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Six state Senate chambers, up for election this cycle, have slim one-seat majorities. Republicans hold a one-seat majority in the Colorado, Maine, and New York Senate chambers while Democrats hold a one-seat majority in Washington. The Connecticut and Minnesota Senate chambers are currently tied. Who controls the majorities in these closely watched and competitive chambers after this cycle could come down to just a few hundred votes as it happened in Colorado in 2014 when Republican state Senator Beth Martinez Humenik won her race by less than 900 votes, giving Republicans control of the chamber for the first time since the early 2000s.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Alaska State Senator Kevin Meyer [secured](#) the Republican lieutenant governor nomination on Tuesday night with 36% of the vote. Meyer will run on a ticket with Republican gubernatorial candidate former state Senator Mike Dunleavy. After his victory, Meyer said, "It was a lot of hard work, but it was rewarding, in the sense that, you know, we all got along and I met a lot of good people statewide that I wouldn't have if I stayed in the Senate." The Dunleavy-Meyer ticket will face independent Governor Bill Walker and Democrat Mark Begich in the general election in November.

West Virginia Speaker Tim Armstead [resigned](#) from the House of Delegates on Tuesday to pursue a bid for the state Supreme Court. He had served in the House of Delegates since 1998 and was the minority leader for the caucus from 2007 to 2014 until the House of Delegates flipped to a Republican majority. "Although the Secretary of State's Office has said that it is not required that I resign from the House in order to run for the court, I want to ensure that my candidacy fully complies with all state

laws and standards of conduct and is above question," Armstead said in a written statement announcing his decision. Delegates are expected to return to the state capitol next week to chose a new Speaker.

Alaska state Representative George Rauscher [won](#) his contested primary Tuesday night after a challenge from a union-backed Republican opponent. Rauscher defeated Jim Colver in the primary in 2016 and Colver attempted to win back his seat this year. Colver has been described as the head of the Musk Ox Republican coalition which has joined with the Democrat House caucus to give Democrats a majority in the state House chamber. Rauscher's victory puts the Republican caucus in a stronger position to elect a Republican Speaker following this cycle.

Republican Congressional candidate Young Kim was [profiled](#) by *LJ Review* as she tries to become the first Korean-American woman elected to Congress. Kim, a former staffer for retiring incumbent Ed Royce, is running for California's 39th Congressional District and was previously featured on the RSLC's "14 in '14: Races to Watch" list during her successful campaign for a California state Assembly seat. Describing her desire to run, Kim said, "I am working hard to preserve the hard work of the first-generation immigrant business owners, hard-working immigrant families like my family did, so they can realize the American dream."

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