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Latinos Make History Pursuing State Legislative Offices Nationwide in Election 2022

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released its analysis assessing Latino gains in state legislatures across the nation following Election 2022. A full [analysis](#) of Latinos who will serve in state senates and state lower houses (including a breakdown by state and political party) is available [here](#).

“Latino candidates made history in Election 2022 demonstrating that they can successfully run for state legislative seats across the country, winning races in areas with and without Latino population centers,” said **NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas**. With Latino candidates successfully running for state legislative seats across the country, there is no such thing as a Latino or non-Latino district anymore. Latinos once again are bringing the expertise and skills needed to secure support from a broad coalition of voters.”

As candidates, Latino leaders sought positions in state legislative offices across the nation in Election 2022. As a result, a record number of Latinos will serve in state legislatures with a total of 376, an increase from 344 prior to Election 2022. In addition, there will be 103 Latinos serving in state senates and 273 in state lower houses.

Key Findings from NALEO Educational Fund’s post-election analysis include:

- **Latinos in State Senates Post-Election 2022:**
 - **Class:** The number of Latinos serving in state senates is set to increase by four following Election 2022. 103 Latinos* will serve in the upper chambers of state legislatures.
 - **Party Affiliation:** Following Election 2022, 84 Democrats will serve in state senates, up from 83. Republicans in the upper chambers will also increase, growing from 16 to 19.
 - **Gender:** Latinos and Latinas made modest gains in state senates in Election 2022, with the number of Latinas serving increasing from 49 to 51 and male Latinos from 50 to 52 after Election 2022. The updated gains reflect a nearly complete gender balance among Latinos in the state senates.

- **Latinos in Lower State Houses Post-Election 2022:**
 - **Class:** The number of Latinos serving in state lower houses after Election 2022 will increase by 28, growing to 273*.
 - **Party Affiliation:** Following Election 2022, 228 Democrats and 45 Republicans will serve in the lower house of state legislatures, an increase of 14 for each political party.
 - **Gender:** The growth in Latinas serving in state lower houses helped fuel the overall increase of Latinos in these legislative chambers after Election 2022. The number of Latinas serving in state lower houses will increase by 24, from 105 to 129, which accounts for 86 percent of the total increase. In addition, one state legislative newcomer identifies as gender non-conforming, and one identifies as non-binary.

A full overview of Latinos who will serve in state legislatures nationwide is available [here](#). The [analysis](#) includes a breakdown of Latino representation, gains and losses in state senates, and state lower houses by state and party.

**Note: Election Results are based in part on unofficial results and media reports.*

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.