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Subject: This Week in RSLC News: Republicans Win Four New York Special Elections, Virginia Republican Delegate Passes on Mayoral Bid, and more

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DID YOU KNOW...

Republican candidates Jacob Ashby, John Mikulin, Doug Smith, and Chris Tague all [won](#) their special elections for seats in the New York state Assembly. In total 11 legislative special elections were held in New York on Tuesday and Republicans won every district that President Trump carried in 2016. With Tuesday's victories, Republicans have now won 25 state legislative special elections in 2018.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Virginia Republican Delegate Glenn Davis has decided to [forego](#) a mayoral bid for Virginia Beach and cited Republicans' slim majority in the state House as a potential factor in his decision. "(So) many in my district and around the state worked tirelessly to keep what is a one-seat Republican majority in the House of Delegates, and the reality that my decision could alter that balance of power was of significant concern," Davis said in a statement announcing his decision. Davis is in his third term representing Virginia Beach and narrowly won re-election in 2017 in a district that Democratic Governor Ralph Northam carried.

Despite New York Democrats holding two state Senate seats on Tuesday night, Republicans [will continue](#) to maintain their majority in the upper chamber after Democratic state Senator Simcha Felder announced he would continue to caucus with the Republicans. The Republican Majority caucus will retain a 32-seat majority in the 63-seat chamber with Felder's announcement. A spokesman for the Senate Republican caucus welcomed Felder's decision saying Felder is "an important and trusted member of our conference."

Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox recently started a podcast focusing on politics, sports, and pop culture. "Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox Drops New Podcast, Could A Bid For Governor Be Next?" [read](#) one headline from a local public radio station. Cox has long been rumored to be considering a campaign for governor but said his new podcast "is not related to that in any way, but that doesn't stop people from speculating." You can listen to the first two episodes of the new podcast [here](#).

The Clarion-Ledger [reported](#) on a poll showing Mississippi Lt. Governor Tate Reeves in a "statistical tie" against Democrat Attorney General Jim Hood for a potential 2019 gubernatorial campaign. Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant is term-limited after 2019 and Reeves has been mentioned as the most likely Republican gubernatorial candidate in 2019.

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