“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
2022 Legislative Sessions

- 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
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- 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

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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 . . .
Thank You, MHEC!

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