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Subject: This Week in RSLC News: Republican Wins Georgia Secretary of State Runoff, Leadership Elections Across the Country, and more

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Republican state Representative Brad Raffensperger won the Georgia Secretary of State runoff election on Tuesday despite being significantly [outraised](#) by his Democrat opponent in the final weeks of the campaign. "Brad Raffensperger represents the embodiment of the RSLC's mission to build quality candidates to meet the needs of leadership tomorrow in his ascension from state representative to Georgia's next Secretary of State," RSLC President Matt Walter [said](#) in a statement celebrating Raffensperger's victory. During the campaign, Raffensperger promised he would continue the work of Governor-elect Brian Kemp who had served as the Secretary of State for the past eight years. "I'm going to make sure that elections are clean, fair and accurate," Secretary-elect Raffensperger declared in his victory speech.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

On Monday, the RSLC [spotlighted](#) Louisiana state Senator Sharon Hewitt for her legislative leadership and her involvement in helping recruit more women to run for public office. "Senator Hewitt's impressive background as a business leader and successful elected official puts her on any short list of contenders for higher office," RSLC President Matt Walter said in a statement. Before running for office, Senator Hewitt worked as an engineer in the oil and gas industry.

The South Dakota Republican Senate caucus [chose](#) Senator Kris Langer as the next majority leader for the chamber heading into the 2019-2020 legislative session. With her election, Langer becomes the second woman in state history to serve as the majority leader for a legislative caucus. In South Dakota, the majority leader plans the calendar and makes the appropriate motions to

keep legislative business moving.

Idaho Speaker of the House Scott Bedke [was re-elected](#) by his Republican House caucus to another term as Speaker on Wednesday. Speaker Bedke, first elected as Speaker in 2012, faced a challenge from another Republican colleague for the leadership post.

The Kentucky Republican House caucus last Thursday evening [elected](#) Representative David Osborne to serve as the next Speaker of the House. Osborne has served in the House for 13 years and was the Speaker Pro Tempore for the House caucus for the past two years. At a press conference announcing his election, Speaker-elect Osborne reflected on last year's legislative session saying, "At the end of the day, that's what the people of Kentucky asked us to do — to make the difficult decisions that will move this state forward. We've done that. And I look forward to continuing that work."

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