

# 2026 Candidate Changes: Week of January 23, 2026

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Race Type	State	Race	Candidate	Action
GOVERNOR				
Governor	Arizona	Governor	Teri Hourihan (I)	Entered Race
Governor	California	Governor	Kyle Langford (R)	Exited Race
Governor	California	Governor	Lewis Herms (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Colorado	Governor	Christian Komor (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Connecticut	Governor	Betsy McCaughey (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Florida	Governor	Rachel Rodriguez (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Florida	Governor	Charles Lewis I (D)	Entered Race
Governor	Idaho	Governor	Scott Hert (R)	Entered Race
Governor	Minnesota	Governor	Christopher Seymore (D)	Entered Race
Governor	Oregon	Governor	David Medina (R)	Entered Race
Governor	South Dakota	Governor	Scott Morris (I)	Name Corrected
Governor	South Dakota	Governor	Allison Renville (I)	Entered Race
Governor	Wyoming	Governor	Megan Degenfelder (R)	Entered Race
SENATE				
Senate	Delaware	Senate	Michael Katz (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Delaware	Senate	John Shulli (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Georgia	Senate	Chelsae Pile (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Kentucky	Senate	Christopher Campbell (I)	Entered Race
Senate	Louisiana	Senate	Markeda Cottonham (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Louisiana	Senate	Julia Letlow (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Maine	Senate	Timothy Rich (I)	Entered Race
Senate	Minnesota	Senate	Michele Tafoya (R)	Entered Race
Senate	Mississippi	Senate	Andrew S. Smith (R)	Exited Race
Senate	Montana	Senate	Kathleen McLaughlin (D)	Entered Race
Senate	New Jersey	Senate	Lisa McCormick (D)	Entered Race
Senate	New Mexico	Senate	Matt Dodson (D)	Entered Race
Senate	Virginia	Senate	Mark Moran (D)	Entered Race
HOUSE				
House	Alabama	AL-01	Joshua McKee (R)	Name Corrected
House	Arizona	AZ-08	Raymond Keeler (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-23	Charles Wallis (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-26	Sonia Devgan-Kacker (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-28	Michael Tucker (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-36	Claire Anderson (I)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-40	Maricar Payad (A)	Exited Race
House	California	CA-41	Gale Duane Lawton (D)	Entered Race
House	California	CA-44	Nanette Barragán (D)	Entered Race
House	Colorado	CO-01	Gregory Cutlip (R)	Entered Race
House	Colorado	CO-07	Timothy Bennett (R)	Entered Race
House	Connecticut	CT-04	Michael Goldstein (R)	Entered Race
House	Connecticut	CT-05	Chris Shea (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-02	Keith Gross (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-02	George Hensarling (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-02	Nicholas Lewis (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-04	Ronald Sherard	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-06	Christopher Manuel Alcantara	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-06	Purvi Bangdiwala	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-06	Amr Metwally	NPA to I

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House	Florida	FL-13	Karla Kemp (D)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-13	Tony D'Arrigo	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-16	Mark Davis	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-18	Deva Simmons	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-19	Victor Arias (D)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-20	Kevin McClellan (NPA)	Exited Race
House	Florida	FL-21	Edward O'Connor (D)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-21	Robert Ott	NPA to I
House	Florida	FL-22	David Burck (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-22	Dan Franzese (R)	Entered Race
House	Florida	FL-23	Scott Singer (R)	Entered Race
House	Georgia	GA-01	Dylan Castillo (I)	Exited Race
House	Georgia	GA-02	Brandon Daley (I)	Exited Race
House	Georgia	GA-11	Christopher Dale Vines (D)	Entered Race
House	Illinois	IL-02	Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D)	Name Corrected
House	Illinois	IL-04	Ed Hershey (WCP)	Exited Race
House	Indiana	IN-08	Aleem Young (D)	Entered Race
House	Iowa	IA-03	Lanon Baccam (D)	Exited Race
House	Kentucky	KY-05	Billy Ray Wilson (I)	Exited Race
House	Kentucky	KY-05	Mikel Wein (I)	Entered Race
House	Louisiana	LA-02	Ray Smith (R)	Moved to LA-05
House	Louisiana	LA-04	Joshua Morott (R)	Exited Race
House	Louisiana	LA-05	Julia Letlow (R)	Moved to Senate
House	Louisiana	LA-05	Ray Smith (R)	Entered Race
House	Louisiana	LA-05	Larry Foy (D)	Entered Race
House	Maryland	MD-05	Wala Blegay (D)	Entered Race
House	Maryland	MD-05	Jennifer Cross (D)	Entered Race
House	Maryland	MD-05	Tracy Starr (D)	Entered Race
House	Maryland	MD-05	Nicole Williams (D)	Entered Race
House	Massachusetts	MA-06	John Field (R)	Entered Race
House	Massachusetts	MA-06	Mariah Lancaster (D)	Entered Race
House	Minnesota	MN-05	DeVelle Jackson (I)	Entered Race
House	Mississippi	MS-01	Montravius Hall (D)	Exited Race
House	Mississippi	MS-03	Justin James (R)	Exited Race
House	Mississippi	MS-03	Shaun McInnish Sr. (L)	Exited Race
House	Mississippi	MS-04	John Mills (R)	Exited Race
House	Missouri	MO-02	John Kiehne (I)	Exited Race
House	Missouri	MO-08	Christopher Reichard (D)	Entered Race
House	Nebraska	NE-03	Mark Cohen	NP to I
House	Nevada	NV-02	Samuel White (D)	Entered Race
House	New Hampshire	NH-01	Melissa Bailey	D to R
House	New Jersey	NJ-05	Adam Rueda (I)	Exited Race
House	New York	NY-03	Michael Lavery (R)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-07	Evan Hutchison (R)	Moved from NY-10
House	New York	NY-09	Jean Depalis (R)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-12	Amy Jordan	I to R
House	New York	NY-21	Michael Metzgieir (I)	Entered Race
House	New York	NY-25	Cassandra Lin Leach (R)	Entered Race
House	North Carolina	NC-07	Michael Henry (I)	Entered Race
House	Ohio	OH-09	Madison Sheahan (R)	Entered Race
House	Ohio	OH-10	Kristina Knickerbocker (D)	Entered Race
House	Ohio	OH-11	Ardelia Holmes (D)	Entered Race
House	Ohio	OH-12	Daniel Crawford (D)	Entered Race

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House	Ohio	OH-14	Nicole Frenchko (R)	Entered Race
House	Oklahoma	OK-01	William Webb (R)	Exited Race
House	Oregon	OR-02	Peter Larson (R)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-03	Shaun Griffith (D)	Entered Race
House	Pennsylvania	PA-15	Ray Bilger (D)	Entered Race
House	South Carolina	SC-01	William Reeside	R to L
House	Texas	TX-34	Fred Hinojosa (R)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-05	Hugh Murray (D)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-05	Cooke Harvey (I)	Entered Race
House	Virginia	VA-07	Alex Thymmons	R to D
House	Wisconsin	WI-04	Purnima Nath (R)	Entered Race
House	Wyoming	WY-AL	Jillian Balow (R)	Entered Race

### Summary

Race Type	Entered	Exited	Other
Governor	11	1	1
Senate	12	1	0
House	48	14	16
TOTAL	71	16	17

### Notable Changes

- **Julia Letlow (R)** - Former U.S. Representative moves from LA-05 House race to Louisiana Senate race
- **Michele Tafoya (R)** - Former NFL sideline reporter enters Minnesota Senate race
- **Betsy McCaughey (R)** - Former NY Lt. Governor enters Connecticut Governor race
- **Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D)** - Former U.S. Representative running in IL-02
- **Jillian Balow (R)** - Former Wyoming Superintendent enters WY-AL race
- **Megan Degenfelder (R)** - Current Wyoming Superintendent enters Governor race
- **MD-05** - Four new Democratic candidates enter race following Steny Hoyer retirement
- **Florida NPA changes** - Multiple candidates reclassified from NPA to Independent
- **Ray Smith (R)** - Moved from LA-02 to LA-05 House race