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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Louisiana Republican Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin [won](#) the runoff election to fulfill the remaining term of the office. Ardoin has been serving in the role since May and will be up for re-election for a full term in November 2019. "The secretary of state's office is turning the page and entering a new chapter, a chapter I believe will be the most meaningful and impactful in history," Ardoin said in his victory speech on Saturday evening. Republicans now control 29 Secretary of State offices throughout the country.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

On Tuesday, RSLC Future Majority Project Director Neri Martinez appeared on a panel at Politico's 6th Annual Women Rule Summit to discuss the Republican Party's efforts to recruit and support more female Republican candidates. Martinez, appearing alongside Congresswomen Mia Love and Elise Stefanik, highlighted that the RSLC's Right Women, Right Now initiative helped elect over 160 new Republican female state-level candidates in 2018 and has invested nearly \$30 million since 2012 in its Future Majority Project and Right Women, Right Now initiatives.

North Carolina Speaker of the House Tim Moore was unanimously [re-elected](#) to another term as Speaker on Wednesday evening, making him the longest-serving Republican Speaker in his state's history. "We will maintain North Carolina's pro-growth policies that have grown the state economy, kept our promises to taxpayers, and prioritized public education to build the very best state in the nation for families and businesses," Speaker Moore said in a statement announcing his re-election.

[awarded](#) Louisiana state Senator Sharon Hewitt with its "Legislator of the Year" award. Hewitt, first elected in 2015, has been a vocal critic of the Democrat governor during her time in office and has advocated for fiscal reforms to the state budget as well as promoted training programs to get more skilled workers into the STEM fields.

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos [announced](#) he would step down on December 15th. Secretary Pablos was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott two years ago and cited the completion of the 2018 midterms as the right time "to begin the process of transitioning out of my position and passing the baton." In Texas, the Secretary of State serves as the chief elections officer and also advises the Governor on issues related to the border. Secretary Pablos is "a dedicated public servant who has done an exceptional job upholding the integrity of our election system," Governor Abbott said following Pablos' announcement.

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