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Primary results shaping up the 2025 Legislative Session

Do we get our social media, radio and TV space back now? Yes...for a while

Statewide races. Republicans US Representative **Kelly Armstrong** and running mate North Dakota State Representative **Michelle Strinden** will face Dem-NPL candidate State Senator Merrill Piepkorn and newcomer Patrick Hart in the November 5 general election for Governor/Lt. Governor. US Senator Kevin Cramer will go up against Democrat Katrina Christiansen. In the heated GOP primary for North Dakota’s lone US House seat, Public Service Commissioner **Julie Fedorchak** emerged victorious over four other candidates. She will face Democrat Trygve Hammer on November 5.



State Senate will seat no less than eight (8) new senators.

While there are several familiar names on the Senate slate (Paul Thomas, Claire Cory, Josh Bochee), and many incumbents looking to retain their seats, a slew of new Senators will be seated in January 2025. A total of eleven (11) Senate candidates do not have a general election opponent, while 14 districts will be competitive.

State House to seat at least 13 new representatives. House races are a bit more unpredictable, however incumbents largely won their primary battles on June 11. Many of the open seats will be more competitive and you can expect your inboxes, phones and mailboxes to be full again this fall.

Constitutional measure passes. Ballot Measure #1 will limit Federal office seekers from being over the age of 80 (in North Dakota). *Voters approved the measure by a margin of 60% to 40%.* [Link to measure language here.](#) Experts have speculated it might be legally challenged on the grounds states may not make rules governing federal office qualifications. Stay tuned on this one.

Ballot measure to eliminate property taxes – The deadline to file 31,164 VALID signatures is June 29, after which the Secretary of State’s office has 35 days to certify or deny the measure for placement on the November 5 ballot. Insiders indicate the proponents do have the required signatures to file. Watch future Interim Capitol Reports for further breakdowns of the pros and cons of the measure. Expect a barrage of advertising and media blitzing on both sides of the issue this fall.

All June 11 primary results (pending certification) are available on the Secretary of State’s website. [Find your election results here](#)

***Note: The Secretary of State’s website has been greatly improved, and the election page is very easy to navigate!*