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New State Supreme Court Justice Takes Office Today, Resulting in 4-3 Liberal Majority



For the first time in 15 years, conservatives no longer hold a majority on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court.

Today's investiture of Supreme Court Justice Janet Protasiewicz results in a 4-3 liberal majority on the state's highest court.

Following the most expensive judicial race in history, all eyes in Madison are focused on the new court and future cases with widespread political consequences. Cases related to abortion, legislative redistricting, and voting are all expected to come before the court in the coming months.

Summary of State Budget Now Available

A summary of the **2023-25 State Biennial Budget (2023 Wisconsin Act 19)** is now available [here](#).

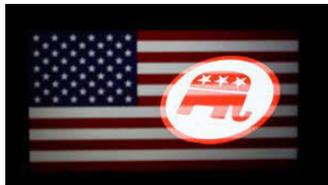
The plain-English **summary** from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau includes all spending adopted in the budget as well as summaries of each budget item. If you have any questions about the budget summary or are looking for a particular item, please contact us.

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State Legislature Returns Next Month to Begin Fall Session

Following a couple month summer “recess,” the Wisconsin State Legislature is scheduled to **return in September**. The legislature has a floorperiod from September 12 to 21 and is expected to meet a couple of times during the window.

Major items likely to be considered during the floorperiod include veto override attempts of Governor Evers’ budget vetoes and a potential vote on the Milwaukee Brewers stadium funding.



Milwaukee to Host First GOP Presidential Primary Debate This Month

On August 23, 2023, Republican presidential hopefuls are scheduled to meet in Milwaukee for the first presidential primary debate of the year.

To qualify for the debate, candidates must meet requirements set by the Republican National Committee, including meeting pre-determined polling and donor thresholds. While former President Donald Trump is the front-runner and has met all the qualifying requirements, he is considering not participating in the event.

Notable candidates already qualified and expected to appear in Milwaukee include Florida Governor Ron Desantis, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, and former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. Former Vice-President Mike Pence has entered the race for his party’s nomination but has not yet satisfied criteria to be eligible.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D) Still Without Major GOP Challenger for 2024

Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin is up for reelection in November 2024, yet no major Republican challenger has announced their candidacy. Congressman Tom Tiffany had been flirting with a bid to challenge the two-term Senator but announced earlier today that he will instead seek reelection to his northern Wisconsin congressional seat.

With both Congressman Tiffany and Congressman Mike Gallagher passing on a Senate run, other names generating interest include Madison businessman Eric Hovde and former Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke.