



**The Council
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“Perspective from the Midwest: A Legislative Recap and 2023 Session Preview”

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2022 Overview

The Economy

- **Mixed signals among key indicators**
- **Swings in GDP; income and spending up; savings down**
- **High inflation and interest rates; strong jobs market**
- **Sept. unemployment: 2.0% (MN) to 4.5% (IL)**
- **Uncertain future . . .**

The Fiscal Picture

- **Strong fiscal conditions**
- **Impact of federal stimulus funds**
- **Revenues strong; spending up**
- **Fund balances still healthy**
- **Challenges to come**

2022 Legislative Sessions

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- **Return to the norm**
- **Unfinished business**
- **Shorter sessions; new challenges**
- **Election year dynamics**

2022 - Top Issues

- **Taxes**
- **Education**
- **Social Issues: Abortion; Guns; Transgender Athletes**
- **Elections**

Select “Other Issues” – 2022

- **Criminal Justice (IN, IL, MO)**
- **Mental Health (IL, MI, MN)**
- **Ag/Natural Resources (MN, IA, NE)**
- **Housing (KS)**
- **Economic/Workforce Development (MI, OH, MO)**

Select “Other Issues” – 2022

- **COVID Benefits/Restrictions (IL, MN, WI)**
- **Sports Betting (KS, MO)**
- **Impeachment (SD)**
- **Opioids (MI, MN); Elder protection (IA)**
- **Just one more . . .**

Not a “burger” . . .

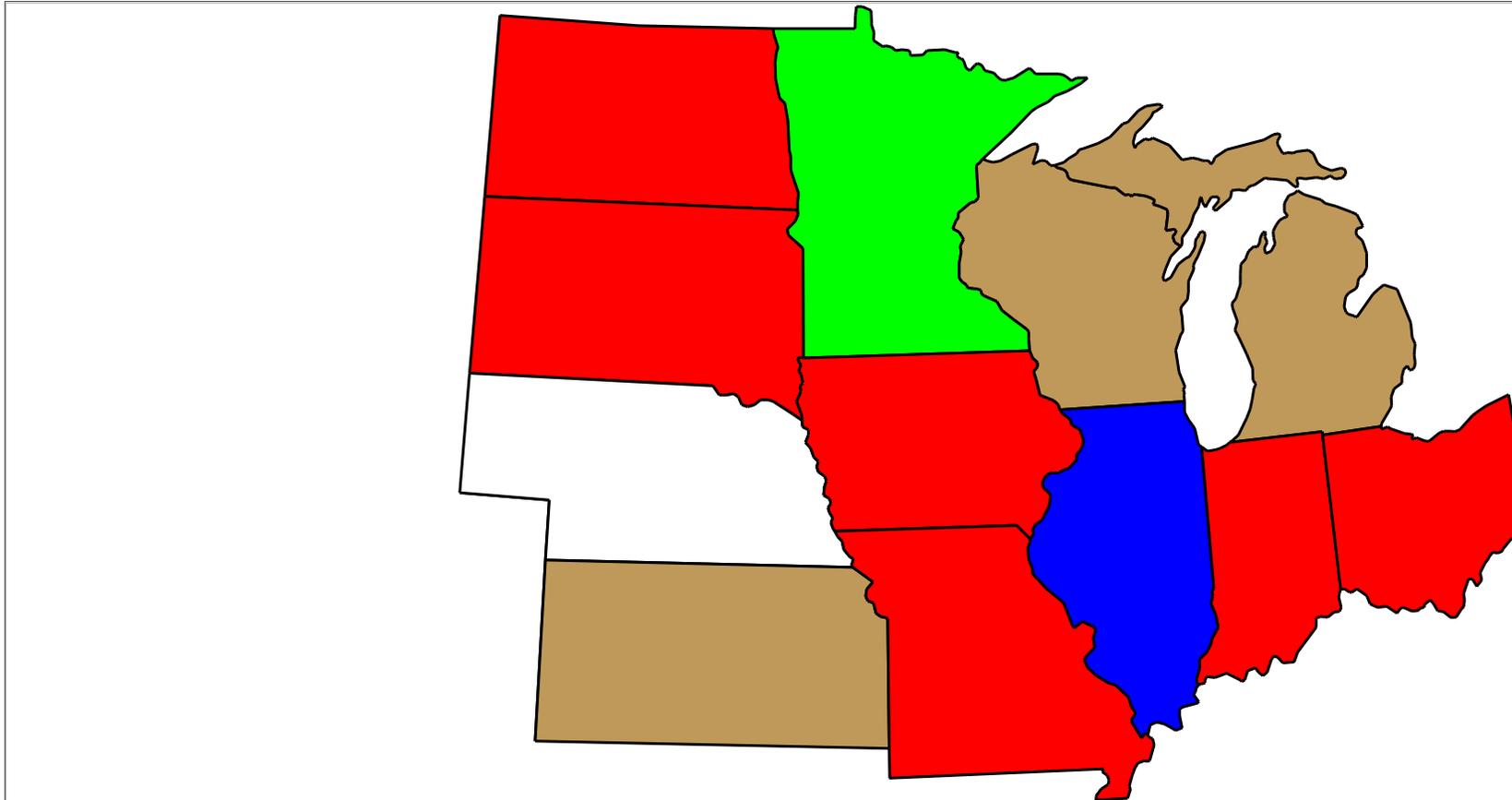


2022 Elections

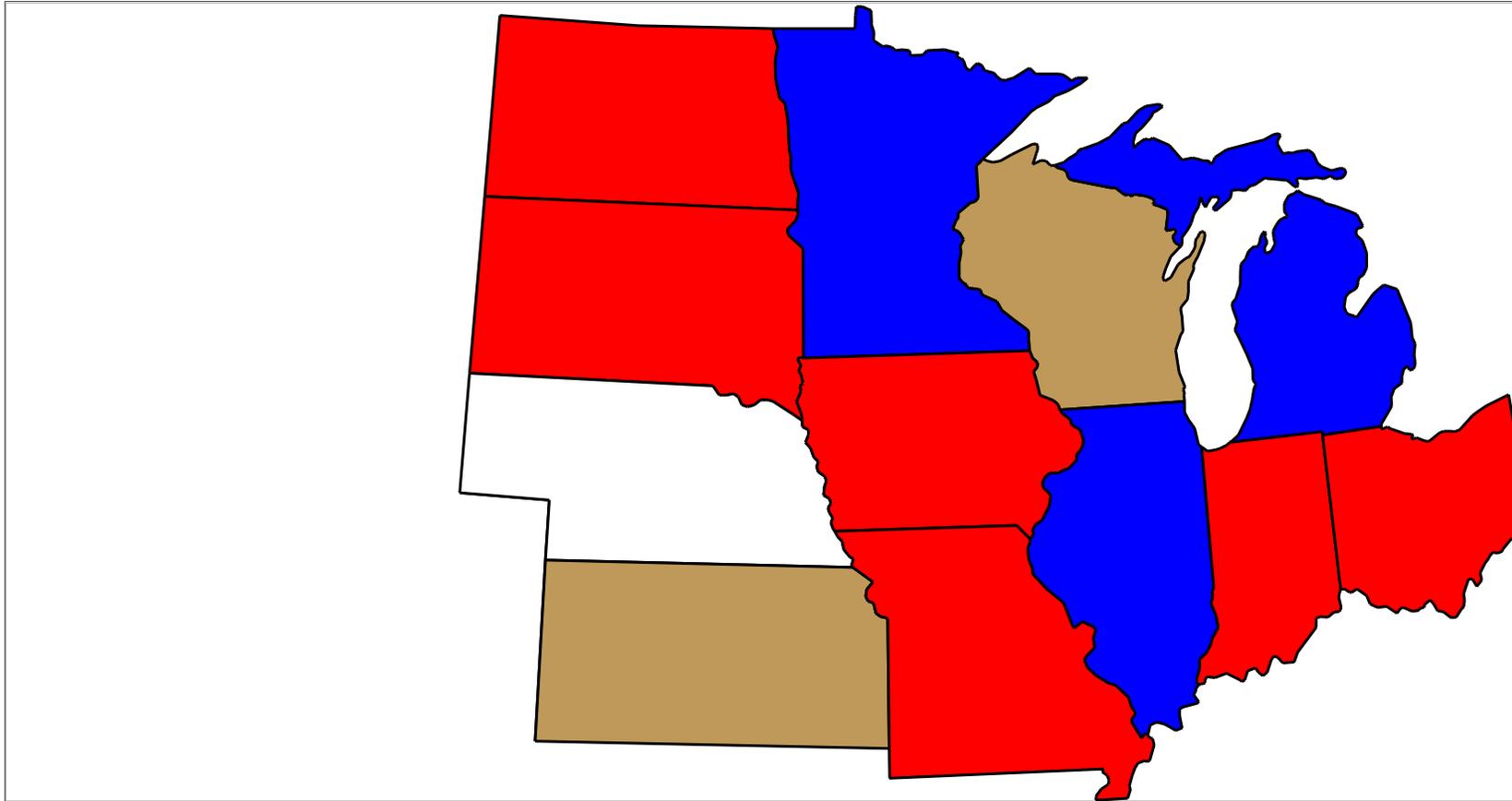
2022 Elections

- **Gubernatorial races: 36 states, including 9 of 12 in Midwest (IN, MO, ND)**
- **Legislative races: 46 states; every chamber in the Midwest except the KS Senate**
- **Ballot measures: >130 in 37 states; 21 in 9 Midwestern states**
- **Many others . . .**

Partisan Control in Midwestern States 2021/22



Partisan Control in Midwestern States 2023



2022 Election Results

- **Ds flip MN Senate, MI House and MI Senate**
- **8 incumbent governors re-elected**
- **No partisan change among governors (7 Rs, 5 Ds)**
- **Rs still control 16 of 22 partisan chambers and majority of total seats (likely > 60%)**
- **Unified control in 10 states (7 R, 3 D); divided government in only 2 (KS, WI)**

Midwestern State Partisan Control 2023 Legislative Sessions

State	Governor	Governor	House	Senate
Illinois	J.B. Pritzker	D	D	D
Indiana	Eric Holcomb	R	R	R
Iowa	Kim Reynolds	R	R	R
Kansas	Laura Kelly	D	R	R
Michigan	Gretchen Whitmer	D	D	D
Minnesota	Tim Walz	D	D	D
Missouri	Mike Parson	R	R	R
Nebraska	Jim Pillen	R		NP
North Dakota	Doug Burgum	R	R	R
Ohio	Mike DeWine	R	R	R
South Dakota	Kristi Noem	R	R	R
Wisconsin	Tony Evers	D	R	R

2022 Ballot Measures

- **Abortion (MI)**
- **Collective bargaining (IL); right to bear arms (IA)**
- **Term limits (ND, MI)**
- **Marijuana (ND, SD – both rejected)**
- **Medicaid expansion (SD); minimum wage (NE)**
- **Election reforms (NE, MI, OH)**



2023
Legislative Session
Preview

Key Issues – 2023

- **Budgets/Taxes**
- **Education (funding; teachers; content)**
- **Criminal Justice/Public Safety**
- **Health Care/Medicaid**
- **Abortion (protection; restrictions)**

Key Issues – 2023

- **Election Reform (IA, WI)**
- **Sports Betting (IA, MN, MO)**
- **Mental Health (ND, OH)**
- **Workforce Development (NE, OH)**
- **Others: Pensions, Infrastructure, Energy, Environment, EVs, Social Issues . . .**



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Thank You, MHEC!

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