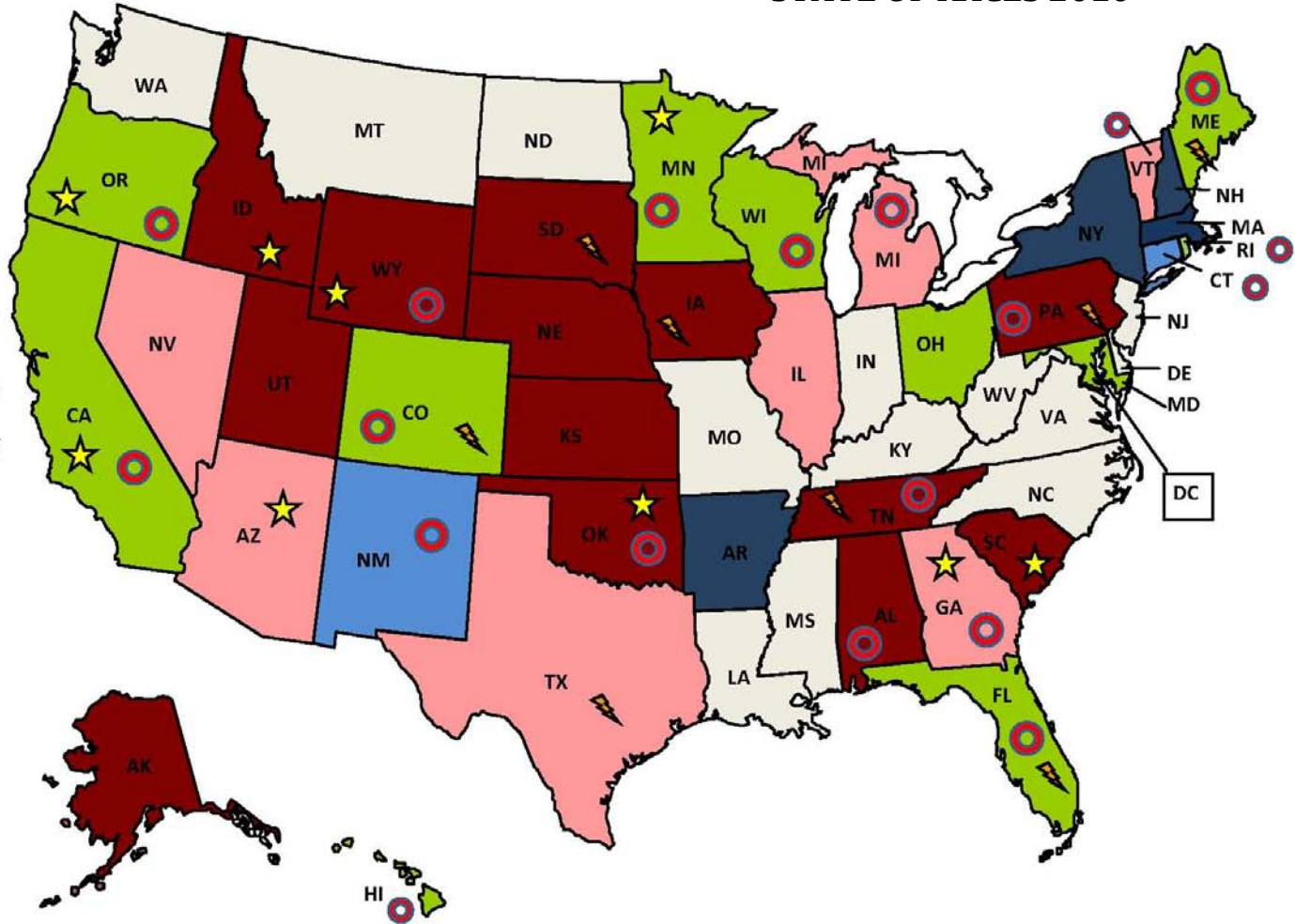
Safe/Likely Democrat (4)	Leans Democrat (2)	Toss Up/Leans Ind. (11)	Leans Republican (7)	Safe/Likely Republican (13)
Arkansas	Connecticut	California	Arizona	Alabama
Massachusetts	New Mexico	Colorado	Georgia	Alaska
New Hampshire		Florida	Illinois	Idaho
New York		Hawai'i	Michigan	Iowa
		Maine	Nevada	Kansas
		Maryland	Texas	Nebraska
		Minnesota	Vermont	Oklahoma
		Ohio		Pennsylvania
		Oregon		South Carolina
		Rhode Island		South Dakota
		Wisconsin		Tennessee
				Utah
				Wyoming

**The party of the current governor is depicted by the text color (e.g. Ohio is blue since its current governor is a Democrat)*

STATE OF RACES 2010

-  Solid D
-  Leans D
-  Toss Up
-  Solid R
-  Leans R

-  Open Seat
-  Remain Chief
-  Toss Up Chief



ALABAMA – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Bob Riley (R) – elected in 2002; term limited in 2010

State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Joseph Morton, was appointed by the nine member AL State Board of Education in July 2004. The Governor serves as President of the Board by virtue of his elected office, and the State Superintendent serves as the CEO of the State Department of Education. The Superintendent serves at the pleasure of the State Board of Education.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Sparks](#), Ron - State Agriculture Commissioner – Winner of Democratic Primary

Republican Candidate:

- [Bentley](#), Dr. Robert - State Representative - Winner of Republican Primary Runoff

LATEST POLLING

*58% Bentley (R) 34% Sparks (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 5% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/19/10*

ALASKA - INCUMBENT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Commissioner of Education and Early Development, Larry LeDoux, was appointed by a seven-member, Governor appointed State Board, that was approved by Governor in July 2008. The Commissioner heads the state Department of Education & Early Development.

Governor Sean Parnell (R) took office in July, 2009 upon the resignation of Governor Sarah H. Palin; running for reelection in 2010.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidates:

- [Berkowitz, Ethan](#) - Prosecutor

Republican Candidates:

- [Parnell, Sean](#) - Governor of Alaska

LATEST POLLING

*53% Parnell (R) 34% Berkowitz (D) 7% Some Other Candidate 6% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/15/10*

ARIZONA – INCUMBENT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Jan Brewer (R) assumed the Governorship on January 21, 2009, when Governor Janet Napolitano was appointed U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; previously served as Secretary of State and running for reelection in 2010.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas Horne, is elected by popular vote via a partisan ballot. The State Board of Education is composed of the following members including: the superintendent of public instruction, the president of a state university or state college, four lay members, a president or chancellor of a community college district, a person who is an owner/administrator of a charter school, a superintendent of a high school district, a classroom teacher and a county school superintendent. Each member, excluding the superintendent, is appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Members are appointed to a term of four years.

Tom Horne was elected in 2002, 2006, and has decided to run for Attorney General in this 2010 election cycle.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: Associate Director of New Programs and Policy at the AZ K-12 Center Penny [Kotterman](#) (D), Founder of AZ School Works Jason [Williams](#) (D), Deputy Secretary of Public Education Margaret [Dugan](#), and State Senator John [Huppenthal](#).

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Goddard, Terry](#) - Arizona Attorney General

Republican Candidate:

- [Brewer, Jan](#) – Governor

LATEST POLLING

*56% Brewer (R) 37% Goddard (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 5% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/21/10*

ARKANSAS - INCUMBENT (SAFE DEMOCRAT)

Governor Mike Beebe (D) – elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Dr. Tom Kimbrell, was appointed in September 2009 by a nine-member, Governor-appointed state board composed of two members from each of the state's four congressional districts, and the remaining member is selected at-large. The Governor appoints members for seven-year terms.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Beebe, Mike](#) - Governor

Republican Candidate:

- [Keet, Jim](#) - Businessman

Constitution Candidate:

- [Gilbert, Frank](#) - Tull Mayor

LATEST POLLING

*33% Keet (R) 53% Beebe (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 12% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/18/10*

CALIFORNIA – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) –elected in 2003 in a special election, reelected in 2006; term limited in 2010.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell, is elected by popular vote on a nonpartisan ballot for a four-year term. The remainder of the twelve member California Board of Education is appointed by the Governor. Superintendent O'Connell was elected in 2002, reelected in 2006, and is term limited in 2010.

In the election for State Superintendent, candidates run as non-partisan. If a candidate receives the majority of the vote (50% + 1) in the June primary, that candidate is elected. Since no candidate received a majority of the vote in the June 29, 2010 primary, the top two vote-getters will participate in the November runoff election.

The superintendent candidates that will be on the November 2 ballot include retired school superintendent Larry [Aceves](#), who received 19.2% of the primary vote, and State Assemblyman Tom [Torlakson](#) (D), who received 18.6% of the vote.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- **Brown, Jerry** - Former Governor

Republican Candidate:

- **Whitman, Meg** - Former CEO of eBay

LATEST POLLING

*41% Whitman (R) 43% Brown (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/3/10*

COLORADO – OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Bill Ritter (D) – elected in 2006; not running for reelection in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Dwight Jones, was appointed in June 2007 by a seven member state board, composed of seven elected officials representing Colorado's congressional districts. Board members serve for six-year terms.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Hickenlooper, John](#) - Mayor of Denver

Republican Candidate:

- [Maes, Dan](#) - Businessman

American Constitution Party Candidate:

- **Tancredo, Tom** – Former Congressman

LATEST POLLING

*31% Maes (R) 43% Hickenlooper (D) 18% Tancredo (ACP) 3% Some Other Candidate
5% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/11/10*

CONNECTICUT – OPEN SEAT (LEANS DEMOCRATIC)

Governor Jodi Rell (R) - succeeded to the Governorship in July 2004, upon the resignation of Governor John Rowland, elected for a four year term in 2006; eligible to run for reelection, but in November 2009, Rell announced that she will not seek re-election in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Mark McQuillan, was appointed in April 2007 by an eleven member state board, whose members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly, for a term coterminous with that of the Governor. Nine of the voting members are appointed to four-year terms. Two nonvoting student members are appointed to one-year terms. The Commissioner of Higher Education serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Malloy, Dan](#) - Stamford Mayor

Republican Candidate:

- [Foley, Tom](#) - Former United States Ambassador to Ireland

LATEST POLLING

*33% Foley (R) 48% Malloy (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 13% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/11/10*

FLORIDA – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

Governor Charlie Crist (R) – elected in 2006; eligible to run for reelection, however he announced in May 2009 that he is running for the U.S. Senate Class 3 Seat in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Dr. Eric J. Smith, was appointed in October 2007 by the six member, Governor appointed State Board of Education.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Sink, Alex](#) - Florida CFO

Republican Candidate:

- [Scott, Rick](#)- Businessman

LATEST POLLING

*35% Scott (R) 31% Sink (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 12% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/3/10*

GEORGIA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Sonny Perdue (R) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

In Georgia, the state Superintendent is elected by popular vote and serves a term of four years. The State Superintendent serves as chief executive officer on the state board of education, the members of which are appointed by the governor, with one member for each congressional district.

Superintendent of Education Brad Bryant was sworn in on July 1st by Governor Sunny Perdue as the interim replacement for Kathy Cox, who announced her retirement in late May. Even though Cox is still listed on the Republican primary ballot for state Superintendent, she will not be running for re-election.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: University Administrator Beth [Farokhi](#) (D), Teacher Brian [Westlake](#) (D), School System Administrator Jon [Barge](#) (R), Businessman Joe [Martin](#) (D) and School Administrator Richard [Woods](#) (R). Bryant is trying to collect the 40,000 signatures needed to be added to the ballot with the support of Governor Perdue.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Barnes, Roy](#) - Former Governor (whom Perdue unseated in 2002)

Republican Candidate:

- [Deal, Nathan](#) - Former Congressman who resigned to “devote my full energies“ to the race

LATEST POLLING

*51% Deal (R) 42% Barnes (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 3% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/11/10*

HAWAII – OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Linda Lingle (R) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Acting Superintendent of Education Kathryn Matayosh, was appointed in January 2010 by the 14 member State Board of Education. Within the board, seven of the members are elected according to geographic region and 6 are elected at-large. One non-voting student member also serves on the Board.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: July 20, 2010

Primary: September 18, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Abercrombie, Neil](#) - Congressman
- [Hannemann, Mufi](#) - Mayor of Honolulu

Republican Candidate:

- [Aiona, James “Duke”](#) - Lieutenant Governor

LATEST POLLING

*32% Aiona (R) 58% Abercrombie (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 6% Not Sure
30% Aiona (R) 52% Hannemann (D) 9% Some Other Candidate 9% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 3/24/10*

IDAHO – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Butch Otter (R) – elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas R. Luna was elected by popular vote in November 2006. As of March 17, 2010 Tom Luna (R) will be running for reelection in this election cycle against Boise School District Superintendent Stan [Olson](#) (D).

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Allred](#), **Keith** - Activist/Mediator and President of The Common Interest

Republican Candidate:

- [Otter](#), **C.L. Butch** – Governor, a former state legislator, lieutenant governor, and Congressman, Otter was elected in 2006 with 52% of the vote but has struggled to implement many of his policies despite an overwhelmingly Republican Idaho Legislature.

Independent Candidate:

- [Kemp](#), **Jana** - Former Republican State Representative

LATEST POLLING

*53% Otter (R) 36% Allred (D) 4% Some Other Candidate 7% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/15/10*

ILLINOIS – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Pat Quinn (D) – entered office January 2009 upon the removal from office of Governor Rod Blagojevich; Quinn is running for reelection in 2010.

Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christopher Koch was appointed in December 2006 by the nine member, Governor appointed, with the consent of the Senate, State Board of Education. Board members serve four-year terms, with State Board membership limited to two consecutive terms. Koch is on a contract set to expire at the end of the governor's term.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Quinn, Pat](#) - Became Governor when Gov. Rod Blagojevich was impeached, convicted and removed from office by the Illinois State Senate.

Republican Candidate:

- [Brady, Bill](#) - State Senator

LATEST POLLING

*46% Brady (R) 37% Quinn (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 11% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/23/10*

IOWA – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Chet Culver (D) – elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Director of Education Judy Jeffrey was appointed in November 2004 by the Governor to serve a four-year term, subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- **Culver, Chet** - Governor, is seeking a second term and was elected with 54% of the vote in 2006.

Republican Candidate:

- **Branstad, Terry** - Former Governor whose four terms in the governor's mansion made him the longest-serving governor in Iowa history, and has formed an exploratory committee for the race.

LATEST POLLING

*52% Branstad (R) 36% Culver (D) 8% Some Other Candidate 4% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/5/10*

KANSAS – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Lieutenant Governor Mark Parkinson – entered office in April 2008 upon the ascension of Governor Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services; announced that he does not plan to run for election in 2010.

Commissioner of Education Dr. Alexa Posny was appointed in June 2007 by the ten-member Board of Education, and serves at the will of the board. The Commissioner is the appointed Chief Administrative Officer over the Kansas State Department of Education, the members of which are elected by popular vote by district.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Holland, Tom](#) - State Senator

Republican Candidate:

- [Brownback, Sam](#) - Retiring Republican United States Senator

LATEST POLLING

*57% Brownback (R) 34% Holland (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 6% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/4/10*

MAINE – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

**Governor John Baldacci – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.
(Maine has remained Democratic for 16 years)**

Commissioner of Education Susan A. Gendron was appointed by the governor and approved by the Maine Legislature in March 2003; she stepped down in April 2010 to become to become policy director the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium -- which is competing for \$350 million in federal money to develop a set of common standardized tests.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Mitchell](#), Elizabeth "Libby" - Senate President

Republican Candidate:

- [LePage](#), Paul - Mayor of Waterville

Independent Candidate:

- [Cutler](#), Eliot- Entrepreneur

LATEST POLLING

38% LePage (R) 30% Mitchell (D) 16% Cutler (I) 4% Some Other Candidate 11% Not Sure

~ Rasmussen 8/12/10

MARYLAND – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Martin O'Malley (D) – elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick was appointed by the State Board and has served four-year terms since she first assumed office in September 1991.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: July 6, 2010

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **[O'Malley, Martin](#)** - Governor, was elected with 53% of the vote in 2006
- **Jaffe, Ralph** - Former Teacher
- **[Cusick, J.P.](#)**- Disabled, Unemployed Worker & '08 Congressional Candidate

Republican Candidate:

- **[Ehrlich, Robert](#)** - Former Governor

LATEST POLLING

*44% Ehrlich (R) 45% O'Malley (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/17/10*

MASSACHUSETTS – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (SAFE DEMOCRAT)

Governor Deval Patrick (D) – elected 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Mitchell Chester was selected and appointed in May 2008 by an eleven member, Governor appointed State Board of Education. The Commissioner serves at the will of the Board, with an annual review.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: June 1, 2010

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidate:

- **Patrick, Deval** - Incumbent first-term Governor, elected with 56% of the vote in '06

Republican Candidate:

- **Baker, Charlie** - Former Harvard Pilgrim CEO

Independent Candidate:

- **Cahill, Tim** - State Treasurer. If Cahill were elected, he would be the first independent candidate to win statewide in this state.

Green Party Candidate:

- **Stein, Jill** - Physician

LATEST POLLING

*32% Baker (R) 38% Patrick (D) 17% Cahill (I) 12% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/22/10*

MICHIGAN – OPEN SEAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Jennifer Granholm (D) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michael P. Flanagan was selected in May 2005 by the eight elected members of the State Board of Education on the partisan statewide ballot for eight-year terms.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Bernero, Virg](#) - Lansing Mayor

Republican Candidate:

- [Snyder, Rick](#) - Businessman

LATEST POLLING

*49% Snyder (R) 37% Bernero (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 11% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/4/10*

MINNESOTA - OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Tim Pawlenty (R) - elected in 2002, 2006; eligible to run in 2010, but announced that he would not seek re-election.

Commissioner of Education Alice Seagren was appointed by the Governor in July 2004 and serves at his will.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Dayton, Mark](#) - Former US Senator

Republican Candidate:

- [Emmer, Tom](#) - Former State Representative

Green Candidate:

- [Klatte, Richard](#) - Utility Worker

Independent Candidate:

- [Horner, Tom](#) - Public Affairs & University Professor

LATEST POLLING

*36% Emmer (R) 45% Dayton (D) 10% Horner (I) 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/12/10*

NEBRASKA – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Dave Heineman (R) – succeeded to the Governor's Chair upon the January 2005 resignation of Governor Mike Johanns, then elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Dr. Roger D. Breed was appointed in November 2009 by the State Board of Education, and serves on a contract. The board is elected on a non-partisan ballot, with one member from each district.

Gubernatorial Race

Republican Candidate:

- [Heineman, Dave](#) - Governor that succeeded Mike Johanns upon Johanns's appointment to United States Secretary of Agriculture. Heineman won election in 2006 against David Hahn with 73%.

Democratic Candidate:

- **Meister, Mike** – Scottsbluff Attorney, 2002 Candidate for State Attorney General

LATEST POLLING

*71% Heineman (R) 18% Meister (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/19/10*

NEVADA – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor James Gibbons (D) - elected in 2006; running for reelection in 2010.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Keith Rheault was appointed by the State Board of Education for three year terms. Dr. Rheault was first appointed in March 2004 and reappointed in 2007. The State Board of Education is comprised of ten members and a non-voting student representative; seven of the ten members are elected from Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties (District 1 through 7); one member is elected from Washoe County (District 8); and two members are elected from the remaining thirteen counties of the State (Districts 9 and 10). Members are elected on a non-partisan ballot for four-year terms and are limited to three consecutive terms.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Reid, Rory](#) – Clark County Commissioner

Republican Candidate:

- [Sandoval, Brian E.](#) – US District Judge

LATEST POLLING

*52% Sandoval (R) 36% Reid (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/16/10*

NEW HAMPSHIRE – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (SAFE DEMOCRAT)

Governor John Lynch (D) - elected in 2004, 2006, 2008; running for reelection in 2010.

The Commissioner of Education, Dr. Virginia Barry was nominated by the Governor, and confirmed by executive council in June 2009.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: June 11, 2010

Primary Date: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidate:

- [Lynch, John](#) - Governor

Republican Candidates:

- [Kimball, Jack](#) – Businessman
- [Stephen, John](#) – Former State HHS Commissioner
- [Testerman, Karen](#) - Executive Director of Cornerstone Policy Research

LATEST POLLING

*39% Stephen (R) 50% Lynch (D) 5% Some Other Candidate 6% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/5/10*

NEW MEXICO – OPEN SEAT (LEANS DEMOCRATIC)

Governor: Bill Richardson (D) - elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

The New Mexico Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica Garcia was appointed by the Governor in November 2003; the Secretary is advised by the New Mexico Public Education Commission, composed of ten commissioners elected to serve staggered four-year terms on behalf of the state districts in which they live.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Denish](#), Diane - Lieutenant Governor

Republican Candidate:

- [Martinez](#), Susana - Doña Ana County District Attorney

LATEST POLLING

*44% Martinez (R) 42% Denish (D) 4% Some Other Candidate 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 6/3/10*

NEW YORK – OPEN SEAT (SAFE DEMOCRAT)

Governor David Paterson (D) – succeeded to the Governorship upon the resignation of Governor Eliot L. Spitzer, effective 17 March 2008 (announced 12 March 2008); six days after having formally announced his candidacy for election in his own right, Governor Paterson officially withdrew his candidacy.

The Commissioner of Education, David Steiner was appointed in October 2009 by New York's Board of Regents, a group comprised of seventeen members elected by the State Legislature for five year terms: one from each of the State's thirteen judicial districts and four members who serve at large.

Gubernatorial Race

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidate:

- **Cuomo, Andrew** - Attorney General and leads in the polls

Republican Candidates:

- **Lazio, Rick** - Former US Representative
- **Levy, Steve** - Suffolk County Executive
- **Paladino, Carl** - Entrepreneur

LATEST POLLING

27% Lazio (R) 58% Cuomo (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 9% Not Sure
29% Paladino (R) 58% Cuomo (D) 5% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/20/10

OHIO – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (TOSSUP)

Governor Ted Strickland (D) – elected in 2006; running for re-election in 2010.

Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Deborah Delisle was appointed by the nineteen member (eleven elected; eight appointed by the governor) State Board of Education in December 2008. The chairs of the education committees of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate serve as non-voting ex officio members. The Superintendent of Public Instruction serves as secretary of the State Board of Education.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- **[Strickland, Ted](#)** - Governor elected with 60% of the vote in 2006.

Republican Candidate:

- **[Kasich, John](#)** - Former US Representative and Former Chairman of the United States House Committee on the Budget

LATEST POLLING

*48% Kasich (R) 40% Strickland (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 7% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/16/10*

OKLAHOMA – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Brad Henry (D) – elected in 2002, 2004; term limited in 2010.

Oklahoma State Superintendent of Education, Sandy Garrett is elected by popular vote for a four year term; the superintendent serves on the state Board of Education as a voting member.

Superintendent Sandy Garrett (D) was elected in 1990, reelected in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, and plans to retire at the end of this 2006 cycle.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: Former Mayor of Colbert Randall [Gorman](#) (D) and speech pathologist, former dentist and a founder of Oklahoma City's first charter schools Janet [Barresi](#) (R).

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Askins, Jari](#) - Lieutenant Governor (would be Oklahoma's first female governor)

Republican Candidate:

- [Fallin, Mary](#) - Congresswoman and Former Lieutenant Governor (would also be OK first female Governor)

LATEST POLLING

*57% Fallin (R) 36% Askins (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 5% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/28/10*

OREGON – OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Ted Kulongoski (D) –elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Oregon's State Superintendent of Public Education, Susan Castillo is elected by popular vote, for a term of four years. The superintendent works in an ex officio position with the State Board of Education, the seven members of which are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

Superintendent Susan Castillo was elected in 2002, reelected in 2006, and is running in this 2010 election cycle. In Oregon, if a candidate receives a majority of the vote for this non-partisan office in the May primary, that candidate is elected. Otherwise, the top two vote getters go to a runoff in November.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: Superintendent Susan [Castillo](#) and Veteran and Chair of Grants Pass School Board Dr. Ron [Maurer](#).

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Kitzhaber, John](#) - Former Governor

Republican Candidate:

- [Dudley, Chris](#) - Former Portland Trail Blazers basketball player

LATEST POLLING

*45% Dudley (R) 44% Kitzhaber (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/22/10*

PENNSYLVANIA – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Ed Rendell (D) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Secretary of Education, Dr. Gerald Zahorchak was appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate in February 2006. The Secretary is head of the Department of Education, CEO of the State Board of Education and a member of the executive department of the Commonwealth.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- **[Onorato, Dan](#)** - Allegheny County Executive

Republican Candidate:

- **[Corbett, Tom](#)** - Republican Attorney General

LATEST POLLING

*48% Corbett (R) 38% Onorato (D) 5% Some Other Candidate 9% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/16/10*

RHODE ISLAND – OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Donald Carcieri (R) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Deborah Gist was appointed in July 2009 by the eleven (eight Governor appointed) member State Board of Regents and serves at their pleasure. The non-appointed members of the Board include the Chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education or his/her designee; the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or his/her designee; and the chairman of the House Finance Committee or his/her designee.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: June 30, 2010

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidate:

- **Caprio, Frank** - State General Treasurer

Republican Candidates:

- **Robitaille, John** - Donald Carcieri's Communication Director
- **Moffit, Victor** - Businessman

Independent Candidate:

- **Chafee, Lincoln D.** – The Former Republican United States Senator has formed an exploratory committee for a potential campaign as an independent.

LATEST POLLING

*20% Robitaille (R) 38% Caprio (D) 32% Lincoln Chaffee (I) 2% Some Other Candidate
8% Not Sure*

*17% Moffit (R) 40% Caprio (D) 33% Lincoln Chaffee (I) 2% Some Other Candidate 7%
Not Sure*

~ Rasmussen 8/17/10

SOUTH CAROLINA – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Mark Sanford (R) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

The South Carolina State Superintendent of Education, Jim Rex was elected by popular vote in 2006 for a term of four years. During that time, he serves as a voting member in the State Board of Education, a seventeen member group, with one member appointed from each of the state's 16 judicial circuits by the legislators representing the various circuits, and a 17th member appointed by the governor.

Rex is eligible to run for reelection, but has formed a gubernatorial exploratory committee.

Superintendent Rex lost the 2010 gubernatorial primary, and has stated that he will not seek reelection as State Superintendent.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: former Deputy Secretary of US DOE Frank [Holleman](#) (D), Teacher and Anti-Tax Advocate Timothy Moultrie(L), Newberry College President Mitchell “Mick” Zais, Bookstore Owner Doretha Bull (Green), and Educator Tony Fayyazi (Independence).

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Sheheen, Vincent](#) - State Senator

Republican Candidate:

- [Haley, Nikki](#) - State Representative

LATEST POLLING

*49% Haley (R) 35% Sheheen (D) 4% Some Other Candidate 12% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 7/19/10*

SOUTH DAKOTA – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Mike Rounds (R) – elected in 2002, 2005; term limited in 2010.

South Dakota's State Secretary of Education, Dr. Thomas Oster was appointed by the governor in December 2008. The Secretary of Education serves as the executive officer on the South Dakota Board of Education, consisting of nine members appointed by the governor.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Heidepriem, Scott](#) - State Senator

Republican Candidate:

- [Daugaard, Dennis](#) - Lieutenant Governor

LATEST POLLING

*59% Daugaard (R) 27% Sheheen (D) 4% Some Other Candidate 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/3/10*

TENNESSEE – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Phil Bredesen (D) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Commissioner of Education, Dr. Timothy Webb was appointed in February 2008 by the governor and serves at their pleasure; the commissioner serves as an ex officio member on the State Board of Education, which consists of nine members, appointed by the governor from each of the state's congressional districts.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [McWherter, Mike](#) - Jackson Businessman

Republican Candidate:

- [Haslam, Bill](#) - Knoxville Mayor

LATEST POLLING

*56% Haslam (R) 31% McWherter (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/9/10*

TEXAS – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Rick Perry (R) – Lt. Gov. Rick Perry became Governor in December 2000 when George W. Bush resigned to take the office of President of the United States; subsequently elected in 2002, 2006, Perry won the Republican primary on March 2, 2010 (TX has no term limits).

Texas Commissioner of Education, Robert Scott was appointed in October 2007 by Governor Perry and approved by the Senate education committee. The commissioner serves as the head of the Texas Education Agency, and also sits in with the Texas Board of Education as an ex officio member.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [White, Bill](#) - Outgoing Houston Mayor

Republican Candidate:

- [Perry, Rick](#) - Governor

LATEST POLLING

*49% Perry (R) 41% White (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 7% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/22/10*

UTAH – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Gary Herbert – succeeded upon the resignation of Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. (R), in August 2009. There will be a special 2010 election to fill out the remainder of former Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.'s term, while the current Governor is running for re-election in 2010.

Utah's State Superintendent, Dr. Larry Shumway was appointed in July 2009 by the elected fifteen member State Board of education. The Superintendent serves at the pleasure of the board, and acts as the executive officer.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidate:

- [Corroon, Peter](#) - Salt Lake County Mayor

Republican Candidate:

- [Herbert, Gary](#) - Governor

LATEST POLLING

*58% Herbert (R) 31% Corroon (D) 2% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 6/23/10*

VERMONT – OPEN SEAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

Governor Jim Douglas (R) – elected in 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008; eligible to run for re-election in 2010, but announced he would not be running.

Vermont Education Commissioner, Armando Vilaseca was appointed in January 2009 by the nine voting, Governor appointed (with the advice and consent of the Senate) members of the State Board of Education and serves at their pleasure. Seven of the board members serve for eight years, and the other two members, Vermont school students, serve for two years.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: July 13, 2010

Primary: August 24, 2010*

Democratic Candidates:

- [Racine, Doug](#) - State Senators
- [Shumlin, Peter](#) - State Senate President Pro Tempore
- [Bartlett, Susan](#) - State Senator
- [Markowitz, Deb](#) - Secretary of State
- [Dunne, Matt](#) - Former State Senator

**Democratic Primary too close to call.*

Republican Candidate:

- [Dubie, Brian](#) - Lieutenant Governor

LATEST POLLING

47% Dubie (R) 40% Markowitz (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 8% Not Sure
55% Dubie (R) 36% Shumlin (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 4% Not Sure
51% Dubie (R) 36% Racine (D) 5% Some Other Candidate 7% Not Sure
55% Dubie (R) 29% Bartlett 8% Some Other Candidate 9% Not Sure
52% Dubie (R) 32% Dunne (D) 7% Some Other Candidate 10% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 6/17/10

WISCONSIN – OPEN SEAT (TOSS UP)

Governor Jim Doyle (D) – elected in 2002, 2006; eligible to run, but announced he will not seek re-election.

Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Anthony Evers was elected in June 2009 by popular vote. The seat is not up for election until 2013.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: July 13, 2010

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Barrett, Tom](#) - Milwaukee Mayor
- [John, Tim](#) - of Oconomowoc

Republican Candidates:

- [Walker, Scott](#) - Milwaukee County Exec.
- [Neumann, Mark](#) - Former Congressman

LATEST POLLING

*45% Neuman (R) 43% Barrett (D) 5% Some Other Candidate 7% Not Sure
49% Walker (R) 41% Barrett (D) 3% Some Other Candidate 6% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/10/10*

WYOMING – OPEN SEAT (SAFE REPUBLICAN)

Governor Dave Freudenthal (D) – elected in 2002, 2006; term limited in 2010.

Superintendent of Education for Wyoming Jim McBride is elected by popular vote for a term of four years. Once elected, the superintendent serves on the state Board of Education as a voting member.

Superintendent Jim McBride was appointed in 2005, elected 2006, and he is running for reelection in 2010.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: State Senator Mike Massie (D), Timothy Moultre (L), Superintendent Jim [McBride](#), Laramie County School Superintendent Ted Adams, and Cynthia Jo Hill.

Gubernatorial Race

Democratic Candidates:

- **Petersen, Leslie** – Former Chair of Wyoming Democratic Party

Republican Candidates:

- **[Mead, Matt](#)** - Former US Attorney

LATEST POLLING

*58% Mead (R) 24% Petersen (D) 6% Some Other Candidate 11% Not Sure
~ Rasmussen 8/18/10*