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Subject: This Week in RSLC News: Republican Special Election Candidate Endorsed by New York Post, New WA House Republican Leader Profiled by Seattle Times, and more

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DID YOU KNOW...

There are two legislative chambers up this November with slim one-vote Republican majorities. Senate Republican majorities in Colorado and Maine have been mentioned as targets by Democratic groups such as Eric Holder's National Democratic Redistricting Committee as flip opportunities. Republicans held their majorities in these chambers in 2016 despite Hillary Clinton carrying them both.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The *New York Post* [endorsed](#) Republican Julie Killian in the special election for New York's 37th Senate district this week describing Killian as a "nonideological problem-solver." The endorsement noted Killian's opponent, Democrat Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, "is something of an Albany lifer" as Mayer previously served as chief counsel to Senate Democrats who were later convicted of corruption charges. Concluding the endorsement, the editorial board wrote, "Westchester would be far better served by sending an outsider to Albany — which badly needs shaking up."

New Washington state Republican House Leader J. T. Wilcox was [profiled](#) by the *Seattle Times* in a piece titled, "Politics and chicken farming: Meet the new GOP leader in Washington's state House." Wilcox, first elected to the state House in 2010, became the Republican leader this spring after Rep. Dan Kristiansen announced his retirement. Republicans would only need to flip two seats in the state House this fall to gain a majority and Wilcox remained optimistic that Republicans could regain control of the chamber saying, "I don't feel like this is fated to be a permanently blue state."

Numerous Wisconsin Republican state legislators [have passed](#) on running for Speaker Paul Ryan's 1st Congressional district. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said he preferred to stay in Wisconsin to push conservative reforms on the state level and announced he would run for re-election so he could "continue to focus on maintaining the strong, historic majority in the Wisconsin state Assembly." State Senator Dave Craig, a former Ryan staffer who represents a part of the 1st Congressional district, also declined a bid saying, "After much prayerful consideration the timing to run for Congress is not right for our young family."

Arkansas Lt. Governor and RLGA Vice-Chairman Tim Griffin [posted](#) his first quarter fundraising numbers showing his campaign raised \$55,000 so far in 2018 and has just under \$500,00 cash-on-hand. Griffin is up for re-election this November.

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