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Wisconsin Elections 2004 – An Overview

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Primary Highlights

Only 12 percent of eligible voters turned out last for the Sept. 14 Primaries. Turnout was on the low end of the last 30 years but those who participated in the elections removed some uncertainties for candidates and political parties in Wisconsin and gave new life to some old faces.

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Tim Michels' victory allows incumbent Democrat Russ Feingold to focus on one challenger and allows the National Republicans to focus their efforts on a fresh face political newcomer that surprised most pundits with his margin of victory over Russ Darrow and State Senator Bob Welch. State Senator Gwen Moore has positioned herself to make history by becoming Wisconsin's first African-American to be elected to Congress. Moore defeated Matt Flynn and Tim Carpenter in Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District Democratic primary. Moore will face Republican Gerald Boyle in this heavily Democratic district in November.

For the Senate Republicans, a new leader must take them to the November elections as State Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) defeated Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend) in the GOP primary.

Other primary election night highlights include:

- Republican Gary Drzewiecki defeated Dave Steffen in the 30th State Senate District primary keeping his bid alive to regain the seat he lost to Democrat Dave Hansen in 2000.
- Assembly Republican incumbent Mickey Lehman was defeated in his primary race by Don Pridemore.
- Democrat Fred Kessler, former Representative and judge won his primary and will return to state government after leaving the Capitol over 30 years ago.
- First time politico Republican Dave Magnum defeated Ron Greer in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District and will likely provide a strong challenge to incumbent Democrat Tammy Baldwin.
- State Representative Lena Taylor, fresh from winning a special election in 2003 has made a swift leap to the State Senate by winning the Democratic primary in the 4th State Senate District in Milwaukee.
- State Representative Mark Miller defeated State Representative Tom Hebl in the Democratic primary election to replace Senator Chuck Chvala in the 16th Senate Seat.



NOTE: In the following pages, we have attempted to fairly and accurately present background information on the candidates. This information is important, particularly for candidates new to the picture; The available information is not, however, always consistent and is sometimes non-existent.

State Senate Race

Wisconsin state senators are elected to four-year terms. The Senate elections are staggered, meaning that only approximately one-half are up in each election cycle. This fall, the even-numbered seats (of 33) are up, of which there are 16. The breakdown of the Senate seats by partisan makeup is as follows:

Open Seat Toss Up

- 32nd Senate District – This seat, which is currently held by incumbent Democrat Mark Meyer, is considered a “swing” district. Republican Dan Kapanke was narrowly defeated by Meyer four years ago. Kapanke faces Democrat Brad Pfaff in the general election.

Republican Protect

- 10th Senate District – Incumbent Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls).

Safe Republican

- 2nd Senate District – Incumbent Rob Cowles of Green Bay (3rd Party opposition only).
- 8th Senate District – Incumbent Alberta Darling of River Hills.
- 14th Senate District – Luther Olsen defeated two others in the Republican primary. No Democratic candidate in the general election.
- 18th Senate District – Incumbent Carol Roessler of Oshkosh (unopposed).
- 20th Senate District – Incumbent Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer of West Bend was defeated by Rep. Glenn Grothman in the primary.
- 28th Senate Seat – Incumbent Mary Lazich.

Democrat Protect

- 12th Senate District – Incumbent Roger Breske (D-Eland).
- 22nd Senate District – Incumbent Robert Wirch (D-Kenosha).
- 30th Senate District – Incumbent Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay).

Safe Democrat

- 4th Senate District – Rep. Lena C. Taylor (D-Milwaukee) defeated two others in the Democratic primary. No Republican candidate in the general election.
- 6th Senate District – Incumbent Spencer Coggs of Milwaukee (unopposed).
- 16th Senate District – Open seat.
- 24th Senate District – Incumbent Julie Lassa of Stevens Point.
- 26th Senate District – Incumbent Fred Risser of Madison (3rd Party opposition only).



Open Seat Toss-Up

Senate District 32

This seat was vacated by Democratic Senator Mark Meyer of La Crosse who has held it since 2000. Candidates running include Republican Dan Kapanke and Democrat Brad Pfaff.

Republican candidate [Dan Kapanke](#) was raised on the family homestead near Coon Valley. A former member of the National Guard and the Marine Reserves, Kapanke is a graduate of Onalaska Luther High School. He served on the Town of Campbell Board for 13 years. Kapanke is a member of the Board of Directors of the La Crosse Area Development Corporation and the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. He also serves on the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC). In 2003, Dan and his wife Ruth brought a baseball team associated with the Northwoods League to La Crosse. He and his wife have four children and ten grandchildren. Dan, a former substitute teacher in La Crosse Public Schools, has worked as a regional sales manager for Kaltenberg Seed Farms for the last fifteen years.

Democrat [Brad Pfaff](#) of Onalaska, a former legislative aide and senior policy advisor to U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, received his B.S. from the UW-Green Bay and his master's in Public Administration from George Mason University. He is married with two children and is involved in the family dairy farm business.

Republican Protect/Democrat Targeted Seat

Senate District 10

Incumbent Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) is a dairy farmer, legislator and a former loan officer. She served in the Assembly from 1988-96 and was elected to the Senate in 2000. Sen. Harsdorf's current committee assignments include: Joint Committee on Finance; Committee on Higher Education and Tourism (Chair); Joint Legislative Council Mississippi River Parkway Commission; Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions; Special Committee on the Public Health System's Response to Terrorism and Public Health Emergencies; and, World Dairy Center Authority. Sen. Harsdorf is married and has one child. She graduated from River Falls H.S. and received a B.S. degree in Animal Science at the University of Minnesota in 1978.

New Richmond Democrat [Gary Bakke](#) is past-president of the State Bar of Wisconsin and is a semi-retired attorney concentrating on mediation, counseling small businesses and business litigation for Bakke-Norman, S.C. Bakke received his J.D. at the U.W. Law School and has practiced in New Richmond and the surrounding area for more than 37 years. Bakke is married with four children and three grandchildren.

Safe Republican

Senate District 2

Sen. Rob Cowles of Green Bay faces 3rd party opposition only, by Libertarian Party candidate Roy Leyendecker. Sen. Cowles was born in Green Bay in 1950. He received his B.S. degree from UW-Green Bay in 1975 and did graduate work at UW-Green Bay. He is the former director of an alternative energy division for a communications construction company. Cowles was first elected to the Assembly in 1982 and was elected to the Senate in an April 1987 special election. Current committee assignments include: Audit, Building Commission, Energy and Utilities (Chair), Higher Education and Tourism, Information Technology Management Board, and the State Supported Programs Study and Advisory Committee.

Senate District 8

Sen. Alberta Darling of River Hills was born in 1944 in Hammond, Ind. Sen. Darling has served this Senate District since 1992. Prior to that, she served briefly in the State Assembly following a May 1990



special election. She holds a B.S. from UW-Madison and did graduate work at UW-Milwaukee. Sen. Darling is married with two children and is a former teacher and marketing director. Sen. Darling currently serves as co-chair of the powerful Joint Committee on Finance and serves on the Committee on Audit, Joint Committee on Employment Relations, Special Committee on Improving Wisconsin's Fiscal Management, Joint Legislative Council, Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council, University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority Board of Directors, Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation and the Wisconsin Center District Board.

Milwaukee Democrat Jennifer Morales currently serves as a Milwaukee County School Board Member and is well respected as a Milwaukee Latino Community Leader.

Senate District 14

This seat was vacated by Republican Senator Robert Welch of Redgranite. This seat will remain in control of Republicans as there is no Democratic candidate.

[Rep. Luther Olsen](#) of Berlin currently represents the 41st Assembly District. Rep. Olsen is a former feed, seed and fertilizer dealer and has served in the State Assembly since 1994. Committee assignments include the Committee on Education (Chair), Education Commission of the States, Education Reform, Health, Housing, Rural Affairs and Workforce Development. Olsen defeated two others in the Republican primary.

Senate District 18

[Sen. Carol Roessler](#) (R-Oshkosh) was born in 1948 in Madison. Sen. Roessler has served in the State Senate since an April 1987 special election. Prior to that she served two terms in the State Assembly. Sen. Roessler is a former director of the Winnebago county nutrition program for older adults, and an instructor of preretirement education at Fox Valley Technical Institute. Committee assignments include: Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Committee on Audit (Chair), Building Commission, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, Council on Domestic Abuse, Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing, Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care (Chair), Special Committee on Review of the Open Records Law, and State Supported Programs Study and Advisory Committee.

Senate District 20

[Rep. Glenn Grothman](#), of West Bend defeated incumbent Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer in the primary. Grothman has served the 58th Assembly District since 1993. Grothman received his B.B.A. and J.D. from the UW-Madison and is a former practicing attorney. He has been the Majority Caucus Vice Chairperson since 1999. Committee assignments include: Committee for review of Administrative Rules (Chair), Budget Review, Campaigns and Elections, Select Committee on Job Creation, Judiciary, Labor, Special Committee on Recodification of Chapter 767, Actions Affecting the Family (Co-Chair), and Committee on Rules.

Senate District 28

[Sen. Mary Lazich](#) of New Berlin was born in 1952 in Loyal and has served in the State Legislature since 1992 – serving first in the Assembly and then the Senate in 1998. Sen. Lazich holds a B.A. from UW-Milwaukee and is a former county board supervisor and city council member. Sen. Lazich currently serves on the following Committees: Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, Energy and Utilities, Joint Committee on Finance, Heritage Tourism Council, Law Revision Committee (Co-Chair).

Democrat Protect/GOP Targeted Seats

Senate District 12

[Incumbent Roger Breske](#) was born in Elderon in 1938, is married and has four children. He graduated from Wittenberg High School and is the former owner of a bar and restaurant. He also served in the Army Reserve. Breske was elected to the Senate in a special election in November 1990 and has been reelected since 1992. Sen. Breske's current committee assignments include: Council on Forestry



Heritage Tourism Council; Committee on Higher Education and Tourism; Council on Highway Safety; Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform; Council on Tourism; Transportation Projects Commission; Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure.

Republican [Tom Tiffany](#) is the owner of Wilderness Cruises on the Willow Flowage in Northern Wisconsin. Tiffany grew up on a dairy farm near Elmwood and graduated from UW-River Falls with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Tiffany serves on the Wisconsin Restaurant Association Board of Directors. Tiffany is married with three children.

Senate District 22

[Incumbent Bob Wirch](#) was born in 1943 in Kenosha, and is married with two children. Wirch graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School and received a B.A. at UW-Parkside in 1970. He is former factory worker and liaison to JTPA programs. He served in the Army Reserves from 1965-71 and is a member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans. He served as a Kenosha County supervisor from 1986-94 (served on Health and Human Services Com., Welfare Bd., and Developmental Disabilities Bd.) and was elected to the Assembly in 1992, and 1994, and elected to the Senate since 1996.

[Reince Priebus](#) grew up in Kenosha and graduated from Kenosha Tremper High School. He then graduated from UW-Whitewater with degrees in Political Science and English and received his J.D. from the University of Miami. Priebus, who is married, currently works as a local government and municipal law attorney and is a former legislative aide. Priebus has been endorsed by the City of Kenosha Police Union.

Senate District 30

[Incumbent Dave Hanson](#) was born in Green Bay in 1947, is married and has three children. Hanson graduated from Green Bay West High School and received a B.S. from UW-Green Bay in 1971. Hanson is a former teacher; former truck driver for Green Bay Dept. of Public Works; former Teamster's Union steward; former member Brown Co. Human Services Bd.(chp.); N.E.W. Zoo Advisory Bd.; Brown Co. Education and Recreation Com. (chp.); Brown Co. Bd. Supervisor 1996-2000; He was elected to the Senate in 2000 and the Assistant Minority Leader in 2003.

Republican challenger Gary Drzewiecki was born in Pulaski in 1954, is married and has four children. Drzewiecki graduated from Pulaski High School and attended UW-Stout. He is a former lab technician. His local activity includes past participation in: Tri-County Fire Dept. (pres. of bd.); Project Advance (dir.); Brown Co. Development Corp. (dir.); Pulaski Chamber of Commerce (dir.); Brown Co. Representation Task Force (dir.); Year 2000 – Pulaski School District (dir.). Village of Pulaski President 1987-91; Brown Co. Planning Commission (dir.) 1991-96; Brown Co. Recycling Com. 1989-91. Drzewiecki was elected to the Senate in 1992 and reelected in 1996. He was defeated for re-election in 2000 by Democrat Dave Hanson.

Safe Democratic

Senate District 4

This Senate seat is being vacated by Sen. Gwen Moore who is seeking election to the 4th Congressional District. This Milwaukee-based seat is solidly Democratic.

[Rep. Lena C. Taylor](#) (D-Milwaukee) was elected to the Assembly in a 2003 special election. Rep. Taylor, an attorney, currently serves on the Financial Institutions, Economic Development, Criminal Justice, Tourism and Urban & Local Affairs Committees. Rep. Taylor defeated two others in the September primary; however, she must move into the 4th Senate District as she is currently a resident of the 6th Senate District. Rep. Taylor is a 1984 graduate of Rufus King High School. She earned her B.A. in English from the UW – Milwaukee in 1990, and her law degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1993.



[Senate District 6](#)

[Rep. Spencer Coggs](#) of Milwaukee is unopposed. Coggs was born in Milwaukee in 1949, and is married with two children. Coggs holds a B.S. from UW-Milwaukee and is a former City of Milwaukee health officer, postal worker, and industrial printer. Coggs was elected to the Assembly from 1982 to 2002. Coggs won a special election to the Senate in November of 2003 defeating former State Senator Gary R. George in the recall primary election.

[Senate District 16](#)

This seat was vacated by Sen. Chuck Chvala (D-Madison). Chvala has served this district since 1984.

[Rep. Mark Miller](#) (D-Madison) has served in the State Assembly since 1998 and is a former military pilot and real estate manager. Miller received a B.S. from UW-Madison and is married with three children. Current committee assignments include: Aging and Long-Term Care, Budget Review, Children and Families, Environmental Education Board, Health, Natural Resources, Special Committee on Recodification of Chapter 55, Placement and Services for Persons with Disabilities, Special Committee on The Public Health System's Response to Terrorism and Public Health Emergencies, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

Republican [Eric Peterson](#) is the owner and operator of the Foxboro Golf Club in Oregon. Peterson attended UW-Whitewater before transferring to McHenry College, where he graduated with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture in 1979. Aside from running his golf course, Peterson taught at Blackhawk Technical College for four years, and served as a W.I.A.A. official for wrestling & football for 12 years. Peterson and his wife live in the Town of Rutland and have three children.

[Senate District 24](#)

[Sen. Julie Lassa](#) of Plover was born in 1970 in Stevens Point and was elected to the State Senate in an April 2003 special election. Prior to that, Sen. Lassa served in the State Assembly for two and one half terms. Lassa was the executive director of the Plover Area Business Association, the governmental affairs coordinator for the Golden Sands Home Builders and the Stevens Point Board of Realtors, and chief of staff for Rep. Don Hasenohrl of the 70th Assembly District. Lassa also served as a supervisor on the Town of Dewey Board. Lassa's committee assignments include: Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules and the Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

Republican [Greg Swank](#) will challenge Sen. Lassa. Swank is currently a PC LAC specialist with Electronic Data Systems and serves on the county board. Swank holds a degree from the UW-Madison and lives in Rudolph with his wife of 22 years.

[Senate District 26](#)

[Sen. Fred Risser](#) of Madison has 3rd Party opposition from Green Party candidate Tony Schultz of Madison. Senator Risser was born in Madison in 1927, is married and has three children. Risser received his B.A. and L.L.B. from the University of Oregon. He is a practicing attorney and a World War II veteran, having served in the Navy. Senator Risser was first elected to the Assembly in 1956 and later elected to the Senate in a 1962 special election where he has served since.



State Assembly Races

Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly are elected to two-year terms. All 99 of the Assembly Representatives are up for re-election this fall. Republicans currently hold a 59-38 majority with two vacancies in the Assembly and are looking to increase that number or at least hold. Democrats have challengers running in all but 20 of Republican held seats. The breakdown of the Assembly seats by partisan makeup is as follows:

Open Competitive

- 36th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle).
- 44th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. Wayne Wood (D-Janesville).
- 68th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. Larry Balow (D-Eau Claire).
- 80th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. Mike Powers (R-Albany).
- 85th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. Greg Huber (D-Wausau).
- 96th Assembly District – vacancy created by Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Eastman).

Republican Protect

- 5th Assembly District – Incumbent Becky Weber a Republican from Green Bay faces a challenge by Democrat Tom Nelson of Kaukauna.
- 28th Assembly District – Rep. Mark Pettis (R-Hertel) is being challenged by Democrat Charles Wolden.
- 43rd Assembly District – Incumbent Republican Debi Towns of Janesville is being challenged by Democrat Matt McIntyre.
- 47th Assembly District – Rep. Gene Hahn (R-Cambria) is being challenged by Democrat Meagan Yost..
- 49th Assembly District – Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz (R-Platteville) faces Arlene Siss in a repeat of a close match-up two years ago.
- 67th Assembly District – Rep. Jeff Wood (R-Chippewa Falls) is being challenged by Democrat Jeff Monette.
- 87th Assembly District – Rep. Mary Williams (R-Medford) will face Mary Satterwhite a Democrat from Phillips.
- 88th Assembly District – Incumbent Judy Krawczyk (R-Green Bay) will face Democrat Dan Aude.
- 90th Assembly District – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Green Bay) will face Democrat Helen Schaal.

Safe Republican

- 1st Assembly District – Rep. Gary Bies (R-Sister Bay)
- 2nd Assembly District – Rep. Frank Lasee (R-Green Bay)
- 3rd Assembly District – Rep. Al Ott (R-Forest Junction)
- 4th Assembly District – Rep. Phil Montgomery (R-Green Bay)
- 6th Assembly District – Rep. John Ainsworth (R-Shawano)



- 14th Assembly District – Rep. Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa)
- 21st Assembly District – Rep. Mark Honadel (R-South Milwaukee)
- 23rd Assembly District – Rep. Curt Gielow (R-Mequon)
- 24th Assembly District – Rep. Sue Jeskewitz (R-Menomonee Falls)
- 27th Assembly District – Rep. Steve Kestell (R-Elkhart Lake)
- 30th Assembly District – Rep. Kitty Rhoades (R-Hudson)
- 31st Assembly District – Rep. Steve Nass (R-Palmyra)
- 32nd Assembly District – Rep. Tom Lothian (R-Williams Bay)
- 33rd Assembly District – Rep. Dan Vrakas (R-Hartland)
- 34th Assembly District – Rep. Dan Meyer (R-Eagle River)
- 35th Assembly District – Rep. Don Friske (R-Merrill)
- 37th Assembly District – Rep. David Ward (R-Fort Atkinson)
- 38th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Rep. Mickey Foti
- 39th Assembly District – Rep. Jeff Fitzgerald (R-Beaver Dam)
- 40th Assembly District – Rep. Jean Hundertmark (R-Clintonville)
- 41st Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Rep. Luther Olsen and won by Joan Ballweg. There is no general election.
- 42nd Assembly District – Rep. J.A. “Doc” Hines (R-Oxford)
- 50th Assembly District – Rep. Sheryl Albers (R-Reedsburg)
- 51st Assembly District – Rep. Stephen Freese (R-Dodgeville)
- 52nd Assembly District – Rep. John Townsend (R-Fond du Lac)
- 53rd Assembly District – Rep. Carol Owens (R-Oshkosh)
- 54th Assembly District – Rep. Gregg Underheim (R-Oshkosh)
- 55th Assembly District – Rep. Dean Kaufert (R-Neenah)
- 56th Assembly District – Rep. Terri McCormick (R-Appleton)
- 57th Assembly District – Rep. Steve Wieckert (R-Appleton)
- 58th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Glenn Grothman
- 59th Assembly District – Rep. Dan LeMahieu (R-Oostburg)
- 60th Assembly District – Rep. Mark Gottlieb (R-Port Washington)
- 63rd Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Bonnie Ladwig
- 66th Assembly District – Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Burlington)
- 69th Assembly District – Rep. Scott Suder (R-Abbotsford)
- 82nd Assembly District – Rep. Jeff Stone (R-Greendale)
- 83rd Assembly District – Rep. Scott Gunderson (R-Waterford)
- 84th Assembly District – Rep. Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin)
- 86th Assembly District – Rep. Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon)



- 89th Assembly District – Rep. John Gard (R-Peshtigo)
- 92nd Assembly District – Rep. Terry Musser (R-Black River Falls)
- 93rd Assembly District – Rep. Rob Kreibich (R-Eau Claire)
- 94th Assembly District – Rep. Mike Huebsch (R-West Salem)
- 97th Assembly District – Rep. Ann Nischke (R-Waukesha)
- 98th Assembly District – Rep. Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha)
- 99th Assembly District – Rep. Mickey Lehman (R-Hartford) was defeated in a Republican primary by Don Pridemore.

Democrat Protect

- 13th Assembly District – Rep. David Cullen will face Republican Matt Adamczyk.
- 29th Assembly District – Rep. Joe Plouff (D-Menomonie) will face Republican Andy Lamb.
- 74th Assembly District – Rep. Gary Sherman (D-Port Wing) faces Republican and former Democratic legislator Barb Linton.
- 79th Assembly District – Incumbent Sondy Pope-Roberts (D-Verona) faces Republican Keith Bakken.

Safe Democrat

- 7th Assembly District – Rep. Peggy Krusick (D-Milwaukee)
- 8th Assembly District – Rep. Pedro Colon (D-Milwaukee)
- 9th Assembly District – Rep. Josh Zepnick (D-Milwaukee)
- 10th Assembly District – Rep. Annette Polly Williams (D-Milwaukee)
- 11th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Johnnie Morris
- 12th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Shirley Krug
- 15th Assembly District – Rep. Tony Staskunas (D-West Allis)
- 16th Assembly District – Rep. Leon Young (D-Milwaukee)
- 17th Assembly District – Rep. Barbara Toles (D-Milwaukee)
- 18th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Lena Taylor
- 19th Assembly District – Rep. Jon Richards (D-Milwaukee)
- 20th Assembly District – Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee)
- 22nd Assembly District – Rep. Sheldon Wasserman (D-Milwaukee)
- 25th Assembly District – Rep. Bob Ziegelbauer (D-Manitowoc)
- 26th Assembly District – Rep. Terry Van Akkeren (D-Sheboygan)
- 45th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Dan Schooff
- 46th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Tom Hebl
- 48th Assembly District – Open seat vacated by Mark Miller
- 61st Assembly District – Rep. Robert Turner (D-Racine)
- 62nd Assembly District – Rep. John Lehman (D-Racine)



- 64th Assembly District – Rep. Jim Kreuser (D-Kenosha)
- 65th Assembly District – Rep. John Steinbrink (D-Pleasant Prairie)
- 70th Assembly District – Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink (D-Milladore)
- 71st Assembly District – Rep. Louis Molepski (D-Stevens Point)
- 72nd Assembly District – Rep. Marlin Schneider (D-Wisconsin Rapids)
- 73rd Assembly District – Rep. Frank Boyle (D-Superior)
- 75th Assembly District – Rep. Mary Hubler (D-Rice Lake)
- 76th Assembly District – Rep. Terese Berceau (D-Madison)
- 77th Assembly District – Rep. Spencer Black (D-Madison)
- 78th Assembly District – Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison)
- 81st Assembly District – Rep. Dave Travis (D-Waunakee)
- 91st Assembly District – Rep. Barbara Gronemus (D-Whitehall)
- 95th Assembly District – Rep. Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse)

Open Competitive District

Assembly District 36

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Lorraine Serrati (R-Spread Eagle).

Democrat James Crawford of Crandon, faces Republican Jeffrey Mursau of Crivitz.

Crawford is employed by the Potawatami Tribe as ordinance consultant, 10-12 years Northwood Recreation Center in Crandon (nonprofit organization). He is married and has three children and five grandchildren.

Jeffrey Mursau is married with four children and attended UW-Oshkosh. He is the Crivitz Village President and a small business owner – owning both Baker's Kitchen and J&T Electric.

Assembly District 44

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Wayne Wood (D-Janesville).

Democrat Mike Sheridan is president of United Auto Workers Local 95.

Republican Ty Bollerud, a foundation and chimney contractor, will run as a Republican. He ran as an Independent for governor in 2002.

Assembly District 68

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Larry Balow (D-Eau Claire).

The Republican candidate is Terry Moulton of Chippewa Falls. Moulton came within a few hundred votes of winning a seat in the state Assembly in 2002. The Democratic candidate is Joe Bee Ziong of Eau Claire. He is a member of the Eau Claire City Council, a Vietnam veteran and police reserve officer.

Robert Hayes Jr. of Eau Claire is running on the Libertarian ticket.

Assembly District 80

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Mike Powers (R-Albany).



Republican candidate [Brett Davis](#) lives with his wife and newborn son in Oregon. A native of Monroe, Brett graduated from Monroe High School and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from UW-Oshkosh. Since then, Davis has worked for former Gov. Tommy G. Thompson, Rep. Mike Powers and, most recently, as Chief of Staff for Sen. Joe Leibham.

[Gof Thomson](#) has been a community banker for 22 years. He is married and has two grown sons and two grandchildren.

Also in the race is independent candidate Patrick O'Brien of New Glarus.

Assembly District 85

This seat was vacated due to the election of incumbent Greg Huber (D-Wausau) as circuit judge in Marathon County.

Republican Sarah Kamke of Schofield is the former Mayor of Schofield and has served on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.

Democrat Donna Seidel of Wausau is the Marathon County Clerk of Courts.

Assembly District 96

This seat was vacated due to the retirement of DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Eastman).

Republican Lee A. Nerison of Westby is married with three children and has been a dairy farmer his entire life.

Democrat Gail Frie of Viroqua is the Vernon County Solid Waste and Recycling Manager and is currently serving as the chair of the finance committee for the City of Viroqua.

Republican Protect

Assembly District 5

Incumbent [Becky Weber](#) (R-Green Bay) was born in Green Bay, Sept. 24, 1954. She is a graduate of Bay Port H.S. (Howard) 1972 and attended UW-Green Bay; NWTC; and, U. of Oklahoma Retail Lending School. She is a self-employed restaurant development and insurance agent, former business owner, printing and office supply store owner, and bank officer. Weber was first elected to the Assembly in 2002. She is married and has two children.

Weber is being challenged by Democrat Tom Nelson of Kaukauna. Nelson, 28, is finishing up graduate work at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Nelson is a 1994 graduate of Little Chute High School and a 1998 graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. He previously worked for a Washington, D.C., public policy organization called the [Committee for Economic Development](#).

Assembly District 28

Incumbent [Mark Pettis](#) (R-Hertel) was born in Osceola, Dec. 18, 1950. He is married and has two children and four grandchildren. Pettis is a graduate of Osceola H.S. and attended U.S. Navy school and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. He is a former small business owner and salesman, Vietnam Era veteran, and served in U.S. Navy. Pettis was first elected to the Assembly in 1998 and now chairs the Tourism Committee.

Pettis is being challenged by [Charlie Wolden](#) of Frederic in a rematch of the 2002 race. Pettis defeated Wolden by 53 to 47 percent. Wolden is married and has four children and two grandchildren. He is the co-owner of Counseling Associates, Inc. He received a Masters Degree in Education from UW-Superior. He is a Vietnam Veteran, with combat duty as a Marine Corps infantryman. Combat medals received include the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Service Medal w/ 4 Bronze Stars. U.S. Marine Corps - 1967-1971; Air Force ROTC - 1972-1974; U.S. Air Force - 1974-1988.



[Assembly District 43](#)

Incumbent [Debi Towns](#) (R-Janesville) was born in Sycamore, Illinois on Feb. 12, 1956. She is married and has four children. A graduate of Edgerton H.S. in 1974, she received her B.S.B.A. from Cardinal Stritch Coll. (Milwaukee) in 1996 and M.S.E. UW-Whitewater in 1999. She attended UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison. Towns is the owner of family dairy farm, is a former business manager for Brodhead schools, and is a financial consultant for the Dept. of Public Instruction. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Towns is being challenged by Democrat Matt McIntyre of Edgerton. McIntyre won his fifth term as mayor of Edgerton in April. He ran for an Assembly seat two years ago but was defeated in the Democratic primary.

[Assembly District 47](#)

Incumbent [Gene Hahn](#) (R-Cambria) was born in Milwaukee, July 21, 1929. He is married and has four children. Hahn is a graduate of Cambria H.S. and attended UW College of Agriculture in 1947-48. He is a farmer and was first elected to the Assembly in 1990.

Democrat [Meagan Yost](#) of Poynette created and operated a wholesale/retail gift business with wholesale accounts nationwide and retail shops in Sun Prairie and Madison and is the sole proprietor of small house cleaning business. She also has served on the Lowville Town Board and is a founding member of 1000 Friends of Wisconsin.

Independent [Bill Landgraf](#) of DeForest is also running. Landgraf, age 45, is married and has two children. He graduated from Madison West High School in 1977.

[Assembly District 49](#)

Incumbent [Gabe Loeffelholz](#) (R-Platteville) was born in the Town of Paris, Grant County, on Nov. 11, 1940, and graduated from Platteville H.S. He is married and has two children and three grandchildren. Loeffelholz is a farmer and veteran, having served in the U.S. Army and the Wisconsin National Guard from 1959-64. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2000.

Democrat Arlene Siss of Platteville ran for the seat in 2000 and 2002. She was defeated by a 54-46 percent margin in 2002.

[Assembly District 67](#)

Incumbent [Jeffrey Wood](#) (R-Chippewa Falls) was born in Juneau County on Sept. 12, 1969. He is married and has one child. Wood is a graduate of Chippewa Falls Senior H.S. in 1987 and attended UW-Eau Claire. He is a former small business owner and local government reporter. He served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve, 1986-94, and was first elected to the Assembly in 2002. Wood is vice chair of the Ways & Means Committee and a lead author of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights or TABOR.

Wood is being challenged by Democrat Jeff Monette of Chippewa Falls.

Independent Jan Morrow of Cornell is also challenging Wood.

[Assembly District 87](#)

Incumbent [Mary Williams](#) (R-Medford) was born in Phillips, July 8, 1949. She is married and has three children and two grandchildren. Williams is a graduate of Phillips H.S. in 1967 and received her associate degree at Taylor County Teachers College in 1969 and B.S. in Elementary Ed at UW-Stevens Point in 1974. She is a restaurant owner and former elementary teacher for the Medford Area School District. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Williams is being challenged by Democrat Mary Satterwhite of Phillips. Satterwhite is currently a member of the Phillips Common Council and Price County Board, to which she was elected four times. She has served continuously on the board of health since 1989 and was chairman from 1989-1998. She also has been president of the Counseling and Development Center in Phillips, president of the Wis. Counties Assn. Public Health Affiliate and president of the Pleasant View Nursing Home Auxiliary. Satterwhite is married and has three children.



[Assembly District 88](#)

Incumbent [Judy Krawczyk](#) (R- Green Bay) was born in Green Bay, January 24, 1939. She is married and has three children and seven grandchildren. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy H.S. in 1957. She is a supper club owner and was first elected to the Assembly in 2000.

Krawczyk is being challenged by Democrat Dan Aude of Green Bay. He is a hair salon and spa owner and a former Brown County Board Supervisor.

[Assembly District 90](#)

Incumbent [Karl Van Roy](#) (R-Green Bay) was born in Green Bay, December 1, 1938. He is a graduate of Premontre H.S. (Green Bay) 1957 and received his B.A. in Economics at St. Norbert College (De Pere) 1961. He is a former restaurateur. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962-64 and was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Van Roy is being challenged by Democrat Helen Schaal of Green Bay. She is the former president of the Green Bay Education Association.

Safe Republican

[Assembly District 1](#)

Incumbent [Gary Bies](#) (R- Sister Bay) was born in Manitowoc on Oct. 26, 1946. He is married and has four children. He received an Associate Degree from Northeastern Technical College in 1982. He is a former chief deputy sheriff and a deputy sheriff in Door County for 30 years. Bies was elected to the Assembly in 2000 and currently chairs the Assembly Corrections and Courts Committee.

Bies is opposed by Democrat Tom Hermann of Egg Harbor. Hermann ran for the 1st Assembly seat in 2002. He was defeated by Bies by a 66 to 34 percent margin. Hermann is the chair of the Democratic Party of Door County. Mr. Hermann has worked a variety of jobs including working at two of Door County's shipyards. He is married.

[Assembly District 2](#)

Incumbent [Frank Lasee](#) (R-Green Bay) is unopposed. Lasee was born in Oceanside, California on Dec. 11, 1961. He has two children. He received his B.A. from the UW-Green Bay in 1986. He was elected to the Assembly in 1994. Rep. Lasee currently chairs the Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations and is a lead author of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights or TABOR.

[Assembly District 3](#)

Incumbent [Al Ott](#) (R- Forest Junction) was born in Green Bay, June 19, 1949. He is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Brillion H.S and the UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course, 1968. Rep. Ott is a former agri-business salesman, owner/operator of independent agri-business, tenant dairy farmer, and cash crop farmer. Ott was elected to the Assembly in 1986. Rep. Ott currently serves as chair of the Committee on Agriculture.

Ott is opposed by Democrat [Brad Fischer](#) of Appleton. Fischer is married and has three children. He is a graduate of Little Chute H.S. He received an A.A. from UW-Fox Valley and a B.A. from UW-Oshkosh. Fischer is employed as a machinist at Perfect Patterns, Inc., Appleton.

[Assembly District 4](#)

Incumbent [Phil Montgomery](#) (R-Green Bay) was born in Hammond, Indiana on July 7, 1957. He is married and has two children. He is a graduate of T.F. North H.S. and earned a B.S. in Business and Commerce from the U. of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas in 1988. Montgomery is a former systems engineer. He was elected to the Assembly in 1998 and currently serves as chair of the Financial Institutions Committee.

Montgomery is opposed by Democrat [Tracey Vandever](#) of Green Bay. Vandever intended on seeking election to the 8th Congressional District, held by Republican Mark Green. She changed her



mind in mid-June saying she didn't want to split the ticket. She was born in Allouez, Oct. 17th, 1961. She and her partner, Peggy A. Vandever, have one child. She is a graduate of Preble High, 1982, and UW- Green Bay with a Bachelor's Degree in Humanities.

Assembly District 6

Incumbent [John Ainsworth](#) (R-Shawano) was born in Shawano County on Sept. 21, 1940. He is married and has four children and seven grandchildren. He is a graduate of Shawano H.S. Ainsworth is a dairy farmer. He was elected to the Assembly in 1990 and currently serves as chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Ainsworth is unopposed in the general election.

Assembly District 14

Incumbent [Leah Vukmir](#) (R- Wauwatosa) is unopposed. She was born in Milwaukee on April 26, 1958. She is married and has two children. Vukmir is a graduate of Brookfield East H.S., 1976, received a B.S. in nursing from Marquette in 1980 and a M.S. in nursing from UW-Madison 1983. She is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center in Milwaukee and a nationally certified pediatric nurse practitioner. Vukmir was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Assembly District 21

Incumbent [Mark Honadel](#) (R-South Milwaukee) is unopposed. He was born in Milwaukee on March 29, 1956. He is married and has three children. Honadel is a graduate of Oak Creek H.S. and attended Milwaukee Area Technical College and Marquette University. He is the owner of a lawn and garden center and a former professional metal fabricator, welding instructor, and industrial manager. Honadel was first elected to Assembly in a July 2003 special election.

Assembly District 23

Incumbent [Curt Gielow](#) (R-Mequon) is unopposed. He was born in Evansville, Indiana on March 18, 1945. He is married and has two sons. Gielow is a graduate of Red Bud (Illinois) H.S., received a B.S. in pharmacy from St. Louis College of Pharmacy (St. Louis) in 1968 and a M.H.A. from Washington U. (St. Louis) in 1973. Gielow is an executive search consultant and businessman. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002 and is vice chair of the Committee on Health.

Assembly District 24

Incumbent [Sue Jeskewitz](#) (R-Menomonee Falls) is unopposed. She was born in Galesville on Feb. 21, 1942. She is married and has two children and two grandchildren. She is a graduate of Gale-Ettrick H.S. (Galesville) and received her B.A. from UW-La Crosse in 1964. She is a former bank public relations representative, teacher, YMCA director, associate director of Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce and real estate broker. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1996 and is the current chair of the Audit Committee.

Assembly District 27

Incumbent [Steve Kestell](#) (R-Elkhart Lake) was born in the Town of Lyndon on June 15, 1955. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of Plymouth H.S. Kestell is a former hardware store manager and regional sales manager. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

Assembly District 30

Incumbent [Kitty Rhoades](#) (R-Hudson) was born in St. Paul, Minn., on April 7, 1951. She is married and has three children. Rhoades is a graduate of Hudson H.S. and received a B.S. degree from UW-River Falls in 1973 and a M.A. degree from Illinois State U. in 1978. She is a consultant and former educator, small business owner, and Hudson Chamber of Commerce president. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1998 and serves on the Joint Committee on Finance.

Rhoades is being challenged by Democrat Tom Parent of River Falls.

Assembly District 31

Incumbent [Steve Nass](#) (R-Palmyra) was born in Whitewater on Oct. 7, 1952. He is single. Nass is a graduate of Whitewater H.S. and received a B.S. degree from UW-Whitewater in 1978 and a M.S. Ed. in school business management from UW-Whitewater in 1990. He is a former payroll benefits analyst



and information analyst/negotiator. Nass is a member of Wis. Air National Guard, served in Middle East in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1990 and currently serves as chair of the Labor Committee.

Nass is being challenged by Democrat Scott Woods of Delavan. Woods ran unsuccessfully for the 11th Senate District in 2002 garnering 30 percent of the vote. Wisconsin Green Party candidate Bruce Hinkforth of Oconomowoc is also in the race.

[Assembly District 32](#)

Incumbent [Thomas Lothian](#) (R-Williams Bay) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 14, 1928. He is married and has two sons. Lothian is a graduate of Cleveland Heights H.S. 1947 and received a B.A. in education from Ohio State U. 1953 and M.A. in chemistry Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a former assistant professor and administrator, U. of Illinois-Chicago. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Democrat Ryan Schroeder of Delavan is seeking a rematch of the 2002 election. He was defeated by Lothian by a margin of 56% to 44%.

[Assembly District 33](#)

Incumbent [Dan Vrakas](#) (R- Hartland) was born in Waukesha on October 31, 1955. He is a graduate of Waukesha H.S. and received a B.S. degree from UW-Stevens Point in 1979. Vrakas is a former restaurant owner. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1990. He has served as the majority caucus chairperson since 1999.

Vrakas is being challenged by Democrat Patrick Byrne of Delafield. Byrne was born in 1949 in Ireland and raised in Chicago. He holds degrees from DePaul University and Northwestern University. He is currently a music teacher in the Hartland-Lakeside School District and the choral director for North Shore Middle School. He owns his own photography studio. He is married with four children.

[Assembly District 34](#)

Incumbent [Dan Meyer](#) (R-Eagle River) was born in Neenah, Jan. 1, 1949. He is married and has two children. Meyer is a graduate of Neenah H.S. and received his B.B.A. from UW-Oshkosh 1978. He is the former executive director of Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. A Vietnam Era veteran, he served in U.S. Army. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2000. Meyer is currently a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Meyer is being challenged Democrat Mary Kinnunen of Rhinelander.

[Assembly District 35](#)

Incumbent [Don Friske](#) (R- Merrill) was born in Tomahawk on Nov. 9, 1961. He is married and has three children. Friske is a graduate of Tomahawk H.S. He is a former deputy sheriff and served in Army from 1979 to 1985. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2000.

Friske is opposed by Democrat Bill Brandt of Antigo. Brandt, an Antigo native, is currently serving as chief of the Antigo Police department. Born and raised in Antigo, Brandt graduated from Antigo High School and attended the University of Wisconsin for four years where he played football for the Badgers. He is a former owner and operator of Brandt's Bar and Grill.

[Assembly District 37](#)

Incumbent [David Ward](#) (R-Fort Atkinson) was born in Fort Atkinson on April 29, 1953. He is married and has one child. Ward is a graduate of Fort Atkinson H.S. and received a B.S. degree in agricultural economics at UW-Platteville in 1976. He is the president of a family farm corporation. Ward was first elected to the Assembly in 1992 and is a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Ward is being challenged by Democrat Gary Rattmann of Cambridge. Rattmann is the Chairman of the Town of Christiana.

[Assembly District 38](#)

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Majority Leader Mickey Foti.



Republican [Joel Kleefisch](#) of Oconomowoc defeated two others in the primary to move to the November election. Kleefisch worked as an award-winning investigative TV journalist and lives in Oconomowoc with his wife and child. Kleefisch graduated with a B.A. from Pepperdine University and worked in television news for nearly a decade. He served as a legislative aide to Majority Leader Foti.

Democrat Pam Johnson of Oconomowoc is registered nurse at Children's Hospital. Johnson is a member of the Oconomowoc Area School District Parents Advisory Council.

Assembly District 39

Incumbent [Jeff Fitzgerald](#) (R- Horicon) was born in Chicago on Oct. 12, 1966. He has one son. Fitzgerald is a graduate of Hustisford H.S. and received a B.S. degree from UW-Oshkosh. He is a small business owner. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2000 and currently serves as chair of the State Affairs Committee.

Fitzgerald is being challenged by Democrat Vic Spadaro of Beaver Dam.

Assembly District 40

Incumbent [Jean Hundertmark](#) (R-Clintonville) was born in Milwaukee on Feb. 25, 1954. She is married and has two daughters. She is a graduate of West Allis Central H.S. and Bryant and Stratton College, Milwaukee in 1973. Hundertmark is a restaurant owner. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1998 and has been reelected since. She has served as assistant majority leader since 2003.

Democrat Cornelius Van Handel of New London is also in the race.

Assembly District 41

This seat was vacated upon incumbent Luther Olsen's bid for the 14th Senate District. There was a nine-way Republican primary with no Democratic challenge.

[Joan Ballweg](#) , 52, is a Waupun businesswoman from Markesan, served as mayor of Markesan from 1991 to 1997, and owns and operates Ballweg Implement Co. along with her husband Tom. She was born in Milwaukee, March 16, 1952. She is a graduate of Nathan Hale High School, West Allis and UW-Stevens Point, Elementary Education. She is married and has three children.

Constitution Party candidate James Tostenson of Fremont is also in the race

Assembly District 42

Incumbent [J.A. "Doc" Hines](#) (R-Oxford) was born in West Salem, Ohio on May 1, 1927. He is married and has five children. Hines is a graduate of Homer Rural School, Homerville, Ohio and received his D.V.M. at Ohio State University 1953. Hines is a veterinarian, beef farmer and bed and breakfast owner/operator. Hines is a World War II veteran, serving in the Army from 1945-1947. Hines was first elected to the Assembly in a November 2001 special election. Hines is currently chair of the Public Health Committee.

Hines is being challenged by Democrat Tim Henney of Portage. Henney challenged Hines in the 2001 special election, receiving 43 percent of the vote.

Assembly District 50

Incumbent [Sheryl Albers](#) (R-Reedsburg) was born in Baraboo, Sept. 9, 1954. She has one son. She is a graduate of Baraboo Senior H.S. and attended Carroll College 1972-74. She received her B.A. from Ripon College, and her J.D. from UW-Madison in 2004. She is a former Assembly Republican Caucus Policy Analyst. First elected to the Assembly in a December 1991 special election, Albers currently serves as chair of the Property Rights and Land Management Committee.

Albers' Democratic opponent is Will Buros of Cazenovia.

Libertarian [Tom Kuester](#) of Rock Springs is also running. The son of Wisconsin farmers, Tom Kuester was born on Christmas Eve 1940 in Clark County. He is a graduate of Thorp High School. Tom is married and has three children and six grandchildren. Tom has served on several town boards and as Planning Commissioner and Sanitary Commissioner for the town of Baraboo.



[Assembly District 51](#)

Incumbent [Stephen Freese](#) (R-Dodgeville) was born in Dubuque, Iowa, March 16, 1960. He is married and has two children. He is a graduate Southwestern Community H.S. (Hazel Green) and received his B.S. in political science from UW-Platteville in 1982. He is a farm manager. Freese was first elected to the Assembly in 1990 and has served as Speaker Pro Tempore 2003, 2001, 1999, 1997, 1995.

Freese is being challenged by Democrat Todd Miller of Spring Green.

[Assembly District 52](#)

Incumbent [John Townsend](#) (R- Fond du Lac) was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 23, 1938. He is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Madison H.S. (Madison Heights, Mich.) and received his B.S. from Wayne State U. in 1960, and M.B.A. Wayne State U. 1967. He is a former partner in a small business and a corporate executive. A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Naval Reserves, and is a retired Captain, U.S. Naval Reserves. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

Townsend is being challenged by Democrat Eric Schultz of North Fond du Lac.

[Assembly District 53](#)

Incumbent [Carol Owens](#) (R-Oshkosh) was born in Wabeno on Aug. 8, 1931. She is married and has four children. Owens is a graduate of Wabeno H.S. and attended Fox Valley and Moraine Park Technical Colleges. She is a former dairy farmer. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1992.

Democrat LuAnn Bird of Oshkosh is the former executive director for the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. Bird is a former sanitary district commissioner and was twice elected to the school board, and served as president. Bird is married and has two children.

[Assembly District 54](#)

Incumbent [Gregg Underheim](#) (R-Oshkosh) was born in La Crosse on Aug. 22, 1950. He is single. Underheim is a graduate of La Crosse Central H.S. and received a B.S. degree from UW-La Crosse in 1972. He is a former high school English teacher, congressional aide to Congressman Thomas Petri, and small business owner. He was first elected to the Assembly in a June 1987 special election. Rep. Underheim is the chair of the Health Committee.

Underheim is being challenged by Democrat [Gordon Hintz](#) of Oshkosh, Independent Dan Carpenter of Oshkosh, and Wisconsin Green Party candidate [Tony Palmeri](#) of Oshkosh.

Hintz was born and raised in Oshkosh. He is a graduate of Oshkosh North High School. Hintz received a bachelor's degree in political science from Hamline University. Hintz worked for U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl and former U.S. Rep. Jay Johnson as a Legislative Staff Assistant in Washington, DC. In 2001, he earned a master's degree in public affairs at the U.W.-Madison. Hintz currently is an associate with Public Administration Associates LLC, a municipal consulting firm in Oshkosh.

Palmeri was born on July 1, 1961 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School in 1979. He attended St. John's University in New York and earned his Bachelor's degree in "Rhetoric and Public Address" in 1983. At Central Michigan University he received an M.A. degree in Communication Studies in 1984. From 1984 - 1987 he attended Wayne State University in Detroit, earning his Ph.D in Rhetoric and Communication studies.

[Assembly District 55](#)

Incumbent [Dean Kaufert](#) (R-Neenah) is unopposed. He was born in Outagamie County, May 23, 1957. He is married and has two children. Kaufert is a graduate of Neenah H.S. and is the owner of a trophy and awards store. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1990. Rep. Kaufert currently serves as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance.

[Assembly District 56](#)

Incumbent [Terri McCormick](#) (R-Appleton) is unopposed. She was born in Waupun and has three children. McCormick is a graduate of Lowell P. Goodrich H.S. (Fond du Lac) and received her Assoc. Arts at UW-Fond du Lac in 1976 and a B.S. degree magna cum laude from UW-Oshkosh 1980; She



did post graduate work at U. of Windsor 1982; Education Certificate Lawrence U. 1993; M.A. in Educational Administration, Marian College (Fond du Lac) 2000. She is a former education consultant. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2000 and currently serves as chair of the Economic Development Committee.

Assembly District 57

Incumbent [Steve Wieckert](#) (R- Appleton) is unopposed. He was born in Appleton on Oct. 26, 1954. He is married. Wieckert is a graduate of Appleton West H.S. and attended Philips Exeter Academy. He received his B.A. in political science and M.A. in public administration from American University, Washington, D.C. 1978, 1981. He is the CEO of Wieckert Real Estate. He is a former legislative assistant for Congressman Tom Petri. Wieckert was first elected to the Assembly in 1996 and currently serves as chair of the Housing Committee.

Assembly District 58

Incumbent Glenn Grothman (R- West Bend) is vacating the seat to challenge Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R- West Bend).

Two Republicans faced off in the primary where Pat Strachota of West Bend was victorious. Strachota is married with four children. She received a BA from St. Mary's College and is a former Washington County Board Supervisor.

Democrat Dennis Uhlig of Cedarburg, currently works in a travel agency and gift shop and is a former English teacher.

Assembly District 59

Incumbent [Dan LeMahieu](#) (R-Oostburg) is unopposed. He was born in Sheboygan on Nov. 5, 1946. He is married and has three children. LeMahieu is a graduate of Oostburg H.S. and attended UW-Sheboygan and UW-Milwaukee. He is a former publisher of *Lakeshore Weekly* and a Vietnam Era veteran having served in the Army from 1969-71. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Assembly District 60

Incumbent [Mark Gottlieb](#) (R-Port Washington) is unopposed. He was born in Milwaukee, Dec. 11, 1956 and is married and has four children. He is a graduate of James Madison H.S. (Milwaukee) and received his B.S. from UW-Milwaukee in 1981 and in Engineering from UW-Milwaukee in 1984. He is a civil engineer and Vietnam Era veteran, having served in the Navy from 1974-78. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Assembly District 63

Incumbent Republican Bonnie Ladwig's retirement created a vacant seat in the 63rd Assembly District. Republican Robin Vos of Burlington is the only candidate in the race and thus has earned a seat in the Legislature without opposition. Vos is a small business owner and has served on the Racine County Board for over ten years.

Assembly District 66

Incumbent [Samantha Kerkman](#) (R-Burlington) was born in Burlington on March 6, 1974. She is married. Kerkman is a graduate of Wilmot H.S. and received her B.A. from UW-Whitewater in 1996. A former legislative aide, she was first elected to the Assembly in 2000 and chairs the Budget Review Committee.

Kerkman is being challenged by Democrat David Dunton of Paddock Lake.

Assembly District 69

Incumbent [Scott Suder](#) (R- Abbotsford) was born in Medford on September 28, 1968. He is a graduate of Abbotsford H.S. and received his B.A. from UW-Eau Claire 1991. He is a small businessman and former legislative aide. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998. He is unopposed in the general election.



[Assembly District 82](#)

Incumbent [Jeff Stone](#) (R- Greendale) is unopposed. Stone was born in Topeka, Kansas on Jan. 28, 1961 and is married. He is a graduate of West Muskingum H.S. (Zanesville, Ohio) and received his B.A. in political science and history from Washburn U. (Topeka) magna cum laude and Phi Kappa Phi 1983. He is a printing business owner. Stone was first elected to the Assembly in the April 1998 special election and is a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

[Assembly District 83](#)

Incumbent [Scott Gunderson](#) (R-Waterford) is unopposed. Gunderson was born in Burlington, on Oct. 24, 1956, is married and has three children. He is a graduate Waterford H.S. and is a sports store owner and farmer. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1994 and serves as chair of the Urban & Local Affairs Committee.

[Assembly District 84](#)

Incumbent [Mark Gundrum](#) (R-New Berlin) is unopposed. He was born in Milwaukee on March 20, 1970. He is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Waukesha Catholic Memorial H.S. in 1988, received a B.A. in Economics and Political Science and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UW-Madison 1992, and a J.D from UW-Madison in 1994. He is a practicing attorney. He was first elected to the Assembly 1998 and currently chairs the Judiciary Committee.

[Assembly District 86](#)

[Jerry Petrowski](#) (R-Marathon) was born in Wausau on June 16, 1950, is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Newman H.S. and attended UW-Marathon County and Northcentral Technical College. He is a ginseng, dairy, and beef farmer. He served in the Army Reserve from 1968-74. He was first elected to the Assembly 1998 and chairs the Highway Safety Committee.

Petrowski is being challenged by Democrat Tom Kreager of Mosinee.

[Assembly District 89](#)

Incumbent Speaker [John Gard](#) (R-Peshtigo) was born in Milwaukee on Aug. 3, 1963 and is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Lena H.S. and received a B.S. in political science and public administration from UW-La Crosse in 1986. He is a former legislative aide to Rep. David Prosser. He was first elected to the Assembly in October 1987 in a special election. He has served as Speaker of the Assembly since 2003.

Gard is being opposed by Democrat Bruce Berman of Marinette.

[Assembly District 92](#)

Incumbent [Terry Musser](#) (R-Black River Falls) was born in Black River Falls on Nov. 15, 1947. He is married and has two children and three grandchildren. He is a graduate Melrose H.S. and attended UW-La Crosse from 1973-76. He is a farmer and former driver license examiner. He is a Vietnam veteran, having served two tours as a paratrooper and Green Beret, 6th Special Forces, Fort Bragg, NC, 1965-68. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1984 and currently serves as chair of the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

Musser is being challenged by Democrat Michael B. Taft of Osseo. Taft ran in 2002 and received 40 percent of the vote.

[Assembly District 93](#)

Incumbent [Rob Kreibich](#) (R-Eau Claire) was born in Wabasha, Minn., June 4, 1959. He has three children. He is a graduate of River Falls H.S. and received his B.A. in journalism from the U. of Minnesota 1982. He attended Brown Institute (MN) and is a former WEAU-TV anchorman. Kreibich was first elected to the Assembly in 1992 and now serves as chair of the Colleges & Universities Committee.

Kreibich is being challenged by Democrat Jeff Smith of Eau Claire.



[Assembly District 94](#)

Incumbent [Mike Huebsch](#) (R-West Salem) was born in Milwaukee on July 19, 1964. He is married and has two sons. He is a graduate of Onalaska H.S., 1982, and Oral Roberts University, 1982-87. He is a former marketing director and legislative assistant. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1994 and is a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Huebsch is being challenged by two Democrats Vicki Burke of Onalaska. Burke is a La Crosse county supervisor and retired teacher.

[Assembly District 97](#)

Incumbent [Ann Nischke](#) (R-Waukesha) is unopposed. She was born in Milwaukee on Jan. 19, 1951 and is married with one child. She is a graduate of Cambria/Friesland H.S., 1968, and received a B.S. in Elementary Education at UW-Eau Claire in 1977. Nischke is a real estate marketer and former chamber of commerce and YMCA executive director; legislative aide and elementary school teacher. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

[Assembly District 98](#)

Incumbent [Scott Jensen](#) (R- Waukesha) is unopposed. He was born in Waukesha on Aug. 24, 1960 and is married and has two children. He is a graduate of Mukwonago H.S. and received a B.A. from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in 1982 and a M.P.P. from Harvard U., Kennedy School of Government, 1984. He is a public relations executive. He is a former chief of staff to Gov. Tommy Thompson and former Assembly Republican caucus director. He was first elected to Assembly in a January 1992 special election. He is a former Speaker of the Assembly 2001, 1999, and 1997 and Majority Leader 1995. He now chairs the Energy & Utilities Committee.

[Assembly District 99](#)

Incumbent [Michael Lehman](#) (R- Hartford) faces lost his primary race against Don Pridemore of Hartford.

Democrat Protect

[Assembly District 13](#)

Incumbent [David Cullen](#) (D- Milwaukee) was born in Milwaukee on Feb. 1, 1960. He is married and has two children. He is a graduate of John Marshall H.S. and received a B.S. in secondary education from UW-Madison in 1981 and his J.D. from Marquette in 1984. He was first elected to the Assembly in a May 1990 special election.

Republican Matt Adamczyk of Wauwatosa is a junior partner with Adamczyk Heating & Cooling and a former 8th grade mathematics teacher.

[Assembly District 29](#)

Incumbent [Joe Plouff](#) (D- Menomonie) was born in De Pere, Feb. 8, 1950. He is married and has two children. Plouff is a graduate of De Pere H.S. and earned a B.S. from UW-Eau Claire in 1976 and an M.S. at UW-Stout, 1986. He is a former sales consultant and teacher. Plouff is a Vietnam Era veteran having served in U.S. Army, 1970-72. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1996.

Plouff is being challenged by Republican Andy Lamb of Menomonie. Lamb is the general sales manager at Northtown Ford in Menomonie. He also raises beef cattle near Spring Valley. Lamb grew up on his family's rural St. Croix County dairy farm. He and his wife are expecting their first child this summer.

Also in the race is Libertarian candidate Craig Mohn of Woodville.

[Assembly District 74](#)

Incumbent [Gary Sherman](#) (D- Port Wing) was born in Chicago, May 5, 1949. He has two children. Sherman is a graduate of A.G. Lane Technical H.S. (Chicago). He received a B.A. in history and



American Institutions from UW-Madison, 1970, and J.D. cum laude UW-Madison, 1973. Sherman is an attorney. He served in the Air Force in 1973. Sherman was first elected to the Assembly in 1998. He also served as president of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Sherman is being challenged by former Democratic legislator turned Republican, Barb Linton of Highbridge. Linton was first elected to the Assembly in 1986 and has served six terms. She served as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Independent Eugene Bigboy Sr. of Odanah., chair of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is also running for the seat.

[Assembly District 79](#)

Incumbent [Sondy Pope-Roberts](#) (D-Verona) was born in Madison, April 27, 1950. She is widowed and has one child. She is a graduate of River Valley H.S. 1968 and also attended Madison Area Technical College and Edgewood College. She is a former associate director of the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools. Pope-Roberts was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Pope-Roberts Republican challenger is Keith Bakken of Mt. Horeb. Bakken is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He is married with three children and two grandchildren.

Safe Democrat

[Assembly District 7](#)

Incumbent [Peggy Krusick](#) (D- Milwaukee) is unopposed. She was born in Milwaukee, Oct. 26, 1956 and is married and has two children. Krusick is a graduate of Milwaukee Hamilton H.S., 1974, and earned a B.A. in political science with honors, and a certificate in law studies from UW-Milwaukee 1978. She was first elected to the Assembly in a June 1983 special election.

[Assembly District 8](#)

Incumbent [Pedro Colon](#) (D-Milwaukee) is unopposed. He was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico on April 7, 1968 and is married and has two daughters. He is a graduate of Thomas More H.S. (Milwaukee) and earned a B.A. from Marquette in 1991 and J.D. from UW-Madison in 1994. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

[Assembly District 9](#)

Incumbent [Josh Zepnick](#) (D-Milwaukee) is unopposed. He was born in Milwaukee on March 21, 1968 and is married. He is a graduate of Rufus King H.S. (Milwaukee) and earned a B.A. from UW-Madison in 1990 and a M.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1998. He is a former project consultant, Milwaukee Jobs Initiative, Milwaukee Community Service Corps, and Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin; research associate, Center for Democracy and Citizenship; and aide to State Senator Bob Jauch and Congressman David R. Obey. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

[Assembly District 10](#)

Incumbent [Annette Polly Williams](#) (D- Milwaukee) was born in Belzoni, Missouri on Jan. 10, 1937. She has four children. She is a graduate of Milwaukee North Division H.S., attended Milw. Area Tech. College, 1971-73, and received a B.S. from UW-Milwaukee in 1975. Williams is a former mental health assistant, counselor, cashier/clerk, keypunch operator, typist. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1980.

Williams faces a third party challenge from Wisconsin Green Party candidate Damien Jones of Milwaukee.



[Assembly District 11](#)

This seat was vacated by Johnnie Morris who is seeking election to the 4th Senate District.

Democrat Jason Fields of Milwaukee won his primary race and is unopposed in the general election.

[Assembly District 12](#)

This seat was vacated by Rep. Shirley Krug who began a campaign for the vacant 4th Congressional District seat in Milwaukee. She has since withdrawn from that race.

Democrat Frederick Kessler of Milwaukee beat his primary opponent and is unopposed in the general election. He served in the Assembly in the late '60s and early '70s. Later he served on the Circuit Court.

[Assembly District 15](#)

Incumbent [Tony Staskunas](#) (D-West Allis) is unopposed. He was born in West Allis on Jan. 3, 1961. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of West Allis Nathan Hale H.S. and received a B.A. cum laude from UW-Milwaukee (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1983 and a J.D. from UW-Madison 1986. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1996.

[Assembly District 16](#)

Incumbent [Leon Young](#) (D-Milwaukee) is unopposed. He was born in Los Angeles on July 4, 1967. He is single. He is a graduate of Rufus King H.S. and attended UW-Milwaukee. He is a former police aide and police officer. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1992.

[Assembly District 17](#)

Incumbent [Barbara Toles](#) (D- Milwaukee) is unopposed. She was born on Milwaukee, July 31, 1956. She is a graduate of West Division H.S. Milwaukee, 1973. She earned a B.A. from UW-Madison in 1979 and a M.Ed. from Marquette in 1997. She is a former community outreach coordinator, adjunct faculty member and advisor, Milwaukee Area Technical College. Toles was first elected to the Assembly in a January 2004 special election.

[Assembly District 18](#)

This seat is being vacated by Rep. Lena Taylor who is seeking election to the 4th Senate District. Democrats Tamara Grigsby Milwaukee beat two primary opponents and is unopposed in the general election.

[Assembly District 19](#)

Incumbent [Jon Richards](#) (D-Milwaukee) is unopposed. He was born in Waukesha on Sept. 5, 1963. He is single. Richards is a graduate of Waukesha North H.S. and received a B.A. from Lawrence Univ. in 1986 and a J.D. from UW-Madison in 1994. He also attended Keio University (Tokyo). He is an attorney and former English teacher in Japan and former volunteer with Mother Teresa, Calcutta, India. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998 and serves as assistant Minority Leader.

[Assembly District 20](#)

Incumbent [Christine Sinicki](#) (D-Milwaukee) was born in Milwaukee, March 28, 1960. She is married and has two children. She is a graduate of Bay View H.S. Sinicki is a former small business manager. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

Sinicki is being challenged by Republican Bruce Schuknecht of Cudahy, a former alderman who lost his bid for mayor in the February primary, and then tried an unsuccessful write-in campaign to regain his aldermanic seat.

[Assembly District 22](#)

Incumbent [Sheldon Wasserman](#) (D-Milwaukee) was born in Milwaukee, August 5, 1961. He is married and has three children. Wasserman is a graduate of Milwaukee John Marshall H.S. 1979 and received s B.S. Phi Beta Kappa, UW-Milwaukee, 1983; M.D. Medical College of Wisconsin 1987; Bethesda



Hospital OB/GYN Residency 1987-91. He is a practicing OB/GYN physician. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1994.

Republican challenger R. Jay Hintze of Glendale is the mayor of Glendale.

Assembly District 25

Incumbent [Bob Ziegelbauer](#) (D- Manitowoc) was born in Manitowoc on Aug. 26, 1951. He is single. He is a graduate of Manitowoc Roncalli H.S. and received a B.B.A. from the U. of Notre Dam and a M.B.A. from U. of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business. Ziegelbauer is a retail music store owner. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1992. Ziegelbauer faced a primary challenge only.

Assembly District 26

Incumbent [Terry Van Akkeren](#) (D- Sheboygan) is unopposed. He was born in Sheboygan on March 10, 1954. He is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Sheboygan North H.S., 1972 and Lakeshore Tech. College 1982. He is an engineering technician and former tool and die maker. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Assembly District 45

This seat was vacated upon the announced retirement of incumbent Dan Schooff (D-Beloit).

Chuck Benedict is a medical doctor. He has lived in Beloit for nearly 20 years. He helped develop and has been a member of the Ethics Advisory Committee of Beloit Memorial Hospital since 1992. He is a member of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, is a Board Certified Neurologist and Diplomate of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine. He is also a member of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Educated on the east coast, Benedict chose to practice medicine in Wisconsin.

Republican Brian Brown of Beloit is a U.S. Navy Veteran and co-owner of ABT Water Management, Inc. He is also the founder/chairman of the Beloit Jaycees.

Assembly District 46

This seat was vacated when incumbent Tom Hebl decided to make a bid for the 16th Senate District.

Democrat Gary Hebl (Tom's brother) of Sun Prairie is an attorney and senior partner with Hebl, Hebl and Ripp. He received his BA from UW-Madison and his JD from Gonzaga University. He is married with three children.

Republican Nick Voegeli of Sun Prairie is a self-employed Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant. He is married and has five children.

Assembly District 48

This seat was vacated when incumbent Mark Miller decided to make a bid for the 16th Senate District.

[Joe Parisi](#) has served as Dane County Clerk since 1996. Joe worked in the state legislature for two different state representatives. He is married and has one daughter. After dropping out of high school at the age of 17, Joe went on to earn his high school equivalency diploma, attend Madison Area Technical College, and graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Republican Dan Long of Monona is the owner/operator of Solvnet Internet Services and is married with six children and one grandchild.

Assembly District 61

Incumbent [Robert Turner](#) (D- Racine) faces 3rd party opposition only. He was born in Columbus, Missouri on Sept. 14, 1947. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of R.E. Hunt H.S., Columbus, MS. He attended Dominican College in 1972 and received a B.S. in business administration from UW-Parkside in 1976. He is a Vietnam veteran, serving in the Air Force from 1967-70. Turner was elected to the Assembly in 1990.

Turner faces a challenge from Libertarian George Meyers of Racine.



[Assembly District 62](#)

Incumbent [John Lehman](#) (D- Racine) faces 3rd party opposition only. He was born in Rhinelander on Aug. 2, 1945. He is married and has three daughters. Lehman is a graduate of Washington Park H.S. and received a B.A. from Luther College in 1967 and a M.Ed. from Carthage College, 1979. He attended UW-Parkside and UW-Madison. Lehman is a former high school history and economics teacher. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1996.

Lehman faces opposition from Libertarian candidate Keith Deschler of Racine.

[Assembly District 64](#)

Incumbent Minority Leader [Jim Kreuser](#) (D- Kenosha) is unopposed. He was born in Kenosha on May 20, 1961. He is married and has two sons. He is a graduate of Tremper H.S. 1979 and received a B.A. in political science from UW-Parkside in 1983 and a M.P.A. from UW-Parkside in 1986. Kreuser is a former administrative assistant to the Kenosha County Executive. He was first elected to the Assembly in an August 1993 special election. He has served as Minority Leader since 2003.

[Assembly District 65](#)

Incumbent [John Steinbrink](#) (D-Pleasant Prairie) is unopposed. He was born in Kenosha on April 17, 1949. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of George Tremper H.S. and attended Carthage College and UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course. Steinbrink is a grain farmer and former dairy farmer. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1996 and reelected since.

[Assembly District 70](#)

Incumbent [Amy Sue Vruwink](#) (D- Milladore) was born in Wisconsin Rapids, May 22, 1975. She is married. Vruwink is a graduate of Auburndale H.S., 1993, and received a B.S. from Marian College (Fond du Lac) in 1997. She is a former legislative aide to U.S. Rep. David R. Obey and Area Program Director for the Minnesota Farm Bureau. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2002.

Vruwink is being challenged by Republican Daniel Mielke of Rudolph. Mielke is a tax assessor for six communities and is an organic farm operator.

[Assembly District 71](#)

Incumbent [Louis Molepske, Jr.](#) (D- Stevens Point) faced primary opposition only. He was born in Stevens Point on Jan. 6, 1974. He is single. Molepske is a graduate of Stevens Point Area H.S., 1993, and received his B.A. in political science with an emphasis in journalism from UW-Madison in 1997 and his J.D. from Marquette in 2001. He is a former local government ambassador to Santo Tomas, Nicaragua and special prosecutor, Portage Co. D.A. office; assistant city attorney and mayoral assistant, City of Stevens Point. He was first elected to the Assembly in a July 2003 special election.

[Assembly District 72](#)

Incumbent [Marlin Schneider](#) (D- Wisconsin Rapids) was born in La Crosse, Nov. 16, 1942. He is a widower and has two children. He is a graduate of Longfellow Elem. School.; La Crosse Central H.S. 1960, and received his B.S. from WSU-La Crosse, 1965, and a M.S.T. from UW-Stevens Point, 1976 and M.S. UW-Madison, 1979; certificate from Madison Area Technical College Police Academy 1982. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1970. He served as Assistant Minority Leader 1999, 1997, 1995; Assistant Majority Leader 1989; Majority Caucus Vice Chairperson 1973-81.

Schneider is being challenged by Republican Thomas Ziegler of Wisconsin Rapids. He ran unsuccessfully for this seat in 2002.

[Assembly District 73](#)

Incumbent [Frank Boyle](#) (D-Superior) was born in Phillips on Feb. 20, 1945. He is married and has two children. Boyle is a graduate of Phillips H.S. and received his B.A. from UW-Superior 1967, and continued with graduate work at UW-Superior 1967-68 and UW-Madison 1969-70. Boyle is a former residential building contractor and construction worker. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1986.

Republican Larry Brunner of Brule is a Vietnam era veteran, serving four years in the U.S. Navy. He is a carpenter/contractor and is married with four children and five grandchildren.



[Assembly District 75](#)

Incumbent [Mary Hubler](#) (D- Rice Lake) was born July 31, 1952. She is a graduate of Rice Lake H.S. and received her B.S. from UW-Superior in 1973 and J.D. from UW-Madison in 1980. She is an attorney and former teacher. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1984.

Republican Chris Serio of Rice Lake is challenging Hubler.

[Assembly District 76](#)

Incumbent [Terese Berceau](#) (D- Madison) is unopposed. She was born in Green Bay on Aug. 23, 1950. She is married. Berceau graduated from Green Bay East H.S., received her B.S. from UW-Madison in 1973, and went on to graduate studies in Urban and Regional Planning, UW-Madison. She is a former career services coordinator, UW-Madison Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs; staff, Wis. Counties Assn.; real estate salesperson; and, substitute teacher. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

[Assembly District 77](#)

Incumbent [Spencer Black](#) (D-Madison) is unopposed. He was born on May 25, 1950. He is married and has one son. He received his B.A. in economics and history, SUNY-Stony Brook 1972 and M.S. in urban and regional planning from UW-Madison, 1980, and M.A. in public policy and administration, UW-Madison 1981. He is a former conservation representative, Sierra Club; curator of education, State Historical Society of Wisconsin; and high school teacher. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1984.

[Assembly District 78](#)

Incumbent [Mark Pocan](#) (D-Madison) was born in Kenosha on Aug. 14, 1964. He is single. Pocan is a graduate of Mary D. Bradford H.S. (Kenosha) and received his B.A. from UW-Madison in 1986. He is a small businessperson. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1998.

Pocan is being challenged by Republican James Block of Madison

[Assembly District 81](#)

Incumbent [Dave Travis](#) (D-Waunakee) is unopposed. He was born on Sept. 21, 1948. He received his B.A. from UW-Milwaukee and M.A. from the La Follette Institute, UW-Madison; attended Madison Area Technical College and Bindl Flight School, Waunakee (private pilot's license). He is an instructor at Edgewood College and self-employed consultant. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1978 and served as Majority Leader in 1993, 1991.

[Assembly District 91](#)

Incumbent [Barbara Gronemus](#) (D-Whitehall) was born in Norwalk, Nov. 21, 1931. She is married and has three children and she is a grandmother and great grandmother. She is a graduate of Ontario Public H.S., 1949. Gronemus is a former nursing home activity director and farmer. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1982.

Gronemus is being challenged by Republican David Anderson of Whitehall.

[Assembly District 95](#)

Incumbent [Jennifer Shilling](#) (D- La Crosse) is unopposed. She was born in Oshkosh on July 4, 1969. She is married. Shilling graduated from Buffalo Grove H.S., Illinois, and received her B.A. in political science and public administration from UW-La Crosse, 1992. She is a former congressional aide to U.S. Rep. Ron Kind and legislative aide to Assembly Rep, Mark Meyer. She was first elected to the Assembly in 2000.