



2020 Minnesota Election Summary

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Minnesota Legislature Election Guide Cheat Sheet

Minnesota Senate

Pre-election Senate Majority: Republican 35 - Democrat 32

Post-election Senate Majority: Republican 34 - Democrat 33

- Senate Incumbents Losing Re-election:
 - Jerry Relph (SD14-St. Cloud-GOP)
 - Dan Sparks (SD27-Albert Lea-DFL)
 - Matt Little (SD58-Lakeville-DFL)
 - Dan Hall (SD56-Savage-GOP)

Note: Paul Anderson (SD44-Plymouth-GOP) did not run for reelection and Democratic candidate Ann Johnson Stewart was able to flip the seat.

Minnesota House

Pre-election House Majority: Democrat 75 - Republican 59

Post-election House Majority: Democrat 70 - Republican 64

- House Incumbents Losing Re-election:
 - John Persell (HD5A-Bemidji-DFL)
 - Jeff Brand (19A-St. Peter-DFL)
 - Jeanne Poppe (27B-Austin-DFL)
 - Anne Claflin (54A-South St. Paul-DFL)
 - Brad Tabke (55A-Shakopee-DFL)

Introduction

The general election took place on Tuesday, November 3 the warmest Election Day in Minnesota History. The weather was not the only thing that made this election historic. This election took place amidst the COVID-19 pandemic on a day where Minnesota hit a new record high number of cases: 3,483 to be exact. Due to concerns about COVID-19 1,839,710 voters, equal to 62% of all votes cast in 2016, chose to vote by mail prior to Election Day. In person absentee voting began September 18. Minnesota is projected again to lead the nation in voter turnout with likely more than 80% of registered voters voting in this election. The Minnesota ballot included the President, Tina Smith's Senate Seat, eight Congressional seats, the entire Minnesota legislature, and various judicial contests including a contested Supreme Court race.

For the most part this election was a status quo election in Minnesota. Vice President Joe Biden was able to win Minnesota by 200,000 votes, a larger margin than Hillary Clinton won the state in 2016. Tina Smith kept her Senate seat. Of Minnesota's eight Congressional seats all incumbents won with the exception of Congressman Peterson who lost to former Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Michelle Fischbach. All incumbent judges won their elections.

In the state legislature the Republicans will keep their majority in the Senate and Democrats will keep their majority in the House. Senate Democrats needed to keep all of their seats and win an additional two seats to retake control of the Senate. Senate Democrats lost Dan Sparks and Matt Little's Seat. Senate Democrats flipped Paul Anderson, Jerry Relph, and Dan Hall's seats for a net gain of one seat in the Senate. In the Minnesota House the House Republicans needed to win an additional nine seats to regain control of the House. House Republicans were able to flip Representatives Persell, Brand, Claflin, Poppe, and Tabke's seat. House Republicans did not lose any House seats. If these numbers hold the House Democrats will continue to control the House.

There were 20 legislative retirements this years, four in the Senate and 16 in the House.

GUIDE

The following document includes a breakdown of the presidential, state, federal, and judicial elections taking place across Minnesota. In the charts below, incumbent candidates have been denoted in bold. Those who won are denoted by a highlighted name.

2020 Election Summary

United States Senate

DFL: Tina Smith

GOP: Jason Lewis

Following the resignation of Senator Franken, former Lt. Governor Tina Smith was appointed by Governor Dayton to fill this vacancy until the special election in November 2018. After serving nearly a year in the US Senate, Smith ran in a special election in 2018 where she secured 52.97% of the vote. Since she was reelected to the remainder of Franken's term, she faced reelection again this year. This year Senator Smith faced former Congressman Jason Lewis. This year Senator Smith won with 48.74% of the vote.

US CONGRESS

Minnesota's 8 congressional seats drew an unprecedented amount of outside spending. All members of Congress from Minnesota choose to run for reelection in 2020. The first, second, and seventh districts were nationally targeted races. The seventh is currently DFL-controlled and has changed to Republican control; the first, sixth, and eighth remained in Republican control; and the second, third, fourth, and fifth remained in DFL control. Hagedorn faced his 2018 challenger and emerged victorious.

1st Congressional District (*Rematch*)

DFL: Dan Feehan

GOP: Jim Hagedorn (*Incumbent*)

Governor Walz vacated this seat to run for governor in 2018. In 2018 Jim Hagedorn was able to beat Dan Feehan by less than 1% of the vote, a margin of 1,312 votes. Hagedorn expanded his margin in 2020 winning the seat by 13,000 votes. Hagedorn was a congressional staffer before running for Congress, Feehan is a former teacher and Iraq war veteran.

2nd Congressional District

DFL: Angie Craig (*Incumbent*)

GOP: Tyler Kistner

LMN: Adam Weeks

This race gained the national spotlight after Adam Weeks died in late September. Early voting had already begun and his name remained on all ballots in CD2. Minnesota state law required the election to be pushed to a special election in February. Angie Craig brought a lawsuit to make the election move forward as was originally scheduled. Federal law preempted state law and the election went on as was originally scheduled. Congresswoman Craig won and will return to D.C. for her second term.

3rd Congressional District

DFL: Dean Phillips (*Incumbent*)

GOP: Kendall Qualls

Congressman Dean Phillips faced health care executive Kendall Qualls in his bid for re-election. Phillips flipped the long-time republican seat in 2018. Phillips won and will be returning to D.C. to serve his second term.

4th Congressional District (*Rematch*)

DFL: Betty McCollum (*Incumbent*)

GOP: Gene Rehtz

Incumbent Congresswoman Betty McCollum faced opponent Gene Rehtz, a self-employed farmer, property manager, and self-taught legal expert. The ten-term Congresswoman won with nearly 63% percent of the vote.

5th Congressional District

DFL: Ilhan Omar (*Incumbent*)

GOP: Lacy Johnson

Prior to competing in the general election incumbent Congresswoman Ilhan Omar had to compete in a high profile primary. Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District is a democratic stronghold. Omar's opponent in the primary was attorney Antone Melton-Meaux. About \$10 million was spent in their primary race and 90% of Omar's and Melton-Meaux's donations came from outside the district. In the end, Omar won the primary with 58% of the vote.

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar faced opponent Lacy Johnson in her first re-election campaign. Congresswoman Omar has been a focus of President Trump and someone he often criticizes at his rallies. The national spotlight on Omar prompted people from across the country to spend heavily in the district. Lacy Johnson raised \$10 million while Omar had taken in about \$5.4 million as of mid-October. Johnson is a businessman from North Minneapolis. The democratic leaning district will be sending Congresswoman Omar back to DC in 2021.

6th Congressional District

DFL: Tawnja Zahradka

GOP: Tom Emmer (*Incumbent*)

GOP incumbent Congressman Tom Emmer faced Democrat Tawnja Zahradka, a political newcomer and former broadcaster, who he handily defeated. He will head back to Washington, D.C. for his fourth term in office.

7th Congressional District

DFL: Collin Peterson (*Incumbent*)

GOP: Michelle Fischbach

DFL incumbent Congressman Collin Peterson has represented Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District since 1991. He was the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. This year he faced opponent Michelle Fischbach. Fischbach was formerly Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor and Minnesota's President of the Senate. Fischbach was able to defeat Congressman Peterson by 50,000 votes.

8th Congressional District

DFL: Quinn Nystrom

GOP: Pete Stauber (*Incumbent*)

Congressman Stauber was flipped Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District to Democratic in 2018 when Congressman Rick Nolan choose not to run for re-election. This year Congressman Stauber faced opponent Quinn Nystrom. Nystrom is a health care advocate. Congressman Stauber won with 56.7% of the vote.

Minnesota Legislature

The Minnesota legislature is poised to continue to be the only split legislature in the nation. With all 201 seats on the ballot and redistricting in the near future the Republicans have held on to the majority in the Minnesota Senate and Democrats appear to have held on to a majority in the Minnesota House. 20 legislators: 16 in the House and 4 in the Senate did not run for reelection in 2020. Five former legislators chose to run for office again. Of the five former legislators that chose to run for office again only Matt Bliss (GOP) and Keith Franke (GOP) won. The current count is: 34-33 GOP in the Senate and 70-64 DFL in the House.

There are three House races that are currently subject to recounts. Others may request recounts but they have to pay for them.

- 6A
 - Robert Farnsworth: 10,714; 49.9%
 - **Julie Sandstede: 10,764; 50.1%**
- 19A
 - **Susan Akland: 11,603; 50.16%**
 - **Jeff Brand: 11,491; 49.67%**
- 38B
 - Elliott Engen: 13,795; 49.77%
 - **Ami Wazlawik: 13,893; 50.12**

CONCLUSION

The upcoming legislative session will no doubt be an interesting one, with a split House and Senate, a DFL Governor and a slew of pressing matters on the agenda. The looming budget deficit and COVID-19 will likely continue to take center-stage as the incoming legislature must address these issues in 2021. In addition to the group of new legislators coming to the Capitol in January, there will also be new committee chairs and potential changes to caucus leadership that will have to take these issues head-on.

CONTESTED JUDICIAL RACES (NONPARTISAN)

All contested incumbents won re-election.

Supreme Court, Seat 2

Paul Thissen (*Incumbent*)

Michelle MacDonald

District 1, Seat 32

Joseph Carter (*Incumbent*)

Martin "Marty" Judge

District 2, Seat 8

Pat Diamond (*Incumbent*)

Ngozi Akubuike

District 9, Seat 4

Benjamin T. Lindstrom

Charles D. Halverson (*Incumbent*)

District 9, Seat 19

Jana Austad (*Incumbent*)

James Hughes

United States Senate

Democrat	Republican	Other
Tina Smith-48.8%	Jason Lewis-43.5%	Kevin O'Connor-Legal Marijuana Now-5.9% Oliver Steinberg-Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis-1.8%

Congressional Races

District	Democrat	Republican	Other
1	Dan Feehan-45.4%	Jim Hagedorn-48.9%	Bill Rood - Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis-5.8%
2	Angie Craig-48.2%	Tyler Kistner-46%	Adam Weeks-Legalize Marijuana Now-5.8%
3	Dean Phillips-55.6%	Kendall Qualls-44.4%	
4	Betty McCollum -63.6%	Gene Rehtzigel-Republican-29%	Susan Sindt- Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis-7.6%
5	Ilhan Omar-64.6%	Lacy Johnson-Republican-25.9%	Michael Moore-Legal Marijuana Now-9.5%
6	Tawnja Zahradka-35.7%	Tom Emmer-64.3%	
7	Collin Peterson-39.8%	Michelle Fischbach-53.6%	Rae Hart Anderson-Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis-4.9% Slater Johnson-Legal Marijuana Now-1.8%
8	Quinn Nystrom-37.6%	Pete Stauber-56.7%	Judith Schwartzbacker-Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis

State Senate Races

District	Democrat-Famer-Labor Candidate	Republican Candidate	3rd Party Candidate	Notes
1	Reed Perkins-30.3%	Mark Johnson-69.7%		
2	Leonard Alan Roy-34.6%	Paul Utke-65.4%		
3	Thomas (Tom) Bakk-55.3%	Christopher Hogan-44.7%		
4	Kent Eken-54.6%	Mark Larson-45.4%		
5	Rita Albrecht-35.5%	Justin Eichorn-56.6%	Robyn Smith – Legal Marijuana Now;-5.6% Dennis Barsness – Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-2.3%	
6	David J. Tomassoni-57.2%	John J. Moren-42.8%		
7	Jen McEwen-68.4%	Donna Bergstrom-31.6%		Donna Bergstrom ran against Erik Simonson (D) in 2016 and was Jeff Johnson's Lt. Gov. candidate in 2018. Erik Simonson lost his primary.

8	Michele Anderson-32.3%	Bill Ingebrigsten-67.7%		
9	A. John Peters-24.2%	Paul Gazelka-75.8%		
10	Steve Samuelson-32.5%	Carrie Ruud-67.5%		
11	Michelle Lee-43.4%	Jason Rarick-56.6%		Jason Rarick was elected in a special election in February 2019 when a seat became vacant due to a member's resignation. Michelle Lee ran for Congress in 2018.
12	Jill Abahsain-25.9%	Torrey Westrom-74.1%		
13	Michael Willemsen-30.5%	Jeff Howe-69.5%		Michael Willemsen ran for this seat in 2016 against Michelle Fischbach.
14	Aric Putnam-46.4%	Jerry Relph-45.7%	Jaden Partlow – Legal Marijuana Now-7.9%	
15	Brent Krist-25.2%	Andrew Mathews-74.8%		

16		Gary Dahms-73.8%	Steve “Stoney” Preslicka – Legal Marijuana Now-12.1% Joshua Prine-Independent-14%	
17	Fernando Alvarado-32.1%	Andrew Lang-67.9%		
18	Chad R. Tschimperle-28.5%	Scott Newman-71.5%		
19	Nick Frentz-59.9%	Elizabeth Bangert-40.1%		
20	Jon Olson-39.8%	Rich Draheim-54.3%	Jason Hoschette – Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-5.9%	
21	Ralph Kaehler-40.3%	Michael P. Goggin-59.7%		
22	Shawna Marshall-25.8%	Bill Weber-69.2%	Brian Abrahamson-Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-5%	Brian Abrahamson ran against Bill Weber in 2016 as a Democrat.
23		Julie Rosen-78.8%	David Pulkrabek-21.2%	
24	Roger Steinkamp-36.2%	John Jasinski-63.8%		
25	Sara Flick-48.7%	David Senjem-51.3%		
26	Aleta Borrud-49.1%	Carla Nelson-50.9%		

27	Dan Sparks-40.4%	Gene Dornink-53.2%	Tyler Becvar – Legal Marijuana Now-6.4%	Rematch from 2016.
28	Sarah Kruger-42.4%	Jeremy R. Miller-57.6%		
29	Chris Brazelton-28.8%	Bruce D. Anderson- 63.4%	Mary Murphy – Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-8.4%	
30	Diane Nguyen-32.4%	Mary Kiffmeyer-67.6%		
31	Kate Luthner-29%	Michelle Benson-71%		
32	Joshua Fike-33.5%	Mark Koran-66.5%		
33	Gretchen Piper-46%	David Osmek-54%		
34	Bonnie Westlin-49.2%	Warren Limmer-50.8%		Bonnie Westlin ran against Warren Limmer in 2016
35	David L. Nelson-37.2%	Jim Abeler-62.8%		
36	John Hoffman-56.3%	Karen Attia-43.7%		
37	Jerry Newton-52.4%	Brad Sanford-47.6%		Rematch from 2016
38	Justin Stofferahn-47.8%	Roger Chamberlain- 52.2%		
39	Josiah Hill-47%	Karin Housley-53%		
40	Chris Eaton-71.5%	Robert Marvin-28.5%		Rematch from 2016

41	Mary Kunesch-Podein- 66.9%	Lucia Marina Vogel- 33.1%		Incumbent Carolyn Laine (D) is retiring. Lucia Marina Vogel's husband is running for House District 41B.
42	Jason "Ike" Isaacson- 58.8%	Ben Schwanke-41.2%		
43	Charles "Chuck" Wiger- 56.3%	Bob Zick-35.3%	Doug Daubenspeck - Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-8.4%	Bob Zick ran against Chuck Wiger in 2016
44	Ann Johnson Stewart- 58.8%	Greg Pulles-41.2%		Incumbent Paul Anderson (R) is retiring
45	Ann Rest-60.8%	Roxana Bruins-29.4%	Andy Schuler – Legal Marijuana Now-9.8%	Roxana Bruins ran against Ann Rest in 2016
46	Ron Latz-72.8%	Bryan P. Bjornson- 27.2%		
47	Addie Miller-42.3%	Julia Coleman-57.7%		Incumbent Scott Jensen (R) is retiring
48	Steve Cwodziński-58.2%	Jeff Jiang-41.8%		
49	Melisa Lopez Franzen- 62.9%	Julie Dupre-37.1%		
50	Melisa Halvorson Wiklund-66.6%	Dean Mumbleau-33.4%		
51	Jim Carlson-60.1%	Douglas Willetts-37.1%		

52	Matt Klein-60.6%	Tomas Settell-39.4%		
53	Susan Kent-54%	Mary Giuliani Stephens-46%		Mary Giuliani Stephens ran for Governor in 2018.
54	Karla Bigham-52.9%	Leilani Holmstadt-47.1%		Leilani Holmstadt ran for this seat against Dan Schoen in 2016.
55	Sahra Odowa-38.3%	Eric Pratt-61.7%		
56	Lindsey Port-53.1%	Dan Hall-46.9%		
57	Greg Clausen-56.4%	Jose Jimenez-43.6%		Jimenez's wife is running in District 57B.
58	Matt Little-44.5%	Zach Duckworth-55.5%		
59	Bobby Joe Champion-82.4%	Paul Anderson-17.6%		
60	Kari Dziedzic-85.9%	Mary Holmberg-14.4%		
61	Scott Dibble-85%	Jennifer Zielinski-15%		
62	Omar Fateh-89.4%	Bruce Lundeen-10.6%		Bruce Lundeen ran against Jeff Hayden (D) in 2016. Incumbent Jeff Hayden lost his primary.
63	Patricia Torres Ray-77.9%	Diane Napper-15.6%	Chris Wright – Grassroots Legalize Cannabis-6.5%	

64	Erin Murphy-79.1%	Sharon Anderson-14.6%	Patricia Jirovec McArdell – Legal Marijuana Now-6.3%	Incumbent Dick Cohen (D) is retiring. Erin Murphy is a former House Majority Leader. Sharon Anderson ran for this seat in 2016.
65	Sandy Pappas-81.7%	Paul Holmgren-18.3%		
66	John Marty-77.2%	Greg Copeland-22.8%		Greg Copeland has run for this seat on numerous occasions.
67	Foung Hawj -74.1%	Alexander Deputie- 25.9%		

The Republicans maintain control of the Minnesota Senate. They have a 34-33 majority.

Senate Seats that Flipped

SD14 (St. Cloud)-Senator Relph (R)

Senator Relph beat, now Representative, then candidate Dan Wolgamott by 141 votes, while President Trump won the district by eight points in 2016 and Governor Walz by four points in 2018. Senator Relph is the Vice Chair for the Committee on Family Care and Aging. Senator Relph's opponent was Aric Putnam, a St. John's University professor. Putnam ran in House District 14A in 2018. Putnam was very active campaigning in person in Saint Cloud and on social media. Putnam won with 46.4% of the vote.

SD27 (Austin-Albert Lea)-Senator Sparks (DFL)

Senator Sparks has been in office since 2002. In 2016 Donald Trump carried the District by 14 points while Senator Sparks carried the District by 10 points. Senator Smith and Governor Walz both narrowly carried the District in 2018. Senator Sparks' opponent was Gene Dornink who ran in 2016. Dornink is a long time union member and business owner in Rochester. Senator Sparks was the Ranking Minority Member for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy. Dornink won with 53% of the vote.

SD44 (Minnetonka)-OPEN SEAT

Senator Paul Anderson (R) announced his retirement in February of 2020. Republican Greg Pulles ran against Democrat Ann Johnson Stewart. Pulles was formerly a bank's general counsel, Johnson Stewart is a civil engineer with her own firm. In 2016 Clinton won the district by 18 points while Senator Anderson won the district by less than one point. In 2018 Governor Walz won the district by 18 points. Johnson Stewart won with 58.8% of the vote.

SD56 (Burnsville)-Senator Hall (R)

In 2016 Senator Hall won the district by ten points in 2016 while Hillary Clinton won the district by four points. In 2018 the district went for Governor Walz by 9 points. Both of the House seats within Senate District 44 are Democrats. Senator Hall is a former teacher and former Burnsville Police and Fire Chaplain. Hall's opponent, Lindsey Port, is a non-profit director. Senator Hall was the Chair of the Committee on Local Government. This was the second most expensive race in 2020. Port won with 53% of the vote.

SD58 (Lakeville)-Senator Little (DFL)

In 2016 Senator Little won his district by a margin of 400 votes while President Trump carried the district in 2016 by 17 points. In 2018 the district went for Jeff Johnson in the gubernatorial race by seven points. Senator Little's opponent was Republican Zack Duckworth, a veteran, volunteer firefighter and Chairman of the Lakeville School Board. Little was formerly the Mayor of Lakeville. Duckworth won with 55.5% of the vote.

State House Races

District	Democrat-Famer-Labor Candidate	Republican Candidate	3rd Party Candidate	Notes
1A	Connie Lindstrom-27.2%	John Burkel-72.8%		Incumbent Dan Fabian (R) is retiring
1B	Cindy Ansbacher-29%	Deb Kiel-71%		
2A	Jeremiah Liend-37.2%	Matthew Grossell-62.8%		
2B	David Suby-33.7%	Steve Green-66.3%		
3A	Rob Ecklund-52.5%	Thomas Manninen-47.5%		
3B	Mary Murphy-56.7%	Andrew J. Hjelle-43.3%		
4A	Heather Keeler-57.6%	Edwin Hahn-42.4%		Incumbent Ben Lien (D) is retiring
4B	Paul Marquart-52.8%	Brian Anderson-47.2%		
5A	John Persell-44%	Matt Bliss-56%		Rematch from 2018. Matt Bliss is a former Legislator.
5B	Joe Abeyta-39.2%	Spencer Igo-60.8%		Incumbent Sandy Layman (R) is retiring
6A	Julie Sandstede-50.1%	Robert Farnsworth-50.1%		Rematch from 2016
6B	David Lislegard-54.8%	Julie Buria -45.2%		
7A	Jennifer Schultz-70.6%	Tom Sullivan-29.4%		
7B	Liz Olson-68.2%	Art Johnston-31.8%		

8A	Brittney Johnson-34%	Jordan Rasmusson-66%		Incumbent Bud Nornes (R) is retiring
8B	Carol Wenner-32%	Mary Franson-68%		
9A	Alex Herring-25.8%	John Poston-74.2%		
9B	Laura Wright-22.8%	Ron Kresha-77.2%		
10A	Dale Menk-35.2%	Josh Heintzeman-64.8%		
10B	Gaylene Spolarich-30.6%	Dale Lueck-69.4%		
11A	Mike Sundin-51.5%	Jeff Dotseth-48.5%		
11B	Jack Frechette-34.6%	Nathan Nelson-65.4%		
12A	Murray Smart-33%	Jeff Backer-67%		
12B	Ben Schirmers-25.4%	Paul Anderson-74.6%		
13A	Katy Westlund-28.9%	Lisa Demuth-71.1%		
13B	Benjamin Carollo-32%	Tim O'Driscoll-68%		
14A	Tamara 'Tami' Calhoun-44.8%	Tama Theis-55.2%		
14B	Dan Wolgamott-53.2%	Paul Brandmire-46.8%		
15A	Cal Schmock-25.7%	Sondra Erickson-74.3%		
15B	Ron Thiessen-22%	Shane Mekeland-72.3%	Myron Arthur Wilson – Veterans Party – Minnesota-5.7%	
16A	Doria Drost-30.8%	Chris Swedzinski-69.2%		

16B	Mindy Kimmel-32.3%	Paul Torkelson-67.7%		Kimmel ran against Paul Torkelson in 2018.
17A	Ben Dolan-30.8%	Tim Miller-64.3%	Ed Engelmann- Legal Marijuana Now-4.9%	
17B	Logan Kortgard-29.2%	Dave Baker-70.8%		
18A		Dean Urdahl		
18B	Heather Bakke-28.6%	Glenn Gruenhagen-71.4%		
19A	Jeff Brand-49.8%	Susan Akland-50.2%		
19B	Luke Frederick-59.7%	Jeremy Loger-40.3%		Incumbent Jack Considine (D) is retiring
20A	Erina Prom-31.3%	Brian Pfarr-68.7%		Incumbent Bob Vogel (R) is retiring
20B	Todd Lippert-52.5%	Joe Moravchik-47.5%		
21A	Matt Bruns-40.3%	Barb Haley-59.7%		
21B	Elise Diesslin-33.3%	Steve Drazkowski-66.7%		Rematch from 2016.
22A	Chris Baumberger-26.9%	Joe Schomacker-73.1%		
22B	Lynn Herrick-27.2%	Rod Hamilton-72.8%		
23A	Patricia Fahey Bacon-31.5%	Bjorn Olson-68.5%		Incumbent Bob Gunther (R) is retiring
23B	Leroy McClelland-35.2%	Jeremy Munson-64.8%		
24A	Tom Shea-38.7%	John Petersburg-61.3%		

24B	Ashley Martinez-Perez-33.7%	Brian Daniels-66.3%		
25A	Kim Hicks-42.5%	Duane Robert Quam-57.5%		
25B	Liz Boldon-58.1%	Kenneth L. Bush-41.9%		Incumbent Duane Sauke (D) is retiring
26A	Tina Liebling-63.9%	Gary Melin-36.1%		
26B	Randy Brock-49.4%	Nels Pierson-50.6%		
27A	Thomas Martinez-37.2%	Peggy Bennett-62.8%		
27B	Jeanne Poppe-48.4%	Patricia Mueller-51.6%		
28A	Gene Pelowski Jr.			
28B	Jordan Fontenello-36.3%	Gregory Davids-63.7%		
29A	Renee Cardarelle-29.5%	Joe McDonald-70.5%		Rematch from 2018
29B	Joe Rosh-36.8%	Marion O'Neill-63.2%		
30A	Chad Hobot-33.1%	Paul Novotny-66.9%		Incumbent Paul Novotny won a Special Election in February 2020 replacing Nick Zerwas. This is a rematch from the 2020 special election.
30B	Brad Kovach-33.9%	Eric Lucero-66.1%		

31A	Brad Brown-26.2%	Kurt Daudt-73.8%		
31B	Sue Larson-32.8%	Cal Bahr-67.2%		Rematch from 2016.
32A	Renae Berg-31.6%	Brian Johnson-68.4%		
32B	Katie Malchow-37.8%	Anne Neu-62.2%		
33A	Caitlin Cahill-41.9%	Jerry Hertaus-58.1%		
33B	Kelly Morrison-50.5%	Andrew Myers-49.5%		
34A	Brian Raines-42.1%	Kristin Robbins-57.9%		
34B	Kristin Bahner-53.6%	Dori Trossen-46.4%		
35A	Mike Erickson-43.7%	John Heinrich-56.3%		
35B	Jason Ruffalo-39.7%	Peggy Scott-60.3%		
36A	Zach Stephenson-51.3%	Bill Maresh-48.7%		Rematch from 2018
36B	Melissa Hortman-60.4%	Scott Simmons 39.6%		
37A	Erin Koegel-55%	Ken Wendling-45%		
37B	Amir Malik-47.5%	Nolan West-52.5%		Rematch from 2018
38A	Kris Fredrick-46.2%	Donald Raleigh-53.8%		Incumbent Linda Runbeck (R) is retiring.
38B	Ami Wazlawik-50.2%	Elliott Engen-49.8%		
39A	Ann Mozey-42.1%	Bob Dettmer-57.9%		

39B	Shelly Christensen-50.5%	Joe Garofalo-49.5%		Garofalo is the cousin of Rep. Pat Garofalo (58B)
40A	Michael Nelson-72.9%	David True-27.1%		
40B	Samantha Vang-62.8%	Charlotte Smith-25.4%	Mary O' Connor- Legal Marijuana Now-11.8%	
41A	Connie Bernardy-64.1%	Susan Erickson-35.9%		Rematch from 2018
41B	Sandra Feist-70.5%	Ronald Ray Vogel-29.5%		Incumbent Mary Kunesh-Podein is running for Minnesota Senate district 41. Vogel's wife is running for Senate district 41.
42A	Kelly Moller-60.8%	Candy Sina-39.2%		
42B	Jamie Becker-Finn-62.1%	Sue Finney-37.9%		
43A	Peter Fischer-60.9%	Paul Babin-39.1%		
43B	Leon Lillie-56.6%	Jordan Herzog-37.5%		
44A	Ginny Klevorn-59.7%	Perry Nouis-40.3%		
44B	Patty Acomb-62.4%	Gary Porter-37.6%		Rematch from 2018
45A	Cedrick Frazier-63.2%	Jesse Pfliger-36.8%		Incumbent Lyndon Carlson (D) is retiring
45B	Mike Freiberg-70.7%	Ken Fitzgerald-29.3%		
46A	Ryan Winkler-69.8%	Anne Taylor		

46B	Cheryl Youakim-73.7%	Melissa Moore-26.3%		
47A	Arlan Brinkmeier-32.6%	Jim Nash-67.4%		
47B	Dan Kessler-48.8%	Greg Boe-51.6%		
48A	Laurie Pryor-60.9%	Eric Wessels-39.1%		
48B	Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn-55%	Holly Link-45%		
49A	Heather Edelson			
49B	Steve Elkins-62.3%	Joe Thalman-37.7%		
50A	Michael Howard-68.6%	Tim Johnson-31.4%		Tim Johnson ran for this seat in 2016 against former Rep. Linda Slocum.
50B	Andrew Carlson-63%	Gary Heyer-37%		
51A	Sandra Masin-59.1%	Patrick Zurick-40.9%		
51B	Liz Reyer-60.3%%	Fern Smith-39.7%		Incumbent Laurie Halverson (D) is retiring and is running for the Dakota County Board.
52A	Rick Hansen-65.6%	Mariah de la Paz-34.4%		
52B	Ruth Richardson-55.4%	Cynthia Lonnquist-44.6%		
53A	Tou Xiong-59.7%	William Johnston-40.3%		
53B	Steve Sandell-53.1%	Kelly Jahner-Byrne-46.9%		

54A	Anne Claflin-43.7%	Keith Franke-56.3%		Keith Franke is a former representative who lost to Anne Claflin in 2018.
54B	Kelsey Waits-46.4%	Tony Jurgens-53.6%		
55A	Brad Tabke-45.1%	Erik Mortensen-47.5%	Ryan Martin – Legal Marijuana Now-7.4%	Mortenson ran against Tabke in 2018.
55B	Andrea Nelsen-37.7%	Tony Albright-62.3%		
56A	Jessica Hanson-51.7%	Pam Myhra-48.3%		Incumbent Hunter Cantrell (D) is retiring. Pam Myhra is a former Rep. she ran for Auditor in 2018.
56B	Kaela Berg-52.5%	Roz Peterson-47.5%		Incumbent Alice Mann (D) retired. Roz Peterson is a former representative.
57A	Robert Bierman-55.72%	Megan Olson-44.18%		
57B	John Huot-55%	Sandra Jimenez-45%		Jimenez' husband ran in SD57.
58A	Erin Preese-43.4%	Jon Koznick-56.6%		
58B	Sara Wolf-32.9%	Pat Garofalo-67.1%		
59A	Fue Lee-75.5%		Marcus Harcus – Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis-24.5%	

59B	Esther Agbaje-74.7%	Alan Shilepsky-17.7%		Raymond Dehn (D) lost his primary.
60A	Sydney Jordan-82.6%	John Holmberg-14.6%		Sydney Jordan won a special election in February 2020 after Rep. Diane Loeffler passed away.
60B	Mohamud Noor			
61A	Frank Hornstein-84.6%	Kurtis Fechtmeyer-15.4%		
61B	Jamie Long-84.1%	Lisa Pohlman-15.9%		
62A	Hodan Hassan-89.9%	Arjun Kataria-10.1%		
62B	Aisha Gomez-91.1%	Ross Tenneson-8.9%		
63A	Jim Davnie-82.4%	Penny Arcos-10.5%	David Wiester – Legal Marijuana Now-7.1%	
63B	Emma Greenman-73.2%	Frank Pafko-19%	Dennis Schuller – Legal Marijuana Now-7.8%	Incumbent Jean Wagenius (D) is retiring. Frank Pafko ran for this seat in 2016.
64A	Kaohly Her-85.9%	Sherry Schack-14.1%		
64B	Dave Pinto-80.6%	Georgia Dietz-19.4%		
65A	Rena Moran-83.4%	Amy Anderson-16.6%		Rematch from 2016.
65B	Carlos Mariani-79.9%	Margaret Mary Stokely-20.1%		
66A	Alice Hausman-74.5%	Brett Rose-25.5%		

66B	Athena Hollins-79%	Mikki Murray-21%		John Lesch (D) lost his primary.
67A	John Thompson-73%	John Stromenger-27%		Incumbent Tim Mahoney (D) is retiring
67B	Jay Xiong-75.7%	Fred Turk-24.3%		

The Democrats appear to have kept their majority in the Minnesota House with a 70-64 margin.

House Districts that Flipped

HD5A (Bemidji)-Representative Persell (DFL)

This race was a rematch from 2018. In 2016 Republican Candidate Matt Bliss took the seat from Persell when Trump won the district by 12 points. In 2018, Persell beat Bliss by 11 votes to reclaim the seat. Representative Persell was the Chair of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy. Bliss won with 56% of the vote.

HD19A (St. Peter)-Representative Brand (DFL)

This district was a top pick-up for House Republicans. This is a college-town, Gustavus Adolphus College is in Representative Brand's district. The only students currently in person at Gustavus are international and first year students. With many usual college age voters living in areas outside of Saint Peter that could greatly affect the makeup of the electorate in HD19A. This district went for Trump by four points in 2016. In 2018 Representative Brand won the district by nine points and Governor Walz won the district by 19 points. Akland is currently winning by 111 votes which will lead to a recount.

HD54A (South St. Paul)-Representative Claflin (DFL)

HD54A's election is a rematch from 2018. In 2018 then candidate Claflin beat then Representative Franke by two points. In 2018 that same district went for Governor Walz by 15 points. Claflin works in environmental policy for the state Pollution Control Agency. Franke owns a restaurant and bar. Franke won the district with 51.5% of the vote.

HD55A (Shakopee)-Representative Tabke (DFL)

In 2018, Representative Tabke won by 600 votes against Erik Mortenson. In 2016 HD55A went for Trump by four points. This is a district that was long held by Republicans before former Shakopee mayor Brad Tabke defeated Mortensen in 2018. This year was a rematch of the 2018 Tabke/Mortensen match-up. Representative Tabke lost to Erik Mortensen by 554 votes.

2020 Senate Legislative Retirements

Senate			
District	Member Name	Party	Notes
41	Sen. Carolyn Laine	Democrat	
44	Sen. Paul T. Anderson	Republican	
47	Sen. Scott Jensen	Republican	
64	Sen. Dick Cohen	Democrat	

2020 House Legislative Retirements

House			
District	Member Name	Party	Notes
1A	Rep. Dan Fabian	Republican	
4A	Rep. Ben Lien	Democrat	
5B	Rep. Sandy Layman	Republican	
8A	Rep. Bud Nornes	Republican	
19B	Rep. Jack Considine	Democrat	
20A	Rep. Bob Vogel	Republican	
23A	Rep. Bob Gunther	Republican	
25B	Rep. Duane Sauke	Democrat	
38A	Rep. Linda Runbeck	Republican	
41B	Rep. Mary Kunesch-Podein	Democrat	Rep. Kunesch-Podein is running for Senate seat vacated by Sen. Carolyn Laine.
45A	Rep. Lyndon Carlson	Democrat	
51B	Rep. Laurie Halverson	Democrat	Running for Dakota County Commissioner District 3.
56A	Rep. Hunter Cantrell	Democrat	
56B	Rep. Alice Mann	Democrat	
63B	Rep. Jean Wagenius	Democrat	
67A	Rep. Tim Mahoney	Democrat	

Incumbents without Opponents

District	Candidate	Political Party
18A	Dean Urdahl	Republican
28A	Gene Pelowski Jr.	Democrat
49A	Heather Edelson	Democrat
60B	Mohamud Noor	Democrat

10 New Senate Members

District	Member Name	Party	Notes
7	Jen McEwen	DFL	Defeated Erik Simonson in the Primary (DFL)
14	Aric Putnam	DFL	Defeated Incumbent Jerry Relph (GOP)
27	Gene Dornink	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Dan Sparks (DFL)
41	Mary Kunesch-Podein	DFL	Carolyn Laine Retired (DFL)
44	Ann Johnson Stewart	DFL	Paul Anderson Retired (GOP)
47	Julia Coleman	GOP	Scott Jensen Retired (GOP)
56	Lindsey Port	DFL	Defeated Incumbent Dan Hall (GOP)
58	Zach Duckworth	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Matt Little (DFL)
62	Omar Fetah	DFL	Defeated Jeff Hayden in the Primary (DFL)
64	Erin Murphy	DFL	Dick Cohen Retired (DFL)

23 New House Members

District	Member Name	Party	Notes
1A	John Burkel	GOP	Dan Fabian Retired (GOP)
4A	Heather Keeler	DFL	Ben Lien Retired (DFL)
5A	Matt Bliss	GOP	Defeated Incumbent John Persell (DFL)
5B	Spencer Igo	GOP	Sandy Layman Retired (GOP)
8A	Jordan Rasmusson	GOP	Bud Nornes Retired (GOP)
19A	Susan Akland	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Jeff Brand (DFL)
19B	Luke Frederick	DFL	Jack Considine Retired (DFL)
20A	Brian Pfarr	GOP	Bob Vogel Retired (GOP)
23A	Bjorn Olson	GOP	Bob Gunther Retired (GOP)
25B	Liz Boldon	DFL	Duane Sauke Retired (DFL)
27B	Patricia Mueller	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Jeanne Poppe (DFL)
38A	Donald Raleigh	GOP	Linda Runbeck Retired (GOP)
41B	Sandra Feist	DFL	Mary Kunesh-Podein Retired (DFL)
45A	Cedrick Frazier	DFL	Lyndon Carlson Retired (DFL)
51B	Liz Reyer	DFL	Laurie Halverson Retired (DFL)
54A	Keith Franke	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Anne Claflin (DFL)
55A	Erik Mortensen	GOP	Defeated Incumbent Brad Tabke (DFL)
56A	Jessica Hanson	DFL	Hunter Cantrell Retired (DFL)
56B	Kaela Berg	DFL	Alice Mann Retired (DFL)
59B	Esther Agbaje	DFL	Defeated Raymond Dehn in the Primary (DFL)
63B	Emma Greenman	DFL	Jean Wagenius Retired (DFL)
66B	Athena Hollins	DFL	Defeated John Lesch in the Primary (DFL)
67A	John Thompson	DFL	Tim Mahoney Retired (DFL)

New Minnesota Senate Democrats

- SD7 – Jen McEwen
- SD14 – Aric Putnam
- SD41 – Mary Kunesch-Podein
- SD44 – Ann Johnson Stewart
- SD56 – Lindsey Port
- SD62 – Omar Fetah
- SD64 – Erin Murphy

New Minnesota House Democrats

- HD4A – Heather Keeler
- HD19B – Luke Frederick
- HD25B – Liz Boldon
- HD41B – Sandra Feist
- HD45A – Cedrick Frazier
- HD51B – Liz Reyer
- HD56A – Jessica Hanson
- HD56B – Kaela Berg
- HD59B – Esther Agbaje
- HD63B – Emma Greenman
- HD66B – Athena Hollins
- HD67A – John Thompson

New Minnesota Senate Republicans

- SD27 – Gene Dronink
- SD47 – Julia Coleman
- SD58 – Zack Duckworth

New Minnesota House Republicans

- HD1A – John Burkel
- HD5A – Matt Bliss
- HD5B – Spencer Igo
- HD8A – Jordan Rasmusson
- HD19A – Susan Akland
- HD20A – Brian Pfarr
- HD23A – Bjorn Olson
- HD27B – Patricia Mueller
- HD38A – Donald Raleigh
- HD54A – Keith Franke
- HD55A – Erik Mortensen

JUDICIAL CONTESTS

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There were 118 District Court seats up for election and four incumbents had challengers. The Court of Appeals had four seats up for election with no contested races. Supreme Court Justice Paul Thissen was challenged by Michelle MacDonald. All incumbent judges prevailed in their elections.

SUPREME COURT

Associate Justice

Paul Thissen 59.1%

Challenger

Michelle MacDonald

40.5%

COURT OF APPEALS

Carol Hooten

Randall J Slieter

Jeanne Cochran

Kevin G. Ross

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dannia Edwards

Tracy L. Perzel

Patrick H Goggins

Michael D Wentzell

Shawn M. Moynihan

Christian Sean Wilton

Vicki Taylor

Tanya O. O'Brien

Ann M. Offermann

Joseph Carter 61.8%

Challenger

Martin "Marty" Judge

31.8%

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Leonardo Castro

Joy D. Bartscher

Pat Diamond 66.5%

Challenger

Ngozi Akubuike 33.1%

Shawn Marie Bartsh

Sophia Vuelo

Reynaldo Aligada

JaPaul J. Harris

Kelly Olmstead

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Jacob C. Allen

Karen R. Duncan

Mary Carroll Leahy

Kevin Anthony Lund

Christopher A. Neisen

Matthew J. Opat

Jodi L. Williamson

Jeffrey M Johnson

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

William H. Koch

Kerry W. Meyer

Kathryn L Quaintance

Martha Holton Dimick

James A. Moore

Michelle A. Hatcher

Jay M. Quam

Toddrick S. Barnette

Todd M. Fellman

Susan M Robiner

Margaret (Peg) Daly

Peter A. Cahill

Sarah S. West

Kathleen D. Sheehy

Luis A. Bartolomei

Bridget Ann Sullivan

Tanya M. Bransford

Bev Benson

Kristin Siegesmund

Edward T. "Ned" Wahl

Jeannice M. Reding

Amy Dawson

Angela Willms

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Terry Scott Vajgrt

Christina M. Wietzema

Todd W. Westphal

Tricia Zimmer

Stephen J. Ferrazzano, II

Patrick Rohland

Troy G. Timmerman

Robert Docherty

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Rachel C Sullivan

Robert C. Friday

Robert Macaulay

David M. Johnson

Eric L. Hylden

Sally L. Tarnowski

Rebekka Stumme

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Jay D Carlson

Matthew E. Engelking

Michelle W. Lawson

Andrew Pearson

Kevin M. Miller

Michelle L. Clark

Leonard A. Weiler

Sarah E. Hennesy

Robert Raupp

Doug Clark

Amber B. Gustafson

Michael S. Jesse

Mark J. Herzing

Tammy L. Merkins

Antoinette C. Wetzel

Jade M. Rosenfeldt

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Jennifer Kurud Fischer
Stephanie L. Beckman
M. Listug
Laurence J. Stratton
Thomas W. Van Hon
David L. Mennis

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Matthew Mallie

Charles D Halverson 57.2%

Challenger

Benjamin T. Lindstrom

42.5%

D. Korey Wahwassuck

Charles "Chad" LeDuc

Anne M. Rasmusson

Sarah L. McBroom

Robert D. Tiffany

Tamara L. Yon

Jeffrey S. Remick

Jana M Austad 60.5%

Challenger

James Hughes 39.2%

Patricia Aanes

Darlene Rivera Spalla

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Juanita C. Freeman

Suzanne M. Brown

Douglas B Meslow

Stoney L Hiljus

Richard C. Ilkka

Laura A. Pietan

Sheridan Hawley

Nancy J. Logering

Thomas R. Lehmann

Patrick W. Flanagan

Melissa M. Saterbak

Catherine (Kate) McPherson

Karin L. McCarthy

Barry A. Sullivan

Karen B. Schommer

Elizabeth H. Strand

Ellen Louise Maas

Gregory G. Galler

Walter M. Kaminsky

Jonathan Jasper