Welcome to Wednesday, readers! This is Wednesday Fightswath with another Stateline Daily. This week in Texas, be sure to take a minute to check out some state policy news from around the country.

In a Stateline analysis by Tim Hendershot, millions of people have moved from Democratic cities to Republican suburbs in recent years, complicating the politics of swing states in an election year.

People keep moving here because they like it, then they try to make it like the place they left. You’re reading today’s edition of Stateline Daily. Enjoy your Wednesday!

FEATURED STORY

Swing states see newcomers as Americans move from blue to red counties

In 30 states, including four of the six states considered swing states in the presidential election, Republican counties gained the most new people moving in since 2020. In fact, Republican counties gained about 3.7 million people from moves between 2020 and 2021, and Democratic counties lost about 3.6 million people.

WHAT WE’RE READING

MORE STATE NEWS

1/ Washington workers will soon gain some new rights, including protections against employers holding mandatory meetings on religious and political issues.
2/ An Alabama House bill would add Juneteenth, which celebrates the end of slavery, to the list of 13 official state holidays. But it wouldn’t be an additional day off for state employees; instead, they would be able to take off either Juneteenth or Jefferson Davis’ birthday, a state holiday celebrating the Confederate president that is also marked in June, the birthday of the Confederate president that is celebrated as a state holiday.
3/ A state proposal to lower property taxes for veterans to 0.6% on their homes.
4/ Wisconsin voters approved two Republican-backed constitutional amendments on election administration, the first of which would prohibit employers from disciplining or firing employees who refuse to attend “captive audience” meetings, which employers often use as a union-busting tactic.
5/ The Iowa House approved a bill aimed at improving literacy rates; Republican leaders herald the measure as a critical step toward helping students reach their full potential.
6/ Wisconsin’s minority municipalities are still waiting for funding for elections administration.

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK

Quote of the Day

"People keep moving here because they like it, then they try to make it like the place they left." — Jared Fink of Kentucky County, a red county that gained more newcomers in the year between each election and the last.

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