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Dallet with big lead early, ‘no; vote on getting rid of state treasurer way ahead

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Milwaukee County Judge Rebecca Dallet opened a significant early lead over Sauk County Judge Michael Screnock in their race for an open seat on the state Supreme Court.

With more than a third of the statewide vote in, Dallet was at 56 percent, while Screnock was at 43.9 percent.

Dallet had a huge lead in liberal Dane County, hitting 80.7 percent of the vote with almost three-fourths of the vote in for that county.

By comparison, liberal Justice Ann Walsh Bradley hit 78.3 percent in Dane County in 2015 as she won statewide with 58 percent of the vote.

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Meanwhile, Screnock was at 64.7 percent of the vote in Waukesha County with 93 percent of the vote in. Conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley won 68.3 percent there in 2016 as she won statewide with 52.2 percent of the vote.

Voters were also largely opposed to eliminating the state treasurer’s office in early returns. The “no” vote was at 62 percent, while 38 percent had voted in favor of eliminating the constitutional office.