

The background of the slide is a photograph of an oil pumpjack in silhouette against a sunset sky. The sun is a bright orange circle on the right side, partially obscured by the structure of the pumpjack. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The pumpjack's long arm is angled upwards and to the right.

Western Dakota Energy Association

- **2022 Election Preview**

- **2023 Legislature Dynamics**

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POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT



Governor Doug Burgum (R)

Republicans control all Federal and Statewide Offices

Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner (R) - Retiring

40-7 Supermajority in North Dakota State Senate

House Majority Leader Chet Pollert (R) - Retiring

80-14 Supermajority in North Dakota House of
Representatives

Mainstream v. Libertarian-leaning Republicans

Federal Races



U.S. Senate

- John Hoeven (R), Incumbent U.S. Senator
- Katrina Christiansen (D)
- Rick Becker (Ind.)

U.S. House of Representatives

- Kelly Armstrong (R), Incumbent U.S. Representative
- Cara Mund (Ind.)

Statewide Races



Attorney General

Drew Wrigley (R), incumbent

Timothy Lamb (D)

Secretary of State

Michael Howe (R)

Jeffrey Powel (D)

Charles Tuttle (Ind.)

Statewide Races



Agriculture Commissioner

- Doug Goehring (R), incumbent
- Fintan Dooley (D)

Tax Commissioner

- Brian Kroshus (R), incumbent

Statewide Races



Public Service Commissioner (term ending 2028)

- Julie Fedorchak (R), incumbent
- Melanie Moniz (D)

Public Service Commissioner (term ending 2026)

- Sheri Haugen-Hoffart (R), appointed incumbent
- Trygve Hammer (D)

Key Legislative Races



- Odd number legislative districts are up for election in 2022. (1,3,5,...47)
- Also, even number districts are up for election in 2022 ***IF*** there was significant boundary changes due to redistricting.
- 32 Senate and 66 House of Representatives seats are up this cycle.

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 35 (Bismarck)
- District 25 (Wahpeton & Rural)
- District 10 (Fargo)
- District 27 (Fargo)
- District 41 (Fargo)
- District 43 (Grand Forks)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 35 (Bismarck)

Senate

Senator Tracy Potter (D), appointed

Sean Cleary (R)

House

Representative Bob Martinson (R)

Representative Karen Karls (R)

Don Morrison (D)

Kris Mount (D)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 25 (Wahpeton & Rural)

Senate

Senator Larry Luick (R)

Former State Senator Jim Dotzenrod (D)

House

Representative Alisa Mitskog (D)

Representative Cindy Schrieber Beck (R)

Representative Kathy Skroch (R)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 10 (Fargo) New District

Senate

Former Senator Curtis Olafson (R)

Ryan Braunberger (D)

House

Steve Swiontek (R)

Damian Ridl (D)

Hamida Dakane (D)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 27 (Fargo)

Senate

Senator Kristin Roers (R)

Sonja Kaye (D)

House

Rep. Greg Stemen (R)

Josh Christy (R)

Rep. Ruth Buffalo (D)

Thomas Casler (D)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 41 (Fargo)

Senate

Senator Kyle Davison (R) is unopposed

House

Rep. Michelle Strinden (R)

Jorin Johnson (R)

Megan Edwardson (D)

Lillian Jones (D)

Key Legislative Races



The most competitive races to watch are:

- District 43 (Grand Forks)

Senate

Senator JoNell Bakke (D)

Jeff Barta (R)

House

Rep. Mary Adams (D)

Rep. Zachary Ista (D)

Ethan Harsell (R)

Eric Murphy (R)

State Ballot Measures



Constitutional Measure 1 – Term Limits

- Governor would be limited to 8 years in office
- State Legislators would be limited to 8 years in office

Statutory Measure 2 – Recreational Marijuana

- Legalizes marijuana for individuals aged 21 years or older.

Voter Information



- <https://Vote.ND.gov>
- North Dakota is the only state without voter registration
- ID required to vote
- Options Available for Absentee or Early Voting;
- Early Voting dates vary by county
- Key Election Dates:
 - September 29, 2022 – Absentee ballots are mailed
 - November 7, 2022 – Absentee ballots must be postmarked
 - November 8, 2022 – Election Day

2023 Legislature Dynamics



- At least 30 + new legislators
 - *Requires tremendous amount of education*
- Certain Republican Supermajority
- New Senate Majority Leader & Appropriations Chair
- New Senate Minority Leader
- New House Majority Leader & Appropriations Chair
- Republican spectrum dynamics
 - Mainstreet or Business-minded Republicans
 - Conservative Republicans
 - “Bastiat Caucus” Republicans
 - Small Democrat-NPL Caucus
 - 30 + New Faces

THANK YOU

