

WISCONSIN FRESHMEN STATE SENATORS



Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond)

10th Senate District

Stafsholt won the general election with 60% of the vote defeating incumbent Dem Sen. Patty Schachtner. Stafsholt was first elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2016 as State Representative for the 29th Assembly District. He is a small business owner of a residential rental and real estate investment company, farmer, and assistant coach for the New Richmond-Somerset High School trap team. Stafsholt currently serves on the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities; Committee on Financial Institutions (Vice-Chair); Committee on Insurance; Committee on Medicaid Reform and Oversight; Committee on Sporting Heritage (Chair); Speaker's Task Force on Adoption; and Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention.



Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma)

12th Senate District

Felzkowski won the general election with 66.5% of the vote against Ed Vocke to fill the seat left open by Sen. Tom Tiffany who won a special election in the WI 7th Congressional District. Felzkowski (formerly Czaja) was first elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2012 and is currently serving her fourth term as State Representative for the 35th Assembly District. She is the owner of C.I.S. Insurance Group in Tomahawk. Felzkowski is currently serving as the Assistant Majority Leader in the State Assembly and as a member of the Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, the Committee on Sporting Heritage, the Committee on Health, Committee on Rules, and is the Co-Chair of the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. During this session, she also served on the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality. She previously served as a member of the state budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance.



Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan)

14th Senate District

Ballweg won the general election with 64.9% of the vote against Joni Anderson to fill the seat left open by current Sen. Luther Olsen who did not seek reelection. Ballweg was first elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2004. Now in her eighth term, Ballweg serves as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules, and on the Children and Families, Colleges and Universities, International Affairs and Commerce, Jobs and the Economy, Mental Health, Regulatory Licensing Reform, Rules, Tourism, and the Joint Legislative Council. In 2019, Joan chaired the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention and became the National Chair for the Council of State Governments. In 2020, she was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Student Debt. Ballweg formerly served as mayor of the City of Markesan and on the Markesan Council.



Melissa Sargent (D-Madison)

16th Senate District

Sargent won the general election with 73.5% of the vote against Scott Barker to fill the seat left open by current Sen. Mark Miller who did not seek reelection. Sargent was first elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2012. She currently serves on the Committee on Audit, Committee on Mental Health, Committee on Science and Technology, Committee on Small Business Development, Committee on Substance Abuse and Prevention, Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. She is a small business owner that previously sat on the Dane County Board of Supervisors.



Kelda Roys (D-Madison)

26th Senate District

Roys advanced from the Democratic seven-way primary with 40.2% of the vote and ran unopposed in the general election to fill the open seat to replace current Sen. Fred Risser who did not seek reelection. Currently an attorney, Roys was previously elected as State Representative to the 81st Assembly District in 2007. While in office she was elected Democratic Caucus Chair. Roys left her Assembly seat in 2013 to run for office in the open 2nd Congressional district. She lost to Mark Pocan in a four-candidate Democratic primary. Roys earned her law degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she worked for the Wisconsin Innocence Project.



Julian Bradley (R-Franklin)

28th Senate District

Bradley won the general election with 59.7% of the vote against Adam Murphy to fill the seat left open by current Sen. Dave Craig who did not seek reelection. Bradley was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, when he was 11. He studied political science at Temple University and later at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Bradley is active in the state-level Republican Party, having been elected as chairman of the Republican Party of La Crosse County and to the Wisconsin GOP executive committee. He is also a manager at a telecommunications firm.



Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay)

30th Senate District

Wimberger won the general election with 54.7% of the vote against Jonathon Hansen to fill the seat left open by current Sen. Dave Hansen who did not seek reelection. Wimberger attended St. Cloud State University where he served as student body president and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. He drove semi-trucks for a local long haul trucking company, before enrolling at Marquette University Law School. Following graduation from Marquette, he commissioned in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Japan and Washington D.C., honorably discharged as a Captain. He returned home to Green Bay in 2010, where he opened a local law practice later recognized as a "Super Lawyer Rising Star."



Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska)

32nd Senate District

Pfaff won the general election with 50.3% of the vote against Dan Kapanke to fill the seat left vacant by former Sen. Jennifer Shilling who resigned from her Senate seat in May. Pfaff was elected to two terms on the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors. He has served on his church council, and has held state and national leadership positions at the USDA Farm Service Agency, where he worked diligently for the best interest of family farmers, consumers, rural residents and communities.