

GOP Rep. Kleefisch won't seek re-election

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Rep. Joel Kleefisch, R-Oconomowoc, announced he won't seek re-election this fall.

In his announcement posted on Facebook, the lawmaker from the 38th AD said he looks forward to his children knowing him outside of a public role.

Kleefisch, a former television news reporter, has served in the Legislature since 2004.

"From then until now, I have never stopped believing that hard work and heartfelt convictions can make this state a better place for the people who live here. I am blessed to have had such victories in fighting human trafficking, combating the opioid crisis, cracking down on sex offenders and making it easier for more hunters and anglers to get into Wisconsin's great outdoors," he wrote on Facebook.

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Kleefisch is the 13th member of the chamber to decide against seeking re-election this fall. Six members have announced plans to retire without seeking another office; five are running for another office; one has already won a local office and resigned; and one joined the Walker administration.

[See Kleefisch's Facebook page.](#)