

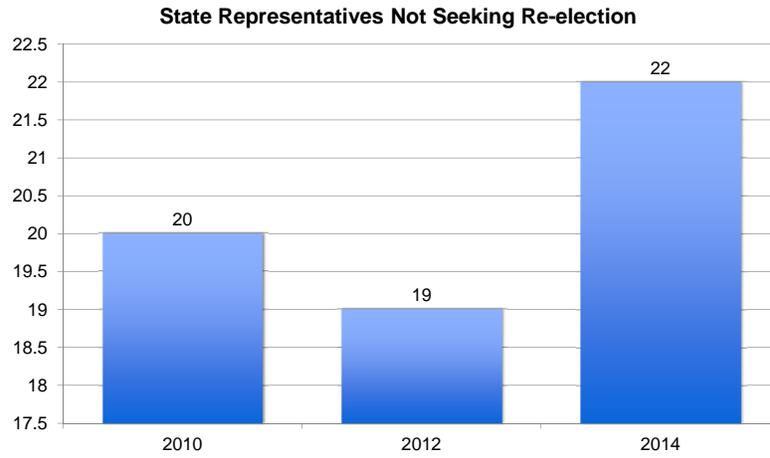
New Faces in
State
Legislature



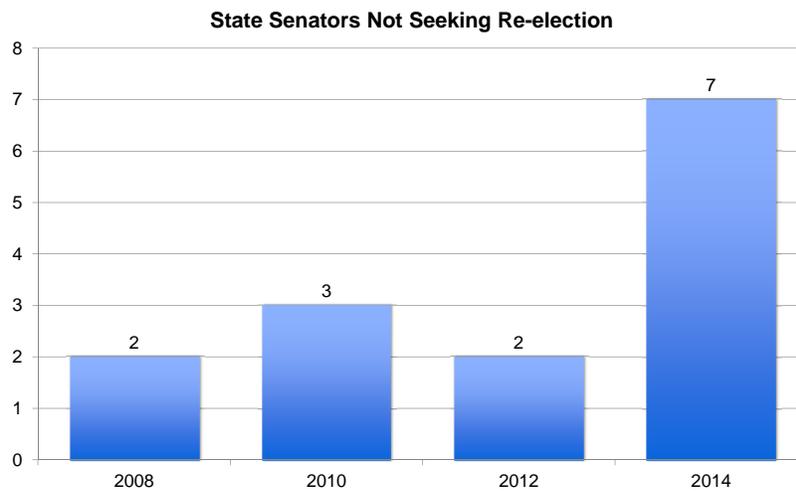
ONE IN FOUR LAWMAKERS DID NOT
SEEK RE-ELECTION TO THEIR CURRENT
OFFICE IN 2014



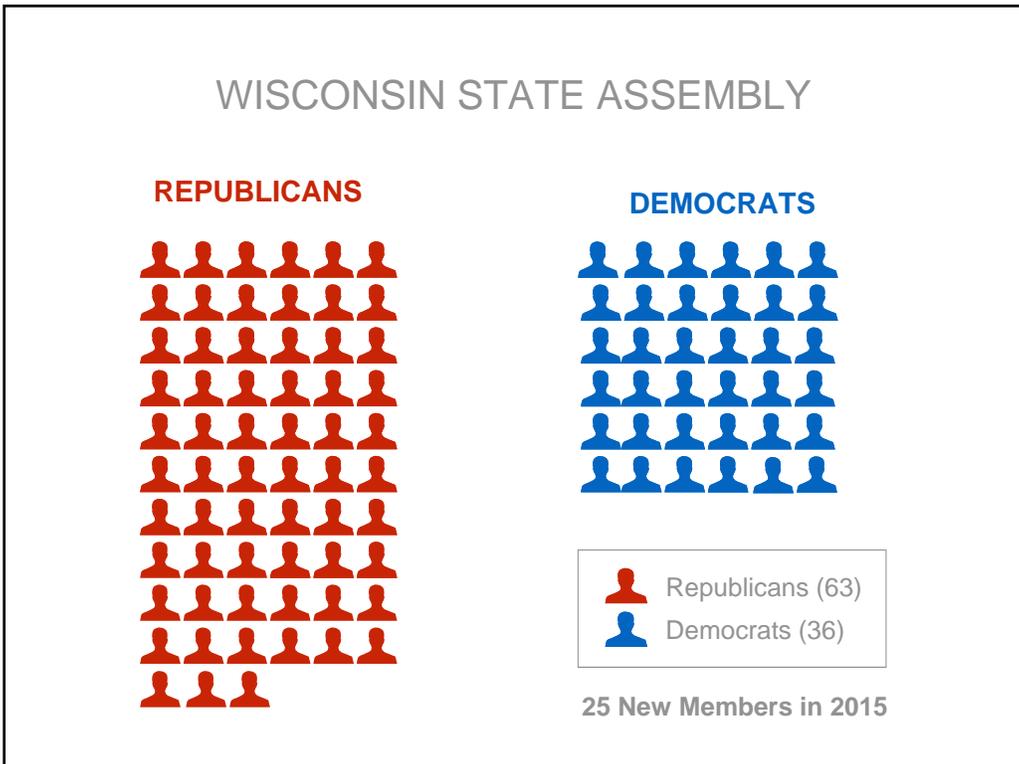
STATE ASSEMBLY TURNOVER



STATE SENATE TURNOVER



Legislative Composition



ASSEMBLY LEADERS



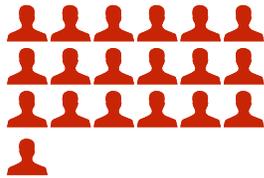
Assembly Speaker Robin Vos



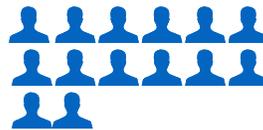
Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

REPUBLICANS



DEMOCRATS



Republicans (19)



Democrats (14)

7 New Members in 2015

SENATE LEADERS

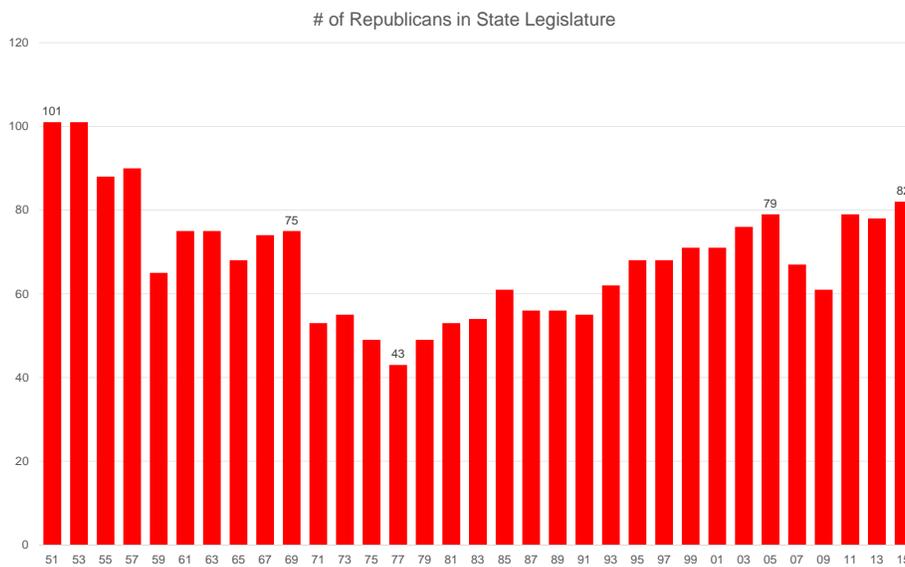


Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald



Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



2015-17 State
Biennial Budget

IT'S SIMPLE MATH!

**2015-17
Budget
Total New
Revenue**

\$1.9 Billion

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Major Program Demands

- Pay for Ongoing Items (Paid for w/Surplus Last Year): \$900 million
- Medicaid: \$663 million
- Property Tax Credit: \$200 million

BUDGET TIMELINE

- July 2014: Governor Released Budget Instructions to Agencies
- September 2014: Agency Budget Requests Submitted
- November 2014: DOA Published Agency Requests; Preliminary Revenue Estimates Released
- February 2015: Governor's Budget Introduced
- March-June 2015: Legislative Budget Review (JFC)
- July 2015: Budget Finalized????

BUDGET SUCCESSES (MUNICIPALITIES)

- Shared revenue, ERP, and Payments for Municipal Services funding held stable in the state budget
- State budget amendment increases competitive bidding threshold from \$25,000 to \$100,000.
- Governor's budget provision requiring additional information be included on property tax bills significantly modified

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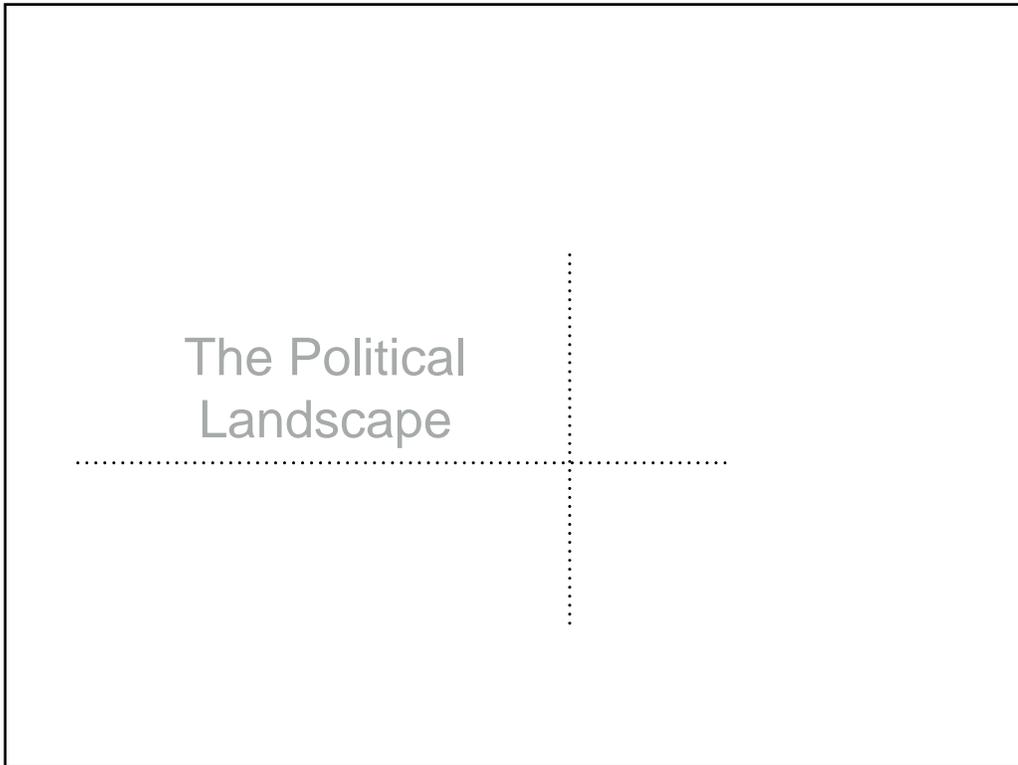
- State budget amendment allows municipalities to carry forward unused levy capacity for five years
- State budget amendment removes penalty for service delivery collaboration in Expenditure Restraint Program.
- State budget amendment creates a partial levy limit exception for service transfers

BUDGET SUCCESSES (MUNICIPALITIES)

- State budget amendment rejects Governor's new limits on ways municipalities can use Urban Forestry Grants.
- So far LWM has successfully blocked expansion of levy limits to include all fee increases.

BUDGET DISAPPOINTMENTS (MUNICIPALITIES)

- Room tax law changes inserted into the state budget



- POLITICAL LANDSCAPE
- Biggest issues currently before the Legislature?
 - Transportation funding, prevailing wage, Bucks arena

 - What do the next few weeks hold?
 - The Legislature passes its version of the state budget.
 - Governor Walker announces his candidacy for U.S. President the second/third week of July.

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- Transportation funding is the biggest hurdle to completing work on the budget. Legislative leaders announced revenue is off the table due to the Governor's veto threats.
- LWM believes the \$1.3 billion in transportation borrowing is unsustainable.
- Legislative leaders looking to reduce bonding by \$800 million; discussing which projects will be delayed/cancelled.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- State budget gets passed.
- Legislature takes a summer break.
- Fall floor period starts September 15.
- Special TIF Legislation?

\$6,069,280

