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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

The Republican Lieutenant Governors Association [announced](#) its 2018 Executive Committee this week with North Carolina Lt. Governor Dan Forest as Chairman and Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin as Vice Chairman. "With 31 Republican Lt. Governors currently in office, Republicans will have a lot of territory to defend in 2018, and I look forward to helping elect Republican Lt. Governors across the country this year," Lt. Governor Forest said in a statement announcing the Executive Committee. In 2016, the RLGA made its largest investment, nearly a million dollars, in its history at that time to a Political Action Committee supporting Lt. Governor Forest's re-election campaign.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC) in an interview with *The New York Times* [stated](#) they intend to focus a significant portion of their \$30 million budget to target states where Republicans hold both legislative chambers and the governor's office which includes states such as Florida, Ohio, and Wisconsin among others. In the article, RSLC President Matt Walter "warned that Mr. Holder's group represents a new force in state-level politics, and urged Republicans to prepare for better-funded Democratic efforts than in the past." Additionally, *The Hill* [reported](#), "Strategists with the Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) showed up at Holder's breakfast [with the *Christian Science Monitor*], handing out a memo of their own aimed at "Eric Holder's 'rigged' political side-show."

In Missouri, Republicans [won](#) three of four state House special elections on Tuesday. Right Women, Right Now Republican candidates Peggy McGaugh and Chris Dinkins were elected to Districts 39 and 144, respectively. Republican Speaker Todd Richardson and his caucus will continue to hold their supermajority status in the state House.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court let a court-ordered redrawing of Pennsylvania's congressional districts proceed, [rejecting](#) Republican leaders and voters request to put a hold on an order from the state Supreme Court. Last month, the partisan-elected Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the current map of 18 districts violates the state constitution because it unfairly benefits Republicans. Four of the seven Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices, all Democrats, said the Legislature has until February 9th to approve a new map, after which Governor Wolf will have until February 15th to decide whether to endorse it. Failing that, the justices will adopt a map themselves.

A Nevada district court judge [heard](#) arguments Wednesday in a lawsuit filed by Democratic superlawyer Marc Elias attempting to block two recall elections of Democratic state Senators from going forward. Elias argued that signers of the original recall petitions should have the right to remove their name from the petitions after they are submitted to state election officials. Republican Lt. Governor Mark Hutchison, a lead attorney for the recall supporters, argued the Democrats are trying to change the rules of the recall process for their own benefit. The district court judge said he did not expect to rule on the case before next week and that he expects whatever his ruling is to be appealed to the state supreme court.

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