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Pre-Election Outlook: State Legislative Democrats in strong position going into election night

Elections in Virginia, New Jersey, and Mississippi tomorrow, Louisiana next week

WASHINGTON, DC—There are off-cycle state legislative elections in three states tomorrow.

“This is a crucial election,” says DLCC Executive Director Michael Sargeant. “This is the last election in the Virginia Senate before the 2011 redistricting.”

But the outlook for Democrats looks good. “We’re confident of holding chambers in New Jersey and picking up seats in Virginia,” says Sargeant. “The DLCC has worked with our in-state partners to provide them with political and financial resources, as always.”

Below is an overview of the three states with legislative elections tomorrow:

Mississippi

Democrats control the House and Republicans control the Senate. The House is a top target by Republicans. All seats in both chambers are up every four years.

New Jersey

Democrats control both chambers. Republicans have been fighting hard, but Democrats expect to maintain control. All seats are up in both chambers. The House will be up again in 2009, and the Senate will be up again in 2011.

Virginia

Republicans control the Assembly and the Senate. All seats are up in both chambers. Democrats have a real shot at picking up seats in both chambers and possibly flipping the Senate. House members serve two-year terms, but the Senate won’t be up again until 2011, after legislative and Congressional redistricting.

Louisiana

Elections will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2007. Democrats currently control both chambers.

About the DLCC

The DLCC's mission is to build and maintain winning, state-of-the-art campaign committees through a continuing partnership with legislative leaders, professional staff, and supporters. Since its inception, the DLCC has been an integral part of the success that Democrats have had winning at the legislative level.

In addition to targeting critical resources to states, the DLCC also seeks to provide important services and instill best practices and economies of scale at the state legislative level. By changing the market and the quality of services available for legislative candidates the DLCC has continued to change the paradigm of how state legislative elections are won.