State-by-State
2026 Election Day Scorecard

(Updated November 3, 2026)

A Resource Tool Designed to Assist You
In Tracking the Outcome of
All Thirty-Five 2026 Senate Races
&
Key U.S. House of Representative Races
Impacting the Makeup of
The House Committees on Education & Workforce,
Veterans' Affairs, and Appropriations
In Today's 2026 House Midterm Races!



Alaska

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Mary Peltola		Lean Democrat		
Dan Sullivan*	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

Senator Dan Sullivan is currently a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs (VA) Committee comprised of ten Republicans and nine Democrats. Of the ten GOP VA Committee seats, Senator Sullivan is the only Senator up for re-election during the 2026 midterms who is campaigning to return to the Senate. Heading into today's election, Senator Sullivan is at risk of losing his bid for re-election. The Senator is trailing former U.S. House member Mary Peltola in the most recent polls, but the race is very much "in-play."

The outcome of this race and five other toss up races for Senate seats currently held by the GOP will play a pivotal role in determining which party controls the United States Senate in the 120th Congress.*

Three other GOP Senators on the VA Committee will not return and their seats on the committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.

If successful in his bid for re-election it is likely that Senator Sullivan will seek to retain his positions and seniority on the VA Committee as well as his positions on the Senate Committee on Armed Services (Chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support), the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (Chairmanship of the Cost Guard, Maritime, & Fisheries Subcommittee), and the Committee on Environment & Public Works.

If candidate Mary Peltola defeats Sen. Sullivan, she is likely to request Committee assignments similar to those of incumbent Sen. Sullivan. Throughout her campaign Ms. Peltola has emphasized "Fish, Family, Freedom." Among her priorities are Affordability, Fixing the Rigged System, Fighting for Alaska's Fisheries, Making Energy Affordable for Alaskans, and Keeping Promises to Alaskan Veterans and Servicemembers.

As a reminder, while serving in the House, Rep. Peltola did serve on the House Committee on Education & Workforce.



Alabama

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Everett Wess				
Barry Moore	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Tommy Tuberville is currently a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee comprised of twelve Republicans and eleven Democrats.

Of the twelve GOP HELP Committee seats, Senator Tuberville is one of three Republican Senators who will not be returning following the 2026 midterms and their seats on the Committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.

Four additional Republican seats and two Democratic seats are held by sitting Senators up for re-election during the 2026 midterms.

Three GOP Senator's races and their seats on the HELP Committee are at risk – Senators Susan Collins (ME), Senator Roger Marshall (KS) and Senator Jon Husted (OH). One GOP Senators and two Democratic Senators on the HELP Committee who are running for re-election this cycle and their seats are considered to be among the safe seats within their respective parties.

Candidate Moore is a current member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving on the House Agriculture and Judiciary Committees. If Rep. Moore is successful in his bid to become the junior Senator from Alabama it is unlikely that he will seek a seat on the Senate HELP, VA, or Approps Committees.

Candidate Wess has run his campaign stressing "Protecting AL Jobs, Healthcare, and Tough Fair Justice." One of his campaign planks it a commitment to "ensure quality public education to equip our future leaders."



Arizona

House (AZ-06)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
JoAnna Mendoza	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Juan Ciscomani*				

Representative Juan Ciscomani is currently a member of both the House Committee on Appropriations (Approps) and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (VA).

Of the thirty-five Republican seats on the Approps Committee, Rep. Ciscomani is one of two GOP committee members who are at risk of losing their bid for re-election. The polls are leaning heavily towards the Democrat challenger JoAnna Mendoza winning this race and picking up a seat in the narrowly divided U.S. House of Representatives in the 120th Congress.

Four of the twenty-six Democratic Approps committee members are at risk of losing their bid for re-election and ten committee seats – seven Republican and three Democratic seats on the Approps Committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.

Of the fourteen Republican seats on the VA Committee, Rep. Ciscomani is one of five GOP committee members who are at risk of losing their bid for re-election. In addition to the five races which will be decided on election day, two GOP and three Democratic seats on the VA Committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.



Arkansas

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Hallie Shoffner				
Tom Cotton*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Tom Cotton is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

While Senator Cotton is not on any of the three Senate Committees which have the most direct impact on higher education, Senator Cotton is expected to maintain his position as the leading Republican on the Senate Committee on Intelligence and continue serving on the Senate Committee on Armed Services and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.



California

House (CA-06)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Richard Pan	Safe Democratic	Likely Democratic		Lean Democratic
Kevin Kiley*			Toss Up	

Representative Kevin Kiley is currently a member of the House Committee on Education & Workforce.

Of the twenty Republican seats on the E&W Committee, Rep. Kiley is one of two GOP committee members who are at risk of losing their bid for re-election. The polls are leaning heavily towards the Democrats winning this race and picking up a seat in the narrowly divided U.S. House of Representatives.

Three additional GOP seats and two of the sixteen Democratic seats will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.

House (CA-22)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Randy Villegas		Likely Democratic		Lean Democratic
David Valadao	Toss Up		Toss Up	

Representative David Valadao is currently a member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Of the thirty-five Republican seats on the Appropriations Committee, Rep. Valadao is one of two GOP committee members who are at risk of losing their bid for re-election.

Four of the twenty-six Democratic committee members are at also considered to be at risk of losing their bid for re-election and ten committee seats – seven Republican and three Democratic seats on the Appropriations Committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress.



Colorado

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
John Hickenlooper*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Mark Baisley				

Senator John Hickenlooper is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Hickenlooper is currently one of the eleven Democrats who serve on the Senate HELP Committee. CSPEN believes that Senator Hickenlooper will seek to retain his HELP Committee assignment and his position as the leading Democrat on the Subcommittee on Employment & Workplace Safety.

House (CO-05)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jessica KIillin				
Jeff Crank*	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up

Representative Jeff Crank is a current Republican Member of Congress in one of the eighteen seats that is viewed as a toss up in multiple polls. The outcome of this race and the other seventeen toss up races heading into election day will play a pivotal role in determining which party controls the House in the 120th Congress.*



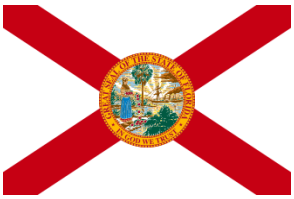
Delaware

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Chris Coons*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Michael Katz				

Senator Chris Coons is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Coons is one of fourteen Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee and serves as the Ranking Member on the Defense Subcommittee. Senator Coons will move up in seniority on the vaunted funding committee with the departure of three Senate Democrats.



Florida

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Angie Nixon				
Ashley Moody*	Likely Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican

Senator Ashly Moody is expected to win her bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.

Senator Moody is one of twelve Republicans serving on the Senate HELP Committee and would move up in seniority on the Committee if she chooses to remain on the Committee with three GOP seats being vacated at the conclusion of the 19th Congress and two current Republicans on the Committee in contested races.

House (FL-14)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Kathy Castor*		Likely Democratic		
Mike Beltran	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

Representative Kathy Castor is a current Democratic Member of Congress in one of the eighteen seats that is viewed as a toss up in multiple polls. The outcome of this race and the other seventeen toss up races heading into election day will play a pivotal role in determining which party controls the House in the 120th Congress.*

House (FL-22) OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Pia Dandiya				
Casey Askar	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up

The final morning polls indicate a close race between Democratics candidate Pia Dandiya and Republican candidate Casey Askar.

House (FL-25)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jared Moskowitz	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Scott Singer				

The morning polls have shifted in favor of Democratic candidate Jared Moskowitz to defeat Republican candidate Scott Singer.



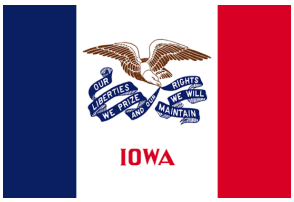
Georgia

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jon Ossoff	Likely Democratic	Safe Democratic	Likely Democratic	Likely Democratic
Mike Collins				

Senator Jon Ossoff is expected to win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.

Senator Ossoff is one of fourteen Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee and currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Senator Ossoff will move up in seniority on the vaunted funding committee with the departure of three Senate Democrats.



Iowa

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Josh Turek	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up
Ashley Hinson				

The Iowa Senate race is a dead-heat heading into Election Day with multiple polls indicating that neither Democratic candidate Josh Turek or Republican candidate Ashley Hinson are leading their opponent by more than one or two points AND that each has less than a simple majority of votes necessary to win.

Both candidates are polling in the mid-40% range with third-party Libertarian candidate Thomas Laekhen projected to earn 7% of the vote in multiple polls.

If the outcome later today is consistent with the various pollsters projections, and neither Turek or Hinson are able to eek out 50.1% of the vote, the election will go to a runoff.

House District 1

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Christina Bohannan	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Tilt Democratic	Lean Democratic
Mariannette Miller-Meeks*				

Representative Miller-Meeks is once again heading into election night trailing in the polls. Last year Representative Miller-Meeks defined the odds and won her bid for re-election. Will she be able to do so again today?

If she is defeated this time around it will add the fourth guaranteed Republican vacancy on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and there could be more to follow. Three other Republicans on the VA Committee are at risk of losing their re-election bids. This could mean that literally half of the Republican seats on the VA Committee in the 119th Congress would need to be filled in the 120th Congress.

The Democratic roster will undergo changes too. Of the eleven current Democratic seats, three seats will be vacated at the end of the 110th Congress.

House District 2 OPEN Seat

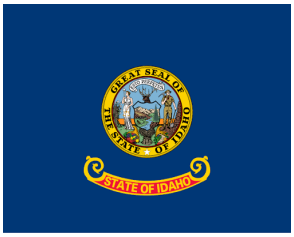
Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Lindsay James	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up	Toss Up
Joe Mitchell				

At the start of Election Day this rate is listed as a tie.

House – District 3

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Sarah Trone Garriott	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Zach Nunn*				

In what could potentially be another Democratic pick-up, Republican incumbent Representative Zach Nunn is trailing Democratic candidate Sarah Trone Garriott.



Idaho

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Todd Achilles				
Jim Risch*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Jim Risch is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

While Senator Risch is not on any of the three Senate Committees which have the most direct impact on higher education, Senator Risch is expected to maintain his position and leadership position on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to continue to serve on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



Illinois

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Juliana Stratton	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Don Tracy				

Democratic candidate Juliana Stratton is expected to easily win Illinois' vacant Senate seat to replace retiring Senator Richard Durbin. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Ms. Stratton stepped away from her posting as Lieutenant Governor to run for the Senate, completing a stunning come-from-behind victory over Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi in the Democratic primary, winning 40-33 percent and clearing her path to becoming the fifth Black woman elected to the Senate.



Kansas

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Adam Hamilton		Lean Democratic		Lean Democratic
Roger Marshall*	Toss Up		Toss Up	

Senator Roger Marshall is currently a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee comprised of twelve Republicans and eleven Democrats.

Of the twelve GOP HELP Committee seats, Senator Marshall is one of three GOP Senator's on the HELP Committee who are at risk of losing his re-election bid and seat on the committee.

In addition to the three at risk races, three additional Republican seats on the HELP Committee will be vacated at the conclusion of the 119th Congress due to retirements and departures.

And finally, one GOP Senator and two Democratic Senators on the HELP Committee who are running for re-election this cycle and their seats are considered to be among the safe seats within their respective parties.

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Kentucky

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Charles Booker				
Andy Barr	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Former Republican Representative Andy Barr is expected to easily win the 2026 midterm race to replace retiring Senator Mitch McConnell. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

House District 6 OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Zach Dembo				
Ralph Alvarado	Toss Up	Likely Republican	Toss Up	Toss Up

The House race to fill former Representative Barr's seat is not assured to the GOP. Heading into Election Day the pollsters continue to keep the race listed as a pick'em. If Democratic candidate Zach Dembo were to win this would flip yet another seat held by the GOP in the 119th Congress.



Louisiana

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jamie Davis				
Julia Letlow	Safe Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican

Former Republican Representative Julia Letlow is expected is expected win the 2026 midterm race to former Senate HELP Committee Chairman and Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy.

As a member of the House Committee on Education & Workforce prior to her bid to run for the Senate, it is likely that Representative Letlow make seeking a committee assignment on the Senate HELP Committee.



Massachusetts

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Ed Markey*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
John Deaton				

Senator Ed Markey is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Hickenlooper is currently one of the eleven Democrats who serve on the Senate HELP Committee. CSPEN believes that Senator Markey will seek to retain his HELP Committee assignment and his position as the leading Democrat on the Subcommittee on Primary Health & Retirement Security.



Maine

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Troy Jackson		Likely Democratic		
Susan Collins	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

Senator Susan Collins is currently Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee comprised of fifteen Republicans and fourteen Democrats and also serves as a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee consisting of twelve Republicans and eleven Democrats.

Heading into today's election, Senator Collins is at risk of losing her bid for re-election. The Senator is trailing former state Senate President Jackson in the most recent polls, but the race is very much "in-play."

The outcome of this race and five other toss up races for Senate seats currently held by the GOP will play a pivotal role in determining which party controls the United States Senate in the 120th Congress.*



Michigan

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Abdul El-Sayed	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Mike Rogers				

Democratic candidate Abdul El-Sayed has a narrow lead over former Representative Mike Rogers in one of the most highly politicized Senate races.

House (MI-4)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Sean McCann	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Toss Up	Lean Democratic
Bill Huizenga*				

Incumbent Republican Representative Bill Huizenga is trailing Democratic candidate Sean McCann.

House (MI-7)

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
William Lawrence		Likely Democratic		
Tom Barrett*	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

Incumbent Republican Representative Tom Barrett is in a dead heat with Democratic candidate William Lawrence.

House (MI-10) OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Christina Hines		Lean Democratic		
Michael Bouchard	Toss Up		Lean Republican	Toss Up

Tracking of this House race to fill the vacancy left by Republican Representative John James is literally all over the map.



Minnesota

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Peggy Flanagan	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic
Michele Tafoya				

Former Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan leads former NFL reporter Michele Tafoya by less than two points based upon polling data released earlier today in the Senate race to succeed retiring Senator Tina Smith.

CSPEN was unable to find considerable information on the campaign planks relevant for the higher education community, but we will look to do more forensics based upon the outcome of today's election results.



Mississippi

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Scott Colom				
Cindy Hyde-Smith*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith is expected to easily win her bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Hyde-Smith currently serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee comprised of fifteen Republicans and fourteen Democrats and is Chairwoman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.



Nebraska

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Dan Osborn				
Pete Ricketts*	Likely Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican	Likely Republican

Senator Pete Ricketts is expected to win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.

While Senator Ricketts does not serve on any of the three Senate Committees which have the most direct impact on higher education, Senator Ricketts is expected to maintain his positions on the Senate Budget Committee, the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works – as Subcommittee Chairman of the Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, the Foreign Relations Committee, and the Committee on, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.



New Hampshire

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Chris Pappas	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
John Sununu				

Former Democratic Representative Chris Pappas is projected to defeat Republican candidate John Sununu to replace retiring Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

If Representative Pappas is successful in his Senate campaign CSPEN anticipates that the Senator-elect will request assignment on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and Energy Committee based upon his tenure on these same committees in the House.



New Jersey

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Cory Booker*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Justin Murphy				

Senator Cory Booker is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

While Senator Booker does not serve on any of the three Senate Committees which have the most direct impact on higher education, Senator Booker is expected to maintain his positions on the Senate Agriculture, Foreign Relations, Small Business and Judiciary Committees.



New Mexico

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Ben Ray Lujan*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Larry Marker				

Senator Ben Lujan is expected to win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

While Senator Booker does not serve on any of the three Senate Committees which have the most direct impact on higher education, Senator Lujan is expected to maintain his positions on the Senate Agriculture, Commerce, Finance, and Budget Committees.



New York

House District 17

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Cait Conley	Toss Up	Likely Democratic	Toss Up	Toss Up
Mike Lawler*				

Incumbent Republican Representative Mike Lawler is at risk of losing hid bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.



North Carolina

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Roy Cooper	Likely Democratic	Safe Democratic	Lean Democratic	Likely Democratic
Michael Whatley				

Former North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has pushed ahead of Michael Whatley in the race to fill the vacancy left by retiring Republican Senator Thom Tillis.

Flipping this former GOP seat has been a Democratic target since he announced his plans to retire in June of 2025.

Senator Tillis' departure opens up a vacancy on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee as well as the Senate Banking, Finance, and Judiciary Committees.

House District 1

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Don Davis*	Toss Up	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Laurie Buckhout				

Incumber Democratic Representative Don Davis is at risk of losing his re-election bid to Republican candidate Laurie Buckhout in the 2026 midterms.

House District 11 OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jamie Ager	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Jennifer Balkcom				

Democratic candidate Jamie Ager is projected to defeat Republican candidate Jennifer Balkcom flipping a seat held by the Republicans in the 119th Congress.



Ohio

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Sherrod Brown	Toss Up	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Jon Husted*				

House District 7

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Brian Poindexter		Lean Democratic		
Max Miller*	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

House District 9

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Marcy Kaptur*		Lean Democratic		Lean Democratic
Derek Merrin	Toss Up		Tilt Republican	



Oklahoma

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
N'Kiyla Thomas				
Kevin Hern	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Former Representative Kevin Hern is expected to win his campaign to replace Senator Alan Armstrong in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

While serving in the House Rep. Hern was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. It is reasonable to assume that if Rep. Hern becomes the junior Senator from Oklahoma that he may seek assignment on the Senate Finance or Budget Committees.



Oregon

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jeff Merkley*	Solid Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
David Smith				

Senator Jeff Merkley is expected to win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.

Senator Merkley is one of fourteen Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee and currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Senator Merkley will move up in seniority on the vaunted funding committee with the departure of three Senate Democrats.



Pennsylvania

House District 1

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Bob Harvie		Likely Democratic		
Brian Fitzpatrick*	Toss Up		Toss Up	Toss Up

In 2024, Republican candidate Brian Fitzpatrick outperformed President Trump by 13 points. This cycle, Representative Fitzpatrick needs to exceed that margin by any estimated 7 additional points to hold the seat. If Rep. Fitzpatrick fails to do so it will result in another Democratic pick up.

House District 7

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Bob Brooks		Likely Democratic		Lean Democratic

Ryan Mackenzie*	Toss Up		Toss Up	

In 2024 Republican candidate Ryan Mackenzie won his race by 3 points. This cycle, Representative Mackenzie needs to increase that margin to double digits according to most pollsters. If Rep. Mackenzie fails to do so, not only will it result in another Democratic pick up, it will also take a way a GOP member of the House Committee on Education & Workforce.



Rhode Island

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Jack Reed*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Raymond McKay				

Senator Jack Reed is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Reed is one of fourteen Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee and currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee. Senator Reed will move up in seniority on the vaunted funding committee with the departure of three Senate Democrats.



South Carolina

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Annie Andrews				
Darline Graham*	Lean Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Republican

Senator Darline Graham is projected to win her bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms.

Senator Graham is one of fifteen Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Graham also serves on the Senate Budget, Environment & Public Works and Judiciary Committees.



South Dakota

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Brian Bengs				
Mike Rounds*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Mike Rounds is projected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Graham is one of fifteen Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee and also serves on the Senate Armed Services, Intelligence, Banking, and Indian Affairs Committees.



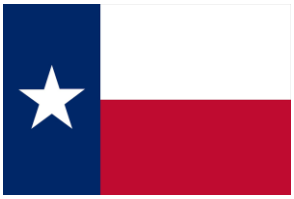
Tennessee

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Marquita Bradshaw				
Bill Hagerty*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Bill Hagerty is projected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Hagerty is one of fifteen Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee and currently serves as the Chairman of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee. Senator Hagerty also serves on the Senate Rules, Foreign Relations, and Banking Committees.



Texas

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
James Talarico		Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic
Ken Paxton	Toss Up			

Heading into today's voting Democratic candidate James Talarico has a slight lead over Republican Candidate Ken Paxton in the race to replace retiring Senator John Cornyn.

This race, similar to North Carolina, Michigan, and four others are considered to be the seven key battleground races as Election Day begins.



Virginia

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Mark Warner*	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
Bert Mizusawa				

Senator Mark Warner is expected to easily win his bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of nine Democratic Senators forecast to be in a safe race.



West Virginia

Senate

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
Rachel Fetty Anderson				
Shelley Moore Capito*	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Senator Shelley Moore Capito is projected to easily win her bid for re-election in the 2026 midterms. Of the thirty-five seats up for re-election, this is one of twelve Republican Senators forecast to be in a safe race.

Senator Capito is one of fifteen Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee and currently serves as the Chairwoman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Senator Capito also serves on the Senate Rules, Commerce, and Environment & Public Works Committees.



Wyoming

Senate OPEN Seat

Candidates	Cook Political Report	FiftyPlusOne	Inside Elections	Consensus Forecast
James Byrd				
Harriet Hageman	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	Safe Republican

Republican candidate Harriet Hageman is heavily favored to defeat Democratic candidate James Byrd in the race to become the junior Senator from Wyoming.