

Voters Guide State Treasurer November 8, 2016 General Election

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Candidates for State Treasurer

Office Treasurer

Name John D. Perdue

County of Residence Kanawha

Party Democrat

Biography

John Perdue is a 1972 graduate of West Virginia University and a native of Boone County. He and his wife Robin have two adult daughters. Since taking office, Treasurer Perdue has worked diligently to make West Virginia a better place for families, business owners and citizens of all ages

1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of State Treasurer?

As the banker of state government, Treasurer Perdue manages more than \$13 billion of state money annually. The Treasurer's Office has set records in the Unclaimed Property Division by returning more than \$160 million to rightful owners over the course of his administration. In addition, he oversees the state's Board of Treasury Investments, the West Virginia Retirement Plus deferred compensation plan

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

Treasurer Perdue has served the people of West Virginia for more than 40 years. He started his public service career with the Department of Agriculture in 1973 serving as assistant Commissioner. In 1989 he became executive assistant to former Governor Gaston Caperton and served as a member of his executive staff for eight years. As Treasurer, he put together a professional

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Name Ann Urling

County of Residence Kanawha

Party Republican

Biography

After a successful 30 year career in banking I am honored to have been recruited to run for WV State Treasurer. I am from Harrison County and a graduate of WVU. I am currently the Senior Vice President of Summit Community Bank and an active board member of The Childhood Language Center and The Rea of Hope and live in

1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of State Treasurer?

I would work with other members of the board of public works in a cooperative manner with a commitment in the Treasurer's office on modernization, efficiency and transparency. Identifying areas where unnecessary expenses can be eliminated and revenues maximized while also streamlining operations. Greater transparency could be achieved through the use of an

online portal similar to the State of Ohio.

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

After almost 30 years of professional banking and management, I have a proven record of budgetary experience and a keen working knowledge in all areas of financial accounting and banking. The State Treasurer is the State's Chief Financial Officer. It makes sense to have an experienced, energetic banking professional with team work and leadership mastery to serve in this role.

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Name Michael Young

County of Residence Putnam

Party Libertarian

Biography

I started working as a teenager, and haven't stopped since. I have an associates degree and served in the USAF, and experience in many different types of business. I have managed all types of businesses and know how to work with people to get the job done. My work ethic will be continued at the capitol.

1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of State Treasurer?

The most important responsibility of the treasurer is to be a frugal trustee of the public's hard-earned money. My biggest priority will be to ease the financial burden on the citizens of WV. Every dollar the state spends wastes or mismanages comes out of the pockets of working people. When government is in your bank account, WV families suffer.

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

Having a long and extensive business record and having worked for small businesses, like my current position, and corporations alike. Having worked for multiple small businesses I would seek to ease the burden on all business. I am a hands on person, and as such, I would make it my goal to be at WV legislature tax and financial dealings.