

Court Decision Calls For Special Election in NE WI Senate District

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Judge in Madison orders Governor to hold special elections to fill seats vacated in December. Sen. Dave Hansen and fellow Democrats had pushed for the elections.

GREEN BAY - For months, Sen. **Dave Hansen** of Green Bay has been [calling](#) on the Governor to hold special elections to fill seats vacated in December by Republicans Frank Lasee of De Pere in the 1st Senate District and Rep. Keith Ripp, of Lodi. On Thursday, Hansen and fellow Democrats who have pushed for the elections saw their efforts rewarded.

A judge in Madison Thursday ordered Gov. Scott Walker to call special elections to fill both of legislative seats.

Both Lasee and Ripp had resigned to take jobs in Gov. Walker's administration. The Senate seat, which covers the Door County peninsula northeast of Green Bay, had been under Republican control for nearly 40 years.



A national Democratic group led by former U.S. Attorney General **Eric Holder** filed the lawsuit on behalf of voters who argued they were disenfranchised by Walker's decision not to call elections to fill the vacancies.

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