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Republicans [flipped](#) a state legislative seat Tuesday night in a Pennsylvania special election. Former Army Ranger Tim O'Neal defeated his Democratic opponent in the special election for Pennsylvania's 48th House District. O'Neal is the first Republican to represent this Western Pennsylvania House District since its creation in 1968. The RSLC launched a full-scale micro-targeted campaign of about \$150,000 over the last week of the campaign to help shape the contrast between the two candidates. You can read more about the RSLC's efforts to help O'Neal win this historically Democrat district [here](#).

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Idaho Lt. Governor Brad Little [won](#) Tuesday night's gubernatorial primary election against two other well-funded Republican opponents. Little was appointed to the Lt. Governor's office in 2009 and previously served in the Idaho state Senate. Additionally, former state Representative Janice McGeachin secured the Republican nomination for Lt. Governor in the primary. McGeachin would [become](#) the first female to hold the Lt. Governor's office if she is victorious in November. If elected she said she wants to focus her time in office, "helping students obtain skills to get jobs in the trade sector, and helping rural areas protect their resources."

The RSLC's Judicial Fairness Initiative [released an ad](#) this week in support of Arkansas Court of Appeals candidate Johnnie Copeland. The ad targets current Court of Appeals Judge Bart Virden over his decision to overturn a jury's conviction of a habitual rapist on a technicality. In a [statement](#) announcing the ad, RSLC

President Matt Walter said, "The Judicial Fairness Initiative seeks opportunities to support conservative judges who support the law and the needs of the victim, like former prosecutor Judge Johnnie Copeland."

Real estate developer Jeff Bartos [won](#) the Republican nomination for Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Tuesday night. Facing three other Republican opponents Bartos finished the night with nearly 50% of the votes cast in the Republican primary. Leading up to the primary, Bartos had formed an unofficial alliance with gubernatorial nominee Scott Wagner, who won Tuesday night's gubernatorial primary, which means Wagner and Bartos will run on a combined ticket in November.

The *Colorado Spring-Gazette*, the second largest newspaper in the state, [published](#) an article from the editorial board describing Republican Secretary of State Wayne Williams "as the country's leader in keeping elections clean, accurate and fair." The editorial reaped heavy praise upon Williams' efforts in his first term to strengthen and improve Colorado's election security. Williams, up for election this fall, has ensured that Colorado's "elections are the most accurate and fair in the country, with a system of checks and balances that does not tolerate fraud or mistakes," wrote the editorial board.

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