

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

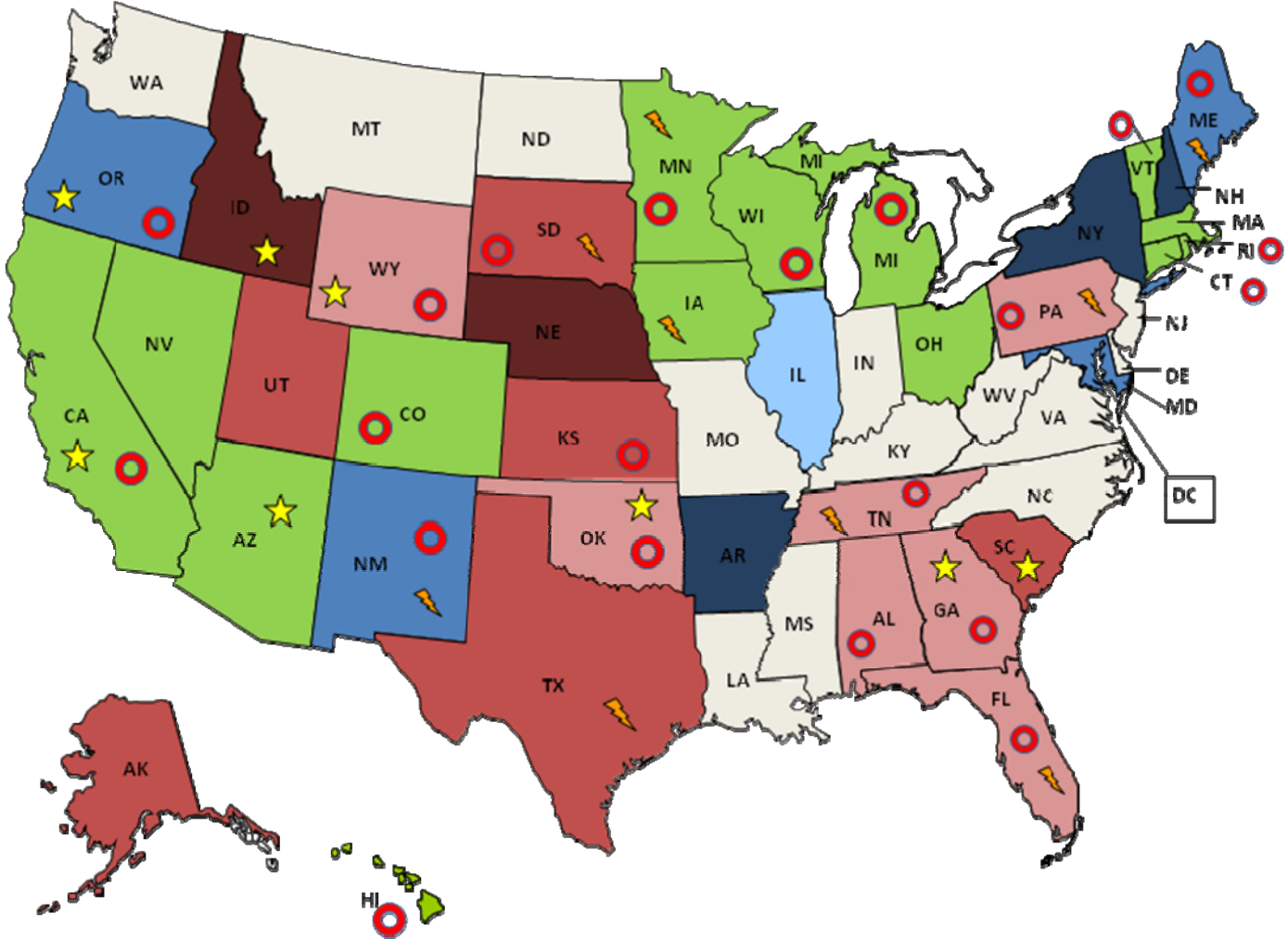
- 2010 will be a mega-election year at the state level – including thirty seven gubernatorial races (the most since 2000). The significance of this cycle is compounded by the fact that, given the number of term-limited and retiring governors, over half (nineteen) of the races are for open seats.
- With 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 and the “State Races 2010 Map” (on the following page) provide a graphic overview of the gubernatorial races. Based on current polling and research, the map predicts outcomes and categorizes each state as “safe,” “likely,” “leaning” Democrat or Republican, or as a “toss up.”

| SAFE DEMOCRAT | LIKELY DEMOCRAT | LEANS DEMOCRAT | TOSSUP | LEANS REPUBLICAN | LIKELY REPUBLICAN | SAFE REPUBLICAN |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Arkansas | Maine | Illinois | Arizona | Alabama | Alaska | Idaho |
| New Hampshire | Maryland | | California | Florida | Kansas | Nebraska |
| New York | New Mexico | | Colorado | Georgia | South Carolina | |
| | Oregon | | Connecticut | Oklahoma | Texas | |
| | | | Hawaii | Pennsylvania | Utah | |
| | | | Iowa | South Dakota | | |
| | | | Massachusetts | Tennessee | | |
| | | | Michigan | Wyoming | | |
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| | | | Ohio | | | |
| | | | Nevada | | | |
| | | | Rhode Island | | | |
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**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
- ◆ Likely D
- ◆ Leans D
- ◆ Solid R
- ◆ Likely R
- ◆ Leans R
- ◆ Toss Up
- Open Seat
- ⚡ Governor Appointed Chief
- ★ 2010 Chief Elections



ALABAMA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Primary: June 1, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Davis, Arthur** - Congressman (7th District)
- **Sparks, Ron** - State Agriculture Commissioner
- **Thomas, Sam Franklin** – Former teacher

Republican Candidates:

- **Byrne, Bradley** - Chancellor of the Alabama Two-Year College System
- **Moore, Roy** - Former State Supreme Court Chief Justice
- **James, Timothy** - Businessman & 2002 Republican Gubernatorial Primary Candidate
- **Bentley, Dr. Robert** - State Representative
- **Johnson, Bill** - Former State Economic Development Director
- **Potts, James** - Financial Analyst and USAF Veteran
- **Taylor, Charles** - Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*43% Byrne, 35% Sparks, 11% Other Candidate, 13% Undecided
39% Ivey, 33% Sparks, 15% Other Candidate, 13% Undecided
38% James, 34% Sparks, 13% Other Candidate, 14% Undecided
35% Moore, 40% Sparks, 15% Other Candidate, 10% Undecided
50% Byrne, 33% Davis, 9% Other Candidate, 9% Undecided
43% Ivey, 36% Davis, 12% Other Candidate, 8% Undecided
49% James, 35% Davis, 10% Other Candidate, 7% Undecided
40% Moore, 44% Davis, 11% Other Candidate, 6% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/29/10)*

**Kay Ivey dropped out of the race 4/1/10*

ALASKA - INCUMBENT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

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

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.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: June 1, 2010

Primary: August 24, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **French, Hollis** - State Senator
- **Poe, Bob** - Former Anchorage Economic Development Corp.
- **Berkowitz, Ethan** - Prosecutor

Republican Candidates:

- **Parnell, Sean** - Governor of Alaska
- **Samuels, Ralph** - Former State House Majority Leader
- **Walker, Bill** - Former Valdez Mayor & City Councilman
- **Heikes, Jerry** - Contractor & National Guard Veteran
- **Little, Sam** - Musician & National Guard Veteran

Alaskan Independence Party:

- **Wright, Donald R.** - Retired, former President of Alaska Federation of Natives

LATEST POLLING:

*Governor Parnell 58% Approval, 19% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

ARIZONA - INCUMBENT (TOSSUP)

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

Filing Date: June 2, 2010

Primary: August 24, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Goddard, Terry](#) - Arizona Attorney General
- [Bradley, David](#) - State Representative

Republican Candidates:

- [Brewer, Jan](#) - Governor
- [Martin, Dean](#) - AZ State Treasurer
- [Johnson, Karen](#) - Former State Senator
- [Munger, John](#) - Former AZ Republican Party Chair
- [Mills, Owen "Buz"](#) - NRA Board of Director

LATEST POLLING:

*Republican Primary: 26% Brewer, 18% Mills, 14% Munger, 12% Martin, 6% Other Candidates, 24% Undecided
~Rasmussen (4/13/10)*

*45% Goddard, 36% Brewer, 12% Other Candidate, 7% Undecided
43% Martin, 38% Goddard, 6% Other Candidate, 13% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/16/10)*

*Governor Brewer 26% Approve, 43% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

ARKANSAS – INCUMBENT (LEANS 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

Filing Deadline: March 8, 2010

Primary: May 18, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Beebe, Mike** - Governor

Republican Candidates:

- **Keet, Jim** - Businessman
- **Gilbert, Frank** - Tull Mayor

LATEST POLLING:

*Governor Bebe 59% Approve, 22% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

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. When no candidate receives a majority of the vote in the primary, the top two vote-getters participate in the November runoff election.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: Former Senator Larry [Aceves](#) (D), Former Teacher Karen [Blake](#), Governing Board Member of the Orange County School District Alexia L. [Deligianni](#), Teacher Lydia A. [Gutiérrez](#) (R), Former Teacher Diane A. [Lenning](#), former prop maker and carpenter Leonard James [Martin](#), Teacher Grant [McMicken](#), State Senator Gloria [Romero](#) (D), Panorama City Neighborhood Councilman Faarax Dahir [Sheikh-Noor](#) (D), State Assemblyman Tom [Torlakson](#) (D), and Teacher Henry L. [Williams, Jr.](#)

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: March 12, 2010

Primary: June 8, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Brown, Jerry](#) - Former Governor
- [Symmon, Joe](#) - Pastor
- [Darling, Lowell](#) – Concept Artist
- [Aguirre, Richard W.](#) - Businessman
- [Schurman, Peter](#) - Nonprofit Consultant

Republican Candidates:

- [Whitman, Meg](#) - Former CEO of eBay
- [Poizner, Steve](#) - State Insurance Commissioner
- [Miller, Ken](#) - Businessman
- [Hughes, Douglas R.](#) - Businessman
- [Chambers, William S.](#) - Businessman
- [Tully-Smith, David](#) - Railroad Switchman
- [Naritelli, Larry](#) - Corporate Accounting Manager

Green Candidates:

- [Alexander, Deacon](#) – Community Activist
- [Wells, Laura](#) – Former Financial Analyst

Libertarian Candidates:

- [Ogden, Dale F.](#) - Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*40% Brown, 40% Whitman, 6% Other Candidates, 14% Undecided
42% Brown, 27% Poizner, 13% Other Candidates, 18% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/17/10)*

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

Filing Deadline: May 27, 2010

Primary: August 10, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Hickenlooper, John** - Mayor of Denver

Republican Candidates:

- **McInnis, Scott** - Former Congressman
- **Maes, Dan** - Businessman
- **Mager, Yoon YJ** - Freelance Interpreter
- **Vanderbilt, Mark** - Computer Consultant

LATEST POLLING:

*Governor Ritter 38% Approve, 50% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

*48% McInnis, 42% Hickenlooper, 3% Other Candidate, 6% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/8/10)*

CONNECTICUT - OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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

Filing Deadline: June 8, 2010

Primary: August 10, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Malloy, Dan** - Stamford Mayor
- **Lamont, Ned** - Businessman and 2006 Democratic Senatorial nominee
- **Figueroa, Juan** - Former State Representative
- **Jarjura, Michael** - Waterbury Mayor
- **Marconi, Rudy** - Simsbury First Selectman and Former Democratic Nominee for Lieutenant Governor

Republican Candidates:

- **Foley, Tom** - Former United States Ambassador to Ireland
- **Fedele, Michael** - Lieutenant Governor
- **Griebel, Oz** - President and CEO of the MetroHartford Alliance
- **Wright, Jeff** - Newington Mayor
- **Boughton, Mark** - Danbury Mayor
- **DeNardis, Lawrence J.** - Former Congressman

LATEST POLLING:

*41% Lamont, 38% Fedele, 9% Other Candidates, 12% Undecided
44% Foley, 37% Lamont, 9% Other Candidates, 14% Undecided
44% Foley, 35% Malloy, 8% Other Candidates, 14% Undecided
40% Malloy, 37% Fedele, 7% Other Candidates, 16% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (4/1/10)*

*Governor Rell 49% Approve, 39% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

FLORIDA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

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

Filing Period: June 14 – 18, 2010

Primary: August 24, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **McGillis, Darrin** - Concert Tour Promoter and Former Clerk of Courts Candidate
- **Arth, Michael E.** - Landscape/Urban Designer and Home Builder
- **Khavari, Farid** - Businessman and Economist
- **Sink, Alex** - Florida CFO
- **Allen, Joe** - Retired Teacher

Republican Candidates:

- **McCollum, Bill** - Florida Attorney General
- **Dockery, Paula** - State Senator
- **Heeney, Ed**
- **Scott, Rick** – Businessman
- **Van Driessche, James A.** - Businessman
- **Crawford, William D.** - Businessman
- **Devine, Tim**- Former Candidate for Osceola County Sherriff

LATEST POLLING:

*47% McCollum, 36% Sink, 5% Other Candidate, 12% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/18/10)*

*Governor Crist 35% Approve, 51% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

*44% McCollum, 31% Sink
47% Crist, 27% Sink
~ Public Policy Polling (3/5/10)*

GEORGIA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS REPUBLICAN)

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

Superintendent of Education, Kathy Cox, 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 Kathy Cox was elected in 2002, reelected in 2006, and is running for reelection in 2010.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: University Administrator Beth [Farokhi](#) (R), Teacher Sandra Scott (R), Teacher Brian [Westlake](#) (R), Teacher Kira [Willis](#) (L), School System Administrator Jon [Barge](#) (R), Education Superintendent Kathy [Cox](#) (R), Former State Representative Roger [Hines](#) (R), and School Administrator Richard [Woods](#) (R)

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: April 30, 2010

Primary: July 20, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Barnes, Roy** - Former Governor (whom Perdue unseated in 2002)
- **Poythress, David** - Former State Secretary of State
- **Baker, Thurbert** - State Attorney General
- **Porter, DuBose** - State House Minority Leader
- **Camon, Carl** - Ray City Mayor

Republican Candidates:

- **Oxendine, John** - State Insurance Commissioner
- **Handel, Karen** - Georgia Secretary of State
- **Scott, Austin** - State Representative
- **Deal, Nathan** - Former Congressman who resigned to “devote my full energies” to the race
- **Johnson, Eric** - State Senator
- **Chapman, Jeff** - State Senator

Libertarian Candidates:

- **John Monds** - President of the Grady County NAACP & the first Libertarian in U.S. history to receive 1,000,000+ votes, when he ran for the GA Public Service Commission in '08.

LATEST POLLING:

*41% Oxendine, 41% Barnes
43% Deal, 40% Barnes
42% Handel, 39% Barnes
40% Barnes, 38% Johnson
~ Rasmussen (3/17/10)*

*Governor Perdue 29% Approve 52% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

HAWAII - OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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 Candidates:

- **Aiona, James "Duke"** - Lieutenant Governor
- **Carroll, John S.** - Former State Senator

LATEST POLLING:

*54% Abercrombie, 31% Aiona, 6% Other Candidates, 9% Undecided
50% Hannemann, 29% Aiona, 14% Other Candidates, 7% Undecided
~ 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

Filing Deadline: March 19, 2010

Primary: May 25, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Allred, Keith** - Activist/Mediator and President of The Common Interest
- **Chaney, Lee** - Franklin County Laborer and USMC Veteran

Republican Candidates:

- **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.
- **Peterson, Ron** - Retired State Employee
- **Ullman, Sharon** - Ada County Commissioner
- **Rammell, Rex** - Conservative Activist and Elk Farmer

Independent Candidates:

- **Kemp, Jana** - Former Republican State Representative

LATEST POLLING:

*60% Otter, 28% Allred, 3% Other Candidates, 9% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/23/10)*

ILLINOIS – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (LEANS DEMOCRATIC)

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

Filing Deadline: November 2, 2009

Primary: February 2, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Quinn, Pat** - Became Governor when Gov Rod Blagojevich was impeached, convicted and removed from office by the Illinois State Senate.

Republican Candidates:

- **Brady, Bill** - State Senator

Green Candidates:

- **Whitney, Rich** - Attorney and Ex-Journalist

LATEST POLLING:

*45% Brady, 38% Quinn, 7% Other Candidates, 10% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (4/8/10)*

*Governor Quinn 25% Approve, 55% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

*50.5% Quinn, 49.5% Hynes
~ Democratic Primary Results (2/2/10)*

*20.3% Brady, 20.2% Dilliard, 19.3% McKenna, 17% Ryan, 14.5 Andrzejewski, 7.7% Proft, 1% Schillerstrom
~ Republican Primary Results (2/2/10)*

IOWA – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (TOSSUP)

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

Filing Period: March 1 – 19, 2010

Primary: June 8, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Culver, Chet** - Governor, is seeking a second term and was elected with 54% of the vote in 2006.
- **Narcisse, Jonathan** - Former Des Moines School Board Member

Republican Candidates:

- **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
- **Plaats, Bob Vander** - Businessman, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in 2006
- **Roberts, Rod** - State Representative

LATEST POLLING:

52% Branstad, 36% Culver, 6% Other Candidates, 6% Undecided

42% Vander Plaats, 40% Culver, 8% Other Candidates, 11% Undecided

~ Rasmussen (3/17/10)

KANSAS – OPEN SEAT (LIKELY 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

Filing Deadline: June 10, 2010

Primary: August 3, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Holland, Tom** - State Senator
- **West, Herbert III**- Former Paramedic

Republican Candidates:

- **Brownback, Sam** - Retiring Republican United States Senator

LATEST POLLING:

*55% Brownback, 33% Holland
~ Rasmussen (3/1/10)*

MAINE – OPEN SEAT (LIKELY DEMOCRAT)

**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.

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Deadline: March 2010
Primary: June 8, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Mitchell, Elizabeth "Libby"** - Senate President
- **Rowe, Steve** - Former Attorney General and Former State House Speaker
- **Scarcelli, Rosa** - Affordable Housing Company CEO
- **McGowan, Pat** - Former State Conservation Commissioner
- **Richardson, John** - State Economic/Community Development Commissioner and Former State House Speaker

Republican Candidates:

- **Jacobson, Matt** - President and CEO of Maine & Company
- **LePage, Paul** - Mayor of Waterville
- **Otten, Les** - Founder of American Skiing Company
- **Abbott, Steve** - Attorney and Chief of Staff to Senator Susan Collins
- **Beardsley, Bill** - Former Husson University President

Independent Candidates:

- **Bailey, Sam** - Investment Advisor
- **Cooper-Pete, Beverly** - Curriculum Specialist
- **Cutler, Eliot** - Attorney and Former Congressional Aide
- **Hammer, Alex** - Businessman
- **Whitcomb, John** - Sidney Town Selectman

LATEST POLLING:

*Governor Baldacci 25% Approve, 57% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

MARYLAND – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (LIKELY DEMOCRAT)

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
- **Owings, George** - Former State Veterans Affairs Secretary and Former State House Majority Whip

Republican Candidate:

- **Ehrlich, Robert** - Former Governor

Libertarian Candidates:

- **Gaztanaga, Susan J.** - Former Governor
- **McNeil, Doug** - Computer Engineer

LATEST POLLING:

*49% O'Malley, 43% Ehrlich
~ Rasmussen (2/23/10)*

MASSACHUSETTS – INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT (LEANS 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 Candidates:

- **Patrick, Deval** - Incumbent first-term Governor, elected with 56% of the vote in '06
- **Ross, Grace** - 2006 Green-Rainbow Candidate

Republican Candidates:

- **Baker, Charlie** - Former Harvard Pilgrim CEO
- **Mihos, Christy** - Businessman

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 Candidates:

- **Stein, Jill** - Physician

LATEST POLLING:

*35% Patrick, 27% Baker, 23% Cahill, 15% Undecided
38% Patrick, 33% Cahill, 15% Mihos, 14% Undecided
~ Rasmussen Reports (4/5/10)*

*Governor Patrick 22% Approve, 59% Disapprove
~ Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

MICHIGAN – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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

Filing Deadline: May 11, 2010

Primary: August 3, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Smith, Alma Wheeler** - State Senator
- **Dillon, Andy** - State House Speaker
- **Bernero, Virg** - Lansing Mayor
- **Williamson, Don** Former Flint Mayor and Businessman
- **Perles, George** - Former Michigan State University Football Coach & MSU Trustee

Republican Candidates:

- **Cox, Mike** - Michigan Attorney General
- **Bouchard, Mike** - Oakland County Sheriff
- **George, Tom** - Michigan State Senator
- **Hoekstra, Peter** - U.S. Representative
- **Rujan, Tim** - Former Huron County Commissioner & Emergency Medical Technician
- **Snyder, Rick** - Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*Dem Primary: 12% Dillon, 10% Smith, 8% Bernero, 17% Other Candidates, 53% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/24/10)*

*13% Dillon, 11% Bernero, 6% Smith, 6% Kildee
28% Hoekstra, 18% Snyder, 12% Cox, 8% Bouchard, 2% George
~ Denno-Noor Research (3/3/10)*

*41% Bouchard, 31% Ilitch, 9% Other Candidate, 19% Undecided
43% Hoekstra, 31% Ilitch, 6% Other Candidate, 31% Undecided
41% Cox, 32% Ilitch, 8% Other Candidate, 19% Undecided
42% Bouchard (R, 29% Smith, 8% Other Candidate, 20% Undecided
44% Hoekstra, 28% Smith, 8% Other Candidate, 20% Undecided
45% Cox, 30% Smith, 8% Other Candidate, 18% Undecided
40% Bouchard, 32% Dillon, 10% Other Candidate, 18% Undecided
41% Hoekstra, 34% Dillon, 10% Other Candidate, 16% Undecided
36% Dillon, 35% Cox, 11% Other Candidate, 17% Undecided
40% Bouchard, 31% Bernero, 9% Other Candidate, 20% Undecided
43% Hoekstra, 30% Bernero, 7% Other Candidate, 19% Undecided
40% Cox, 34% Bernero, 9% Other Candidate, 17% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (2/9/10)*

***Local and national polling indicate that front-runners for the Republican nomination will defeat their potential Democratic opponents by comfortable margins*

MINNESOTA – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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

Filing Deadline: July 20, 2010

Primary: September 14, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Dayton, Mark** - Former US Senator
- **Marty, John** - State Senator
- **Entenza, Matt** - Former House Minority Leader
- **Bakk, Tom** - State Senator
- **Thissen, Paul** - State Representative
- **Kelliher, Margaret Anderson** - Speaker of the MN House of Representatives
- **Gaertner, Susan** - Ramsey County Attorney General
- **Rukavina, Tom** - State Representative
- **Rybak, R.T.** - Minneapolis Mayor

Republican Candidates:

- **Seifert, Marty** - Former House Minority Leader
- **Haas, Bill** - Former State Representative
- **Emmer, Tom** - Former State Representative
- **Herwig, Phil** - Farmer and Former State Rural Development Board Member
- **Davis, Leslie** - Businessman
- **Roess, Peter** - Retired Industrial Engineer

Green Candidates:

- **Klatte, Richard** - Utility Worker

Independent Candidates:

- **Horner, Tom** - Public Affairs & University Professor
- **Hahn, Rob** - Businessman, Newspaper Publisher

LATEST POLLING:

35% Emmer, 38% Dayton
37% Emmer, 34% Kelliher
36% Emmer, 29% Bakk
38% Emmer, 29% Rukavina
37% Emmer, 28% Entenza
38% Rybak, 35% Emmer
39% Siefert, 38% Dayton
39% Siefert, 35% Kelliher
36% Siefert, 29% Bakk
39% Siefert, 30% Rukavina
38% Siefert, 30% Entenza
38% Siefert, 38% Rybak
43% Rybak, 37% Coleman
41% Dayton, 29% Coleman
42% Coleman, 34% Kelliher
~ Rasmussen (3/10/10)

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

Primary: May 11, 2010

Republican Candidates:

- **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%.
- **Geary, Christopher** - Martial Arts Instructor

Democratic Candidates:

- **Lakers, Mark** - Omaha Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*61% Heineman, 23% Lakers, 2% Other Candidate, 14% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (3/4/10)*

NEVADA – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (TOSSUP)

Governor James Gibbons (R) - 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

Filing Deadline: February 9, 2010

Primary Date: June 1, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Conquest, Fredrick Lee “Fred”**
- **Reid, Rory** – Clark County Commissioner

Republican Candidates:

- **Gibbons, James** – Governor
- **Montandon, “Mike”** – Former North Las Vegas Mayor
- **Sandoval, Brian E.** – US District Judge

Libertarian Candidates:

- **Lampitt, Arthur Forest Jr.** – IT Management Consultant

Green Candidates:

- **Curtis, David Scott** - Architect

LATEST POLLING:

45% Gibbons, 43% Reid, 8% Other Candidate, 4% Undecided

55% Sandoval, 34% Reid, 6% Other Candidate, 4% Undecided

45% Montandon, 38% Reid, 9% Other Candidate, 8% Undecided

~ Rasmussen (3/31/10)

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: February 9, 2010

Primary Date: June 1, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Lynch, John** - Governor

Libertarian Candidates:

- **Barbiarz, Jon** – Fire Chief

Republican Candidates:

- **Kimball, Jack** – Businessman
- **Stephen, John** – Former State HHS Commissioner
- **Testerman, Karen** - Executive Director of Cornerstone Policy Research

LATEST POLLING:

54% Lynch, 28% Testerman, 5% Other Candidate, 14% Undecided

51% Lynch, 32% Kimball, 3% Other Candidate, 13% Undecided

~ Rasmussen (3/8/10)

NEW MEXICO – OPEN SEAT (LIKELY DEMOCRAT)

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

Filing Deadline: February 9, 2010

Primary Date: June 1, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Denish**, Diane - Lieutenant Governor

Republican Candidates:

- **Turner**, Doug PR Firm owner
- **Martinez**, Susana - Doña Ana County District Attorney
- **Arnold-Jones, Janice** - State Representative
- **Weh, Allen** - Former Republican Party State Chairman
- **Domenici, Jr., Pete** - Attorney

LATEST POLLING:

*51% Denish, 32% Martinez, 7% Other Candidates, 10% Undecided
52% Denish, 35% Domenici Jr., 6% Other Candidates, 6% Undecided
45% Denish, 35% Weh, 7% Other Candidates, 13% Undecided
52% Denish, 30% Arnold-Jones, 6% Other Candidates, 12% Undecided
43% Denish, 34% Turner, 7% Other Candidates, 16% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/24/10)*

*Governor Bill Richardson 28% Approve, 63% Disapprove
~Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

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 Candidates:

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

Republican Candidates:

- **Lazio, Rick** - Former US Representative
- **Goewey, Ken W.** - Businessman
- **Levy, Steve** - Suffolk County Executive
- **Redlich, Warren** - Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*52% Cuomo, 29% Lazio, 6% Other Candidate, 13% Undecided
51% Cuomo, 28% Paladino, 6% Other Candidate, 15% Undecided
50% Cuomo, 26% Levy, 7% Other Candidate, 17% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/29/10)*

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

Filing Deadline: February 18, 2010

Primary: May 4, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Strickland, Ted** - Governor elected with 60% of the vote in 2006.

Republican Candidates:

- **Kasich, John** - Former US Representative and Former Chairman of the United States House Committee on the Budget

Libertarian Candidates:

- **Matesz, Ken** - Building Contractor

Green Party Candidates:

- **Spisak, Dennis** - Middle School Principal

LATEST POLLING:

*46% Kasich, 45% Strickland, 2% Other candidates, 7% undecided
~Rasmussen (3/25/10)*

OKLAHOMA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Filing Period: June 7 – 9, 2010

Primary: July 27, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Edmondson, Drew** - State Attorney General
- **Askins, Jari** - Lieutenant Governor (would be Oklahoma's first female governor)

Republican Candidates:

- **Fallin, Mary** - Congresswoman and Former Lieutenant Governor (would also be OK first female Governor)
- **Brogden, Randy** - State Senator

LATEST POLLING:

51% Fallin, 37% Askins

51% Fallin, 36% Edmondson

39% Brogden, 42% Askins

42% Brogden, 41% Edmondson

~Rasmussen Reports (2/24/10)

OREGON – OPEN SEAT (LIKELY DEMOCRAT)

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

Filing Deadline: March 9, 2010

Primary: May 18, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Kitzhaber, John](#) - Former Governor
- [Bradbury, Bill](#) - Former Democratic State Secretary of State

Republican Candidates:

- [Lim, John](#) - Former State Representative
- [Alley, Allen](#) - Former Oregon State Treasurer Candidate and Businessman
- [Dudley, Chris](#) - Former Portland Trail Blazers basketball player
- [Sizemore, Bill](#) - Businessman
- [Colvin, Clark](#) - Businessman Executive
- [Curtright, William Ames](#)
- [Karr, Darren](#) - Small business Owner
- [Watkins, Rex O.](#) - Real Estate Management Executive

Oregon Progressive Candidates:

- [Wilson, Jerry](#) - Activist & Founder of Soloflex

LATEST POLLING:

42% Kitzhaber, 36% Dudley
40% Kitzhaber, 38% Lim
42% Kitzhaber, 34% Alley
48% Kitzhaber, 25% Sizemore
39% Bradbury, 36% Dudley
38% Bradbury, 35% Lim
41% Bradbury, 35% Alley
48% Bradbury, 23% Sizemore
~Rasmussen (2/17/10)

PENNSYLVANIA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Filing Deadline: March 9, 2010

Primary: May 18, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Wagner, Jack** - State Auditor General
- **Hoeffel, Joe** - Former Congressman and Montgomery County Commissioner
- **Onorato, Dan** - Allegheny County Executive
- **Williams, Anthony** - State Senator

Republican Candidates:

- **Corbett, Tom** - Republican Attorney General
- **Mansfield, Robert Allen** - Businessman and National Guard Veteran
- **Rohrer, Sam** - State Representative and Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

PRIMARY

Democratic: 19% Onorato, 10% Wagner, 12% Hoeffel, 3% Williams

~ Research 2000 (3/8/10):

GENERAL

40% Corbett, 34% Onorato

41% Corbett, 32% Wagner

41% Corbett, 31% Hoeffel

~ Research 2000 (3/8/10):

49% Corbett, 28% Wagner, 5% Other Candidate, 17% Undecided

51% Corbett, 29% Hoeffel, 5% Other Candidate, 15% Undecided

52% Corbett, 26% Onorato, 5% Other Candidate, 17% Undecided

~ Rasmussen (2/10/10)

RHODE ISLAND – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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 Candidates:

- **Lynch, Patrick C.** - Attorney General
- **Caprio, Frank** - State General Treasurer

Republican Candidates:

- **Robitaille, John** - Donald Carcieri's Communication Director

Moderate Candidates:

- **Block, Ken** - Businessman

Independent Candidates:

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

LATEST POLLING:

*39% Chafee, 28% Caprio, 22% Robitaille, 11% Undecided
37% Chagee, 26% Robitaille, 22% Lunch, 15% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/25/10)*

SOUTH CAROLINA – OPEN SEAT (LIKELY 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. Rex has stated that he will not seek reelection as State Superintendent, even if he is not a candidate for Governor.

The superintendent candidates for this election cycle include: former Deputy Secretary of US DOE Frank [Holleman](#) (D), Dean of South Carolina State University School of Graduate Studies Tom [Thompson](#) (D), Psychologist Timothy Moultrie(L), former Superintendent of Anderson County School District 4 Gary L. [Burgess](#) (R), Businesswoman Elizabeth [Moffly](#) (R), Professor at Furman University Brent [Nelsen](#) (R), HS Social Studies teacher Kelly [Payne](#) (R), Lugoff-Elgin HS Band Director Glenn Price, and Newberry College President Mitchell "Mick" [Zais](#).

Gubernatorial Race

Filing Period: March 16 – 30, 2010

Primary: June 8, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- [Sheheen, Vincent](#) - State Senator
- [Ford, Robert](#) - State Senator
- [Rex, Jim](#) - State Superintendent of Education

Republican Candidates:

- [Barrett, J. Gresham](#) - Congressman
- [Haley, Nikki](#) - State Representative
- [McMaster, Henry](#) - State Attorney General
- [Bauer, Andre](#) - Lieutenant Governor

LATEST POLLING:

*Governor Sanford 36% Approve, 51% Disapprove
~Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

*Rep Primary: 21% McMaster, 17% Bauer, 14% Barrett, 12% Haley, 9% Other, 29% Undecided
Dem Primary: 16% Rex, 16% Sheehen, 12% Ford, 5% Drake
~Rasmussen (3/8/10)*

SOUTH DAKOTA – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Filing Deadline: March 30, 2010

Primary: June 8, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Heidepriem, Scott** - State Senator

Republican Candidates:

- **Knudson, Dave** - State Senator
- **Daugaard, Dennis** - Lieutenant Governor
- **Munsterman, Scott** - Brookings Mayor
- **Knuppe, Ken** - Rancher & Former President of SD Stockgrowers Association
- **Howie, Gordon** - State Senator and Businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*49% Daugaard, 32% Heindepriem, 6% Other Candidates, 13% Undecided
37% Heindepriem, 32% Knudson, 13% Other Candidates, 19% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/25/10)*

*Governor Rounds 55% Approve, 32% Disapprove
~Public Policy Polling (3/11/10)*

TENNESSEE – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Filing Deadline: April 1, 2010

Primary: August 5, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **McMillan, Kim** - Former State House Majority Leader
- **McWherter, Mike** - Jackson Businessman

Republican Candidates:

- **Wamp, Zach** - Congressman (3rd District)
- **Haslam, Bill** - Knoxville Mayor
- **Gibbons, Bill** - Shelby County (Memphis) District Attorney
- **Ramsey, Ron** - Lieutenant Governor
- **Kirkpatrick, Joe** - Marketing Executive

LATEST POLLING:

46% Haslam, 25% McMillan, 5% Other Candidates, 23% Undecided

43% Haslam, 25% McMillan, 8% Other Candidates, 24% Undecided

~ Rasmussen (3/22/10)

TEXAS – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (LIKELY 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 Candidates:

- **White, Bill** - Outgoing Houston Mayor

Republican Candidates:

- **Perry, Rick** - Governor

Constitution Party of Texas:

- **Kirkland, David** – US Army Veteran, Austin Fire Department (retired)
- **Marsh, Marie** - Businesswoman

Green Party of Texas:

- **Boyce, Bart** – former delegate to the State Democratic Conference
- **Shafto, Deb** – Teacher (retired)

Libertarian Candidates:

- **Daiell, Jeff** - Businessman
- **Glass, Katherine Youngsblood** - Attorney
- **Nichols, Steve** - Real Estate Appraiser
- **Smith, M.J. “Smitty”** - Businessman
- **Tidwell, Edward “Ed”** – Former US Marine

Independent Candidates:

- **Cavanaugh, Fran** - Businessman & Realtor
- **Helm, Thomas** - USAF Veteran
- **Robertson, Dale** – Tea Party Activist
- **Sill, Kevin** - Surveyor

LATEST POLLING:

*48% Perry, 44% White, 2% Other Candidate, 6% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (4/14/10)*

UTAH – INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN (LIKELY 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, with 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

Primary: June 22, 2010

Democratic Candidates:

- **Corron, Peter** - Salt Lake County Mayor

Republican Candidates:

- **Herbert, Gary** - Governor

LATEST POLLING:

*57% Herbert, 29% Corroon, 4% Other Candidates, 10% Undecided
~ Rasmussen (4/8/10)*

VERMONT – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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: September 14, 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

Republican Candidates:

- **Dubie, Brian** - Lieutenant Governor

Progressive/Independent Candidates:

- **Fryer, Trav** – Movie Theater Operator
- **Steele, Dennis** - Businessman
- **Pollina, Anthony** – Community Organizer

LATEST POLLING:

43% Markowitz, 41% Dubie
43% Dubie, 38% Racine
45% Dubie, 35% Shumlin
44% Dubie, 36% Dunne
~ Research 2000 (2/14-16/10)

WISCONSIN – OPEN SEAT (TOSSUP)

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 Executive
- **Neumann, Mark** - Former Congressman
- **Ingram, Bill** - Businessman
- **Todd, Mark** - Appleton businessman

LATEST POLLING:

*46% Neumann, 42% Barrett, 4% Other Candidates, 8% Undecided
48% Walker, 42% Barrett, 2% Other Candidates, 8% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/16/10)*

*27% Neumann, 46% Walker
32% Barrett, 36% Walker
24% Barrett, 34% Neumann
~WPRI (3/9/10)*

WYOMING – OPEN SEAT (LEANS 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

Filing Period: May 13 – May 28, 2010

Primary: August 17, 2010

Democratic Candidate:

- **Massie, Mike**- State Senator

Republican Candidate:

- **Simpson, Colin M.** - State House Speaker
- **Meyer, Rita** - State Auditor and Former Gubernatorial Chief of Staff
- **Micheli, Ron** - State Representative Former Director of Agricultural Department
- **Mead, Matt** - Former US Attorney

LATEST POLLING:

*43% Mead, 25% Massie, 8% Other Candidates, 24% Undecided
45% Micheli, 23% Massie, 8% Other Candidates, 25% Undecided
43% Meyer, 26% Massie, 7% Other Candidates, 25% Undecided
41% Simpson, 26% Massie, 8% Other Candidates, 25% Undecided
~Rasmussen (3/25/10)*