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Aaron Frey '08 has been elected to succeed Governor-elect Janet Mills as Attorney General in the state of Maine.



Rep. Aaron Frey, D-Bangor, waves from the balcony overlooking the House of Representatives in Augusta after being elected state attorney general Wednesday. Image Credit: Troy R. Bennett | BDN

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From the Bangor Daily News:

"Democrats elected as Maine attorney general, secretary of state and treasurer"

By Alex Acquisto, BDN Staff
December 5, 2018

"Flexing the power that comes with significant majorities in both chambers, the Democrat-controlled Maine Legislature elected Democrats on Wednesday afternoon to three of the most important positions in state government.

The House and Senate jointly elected Rep. Aaron Frey, D-Bangor, to succeed Gov.-elect Janet Mills as attorney general. Matt Dunlap will serve another term as secretary of state, and Democrat Henry Beck, a former state representative from Waterville, will replace independent Terry Hayes as treasurer.

Each will serve a two-year term. This is his fourth consecutive term, so Dunlap would be prevented from running for secretary of state again in 2020 because Maine's term limits law applies to constitutional offices.

Maine Democrats surged to power after winning 110 of 186 legislative seats in the November election, largely seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump and outgoing Gov. Paul LePage, whom Frey addressed in a speech after his election.

A defense attorney from Bangor, Frey, 39, effectively won the seat in a five-way race among Democrats on Tuesday. Democrats in the new Legislature took four ballots to choose him over Tim Shannon of Falmouth, former Sen. Mark Dion of Portland, former attorney general and current Sen. Mike Carpenter of Houlton, and Augusta resident Maeghan Maloney, who serves as district attorney in Kennebec and Somerset counties.

Frey won his fourth term in the Maine House last month. A special election to fill his now vacant seat is likely to take place in February.

On Tuesday after his nomination, Frey said one of his first goals is to find better ways, with the help of the criminal justice system, to fight Maine's opioid crisis..."

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