

## 2026 Candidate Changes: Week of January 16, 2026

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Race Type	State	Race	Candidate	Action
<strong>GOVERNOR</strong>				
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Danny Fish (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Gregory Roebuck (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Joe Oltmann (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Mitchell Runyon (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Mark Baisley (R)	Moved to Senate
Governor	Florida	Governor	Jay Collins (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Idaho	Governor	Justin Plante (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Maine	Governor	Garrett Mason (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Michigan	Governor	Garlin Gilchrist II (D)	Exited Race
Governor	Nebraska	Governor	Sheila Korth-Focken (R)	Entered Race
Governor	New Mexico	Governor	James Ellison (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Oregon	Governor	LaNicia Duke (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Oregon	Governor	Tristan Sheppard (D)	Entered Race
Governor	Pennsylvania	Governor	Bill Messner (I)	Entered Race
Governor	South Dakota	Governor	Scott Morris (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Texas	Governor	Faizan Syed (D)	Exited Race
Governor	Texas	Governor	Meagan Tehseldar (D)	Exited Race
<strong>SENATE</strong>				
Senate	Alaska	Senate	Mary Peltola (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Colorado	Senate	Amanda Calderon (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Colorado	Senate	Mark Baisley (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Colorado	Senate	Sean Pond (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Delaware	Senate	Dexter Bland (I)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Amy McGrath (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Anissa Catlett (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Christopher Campbell (I)	Exited Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Donald Wenzel (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	George Washington (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	James Duncan (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Jared Randall (D)	Exited Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Jimmy Leon (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Joel Willett (D)	Exited Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Jonathan Holliday (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Joshua Blanton Sr. (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Val Fredrick (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Wende Kennedy (R)	Exited Race
Senate	Massachusetts	Senate	William Gates (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Minnesota	Senate	Mark York (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Montana	Senate	Kyle Austin (I)	Entered Race
Senate	Oklahoma	Senate	Jim Priest (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Virginia	Senate	Chuck Smith (R)	Entered Race
<strong>HOUSE</strong>				
House	California	CA-05	Paul Danbom (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-26	Jacqui Irwin (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-34	Vivian Nguyen (I)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-46	Francisco Bahena (D)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-19	Chris Collins (R)	Entered Race
House	Michigan	MI-05	Christian Vukasovich (D)	Entered Race
House	Minnesota	MN-08	Trina Swanson (D)	Entered Race
House	New Jersey	NJ-01	Lonnie Affrime (D)	Entered Race
House	New Jersey	NJ-04	Peter Linardakis (D)	Entered Race
House	New Jersey	NJ-04	Rachel Peace (D)	Entered Race
House	New Jersey	NJ-09	Tiffany Burgess (R)	Entered Race
House	Nevada	NV-01	Gabriel Cornejo (D)	Entered Race
House	Nevada	NV-02	Rick Shepherd (R)	Entered Race
House	Nevada	NV-03	Terrill Robinson (D)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-07	Claire Valdez (D)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-07	Dane-Brandon Noble (D)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-11	Umar Usman (D)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-12	Nina Schwalbe (D)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-25	Sherita Traywick (D)	Entered Race

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House	Oregon	OR-02	Rebecca Mueller (D)	Entered Race
House	Oregon	OR-05	Jo Rae Perkins (R)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-07	Lewis Shupe (D)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-07	Ramon Granados (I)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-10	Michael Robinson (D)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-11	Jeffrey Wilder (D)	Exited Race
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House	South Carolina	SC-07	Adam Moye (R)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-01	Lewis Littlepage (D)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-03	Justin Maffett (D)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-07	Waverly Washington (R)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-08	Adam Dunigan (D)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-10	Julie Perry (R)	Entered Race
House	Washington	WA-04	Devin Poore (I)	Entered Race
House	Washington	WA-05	Bajun Mavalwalla (D)	Entered Race
House	Wisconsin	WI-03	Jayte Welch (I)	Entered Race

## Summary

Race Type	Entered	Exited	Other
Governor	13	3	1
Senate	19	4	0
House	34	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

### Notable Changes

- **Mary Peltola (D)** - Former U.S. Representative enters Alaska Senate race
- **Amy McGrath (D)** - Returns to Kentucky politics, enters Senate race
- **Mark Baisley (R)** - Moved from Colorado Governor race to Senate race
- **Garlin Gilchrist II (D)** - Lt. Governor exits Michigan Governor race
- **Jo Rae Perkins (R)** - Perennial candidate enters Oregon OR-05 race
- **Jeffrey Wilder** - Party switch from D to I in PA-11
- **Kentucky Senate** - Major activity with 9 new candidates entering

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