

2018 Senate Races 10/19/2018

Notes:

- This chart is compiled by Riley Newman, rileynew@gmail.com. A current version is always available at tinyurl.com/senatechart.
- State races are assigned a “degree of competitiveness code” from 1 (tossup) to 4 (solid D or R). See end note for code definition.
- “Experts” and their most recent projection dates are in order: Cook Political Report (10/19) Sabato Crystal Ball (10/18) and InsideElections (formerly Rothenberg Political Report) (10/12). Changes in these projections since the 10/4 chart update are noted following the chart.
- A new column displays Super Pac funds as of 10/19/2018. The blue figure is the amount spent in support of the Democratic candidate plus that spent against the Republican candidate, while the red figure is the amount spent for the Republican plus that against the Democrat. These figures are based on figures found at OpenSecrets.org

Endorsers are drawn from the following list, representing the indicated specific concerns. Click on organization name here to view its website. Click on a candidate’s endorser (eg “CLW” following PA candidate Casey) to see what the endorser says about him/her.

- [CLW](#) (Council for a Livable World) – arms control and foreign policy
- [Emily’s List](#) – women’s issues
- [J Street](#) – Israel-Palestine policy
- [LCV](#) (League of Conservation Voters) and [SC](#) (Sierra Club), – environmental issues
- [ECU](#) (EndCitizensUnited.org) – campaign finance issues

A candidate’s name, if underlined, is a link to information VoteSmart.org provides about ratings and endorsements for the candidate by numerous organizations, organized in categories. From there, other Vote Smart info about the candidate is easily accessed. See notes on Vote Smart following this chart.

State	c o d e	Primary date in 2018	“Experts” forecast for Senate seat (Red or Blue)	Candidates (R red, D blue, I indicates Incumbent)	Funds raised in \$M, per FEC as of 8/7/2018	Super Pac funds D: total funds for D or against R (\$M) R: total funds for R or against D (\$M)	Endorsers See notes above.	Notes from John Isaacs of the Council for a Livable World
AZ	1	8/28	Tossup Tossup Tossup	Kyrsten Sinema D Martha McSally R	9.6 6.7	D: 22.5 R: 24.0	Emily ECU	Arizona: Sen. Jeff Flake (R) has been an ardent and vocal opponent of Donald Trump, and wrote a book detailing his criticisms. On October 24, 2017, in terrible political shape, he announced he would not run again. On August 28, Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D) easily won the Democratic primary with 81% of the vote and Rep. Martha McSally (R) beat back two more conservative opponents and won going away with 53%. It is a toss-up race.
CA	4	6/5	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Dianne Feinstein (I,D) Kevin de Leon (D)	15.0 1.3	D: 1.0 R: 0.0	Emily JSt	California: Senator Dianne Feinstein (D) announced in October 2017 that she will run for re-election. On June 5, Feinstein (D) easily outpaced state senate leader Kevin De León for the Democratic nomination 44%-11%, but they face off again in November. De León has been endorsed by the California Democratic Party.

CT	4	8/14	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Chris Murphy (I,D)	10.8			Connecticut: Incumbent heavily favored.
DE	4	9/6	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Tom Carper (I,D)	1.9	D: 0.1 R: 1.0	JSt	Delaware: Senator Tom Carper (D) is strongly favored, and on September 6, he easily surmounted — 65%-35% — a challenge from the left in the Democratic primary by Dover activist Kerri Evelyn Harris.
FL	1	8/28	Tossup Tossup Tossup	Bill Nelson (I,D) Rick Scott R	16.3 22.5	D: 25.8 R: 19.1	LCV ECU SC	Florida: In April 2018, Governor Rick Scott (R) announced his challenge to Senator Bill Nelson (D) in what will be a very expensive and competitive race. Nelson, who is 74, is the most popular politician in Florida, but Scott has won the governorship twice and is very wealthy. Polls show a close contest.
HI	4	8/11	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Mazie Hirono (I,D)	2.4		Emily CLW ECU LCV SC	Hawaii: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D) is the overwhelming favorite against Ron Curtis (R), a retired computer engineer who won the August 11 primary.
IN	1	5/8	Tossup Tossup Tossup	Joe Donnelly (I) Mike Braun R	8.9 8.5	D: 24.8 R: 18.7	ECU	Indiana: State Rep. Mike Braun (R) defeated two House candidates after a nasty and bitter primary and faces Sen. Joe Donnelly (D). It is a tough state for a Democrat to win.
ME	4	6/12	Solid D Safe D/I Solid D	Angus King (I) (independ.) Eric Brakey R Zak Ringelstein D	4.1 0.5 0.2	D: 0 R: 0.3	CLW JSt ECU	Maine: Sen. Angus King (I) is in good political shape. He has one Republican opponent, State Sen. Eric Brakey, who is not well known, and one Democratic opponent, Zak Ringelstein, a teacher and a founder of an education business.
MD	4	6/26	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Ben Cardin (I,D)	3.4 0.1	D: 0.0 R: 0.0	SC	Maryland: Incumbent Sen. Ben Cardin (D) is the overwhelming favorite to win re-election in strongly Democratic Maryland. He easily beat back a primary challenge from Chelsea Manning.
MA	4	9/4	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Elizabeth Warren (I,D) Goeff Diehl R	20.7	D: 0.0 R: 0.3	CLW Emily ECU JSt	Massachusetts: Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) is a very strong candidate. State Rep. Geoff Diehl (R), who billed himself as a strong Trump supporter, easily won the Republican primary in early September.
MI	3	8/7	Likely D Safe D Solid D	Debbie Stabenow (I,D) John James R	10.9 4.2 0.3 5.2	D: 0.8 R: 0.9	ECU SC CLW	Michigan: Debbie Stabenow (D) looks to be in strong shape for re-election, but Republican see an opening. Businessman John James (R), who served with the Army in Iraq, won the August 7 primary to face her.
MN A	4	8/14	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Amy Klobuchar (I,D) Jim Newberger R	7.1 0.1	D: 0.9 R: 1.1 (MN A and MN B combined)	Emily ECU	Minnesota (A): In early August, 2017, State Rep. Jim Newberger (R) announced he will challenge Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D), who is the overwhelming favorite.
MN B	2	8/14	Lean D Likely D Likely D	Tina Smith D Karin Housley R	4.9 1.8	See MN A above	Emily CLW LCV	Minnesota (B): With the departure of Sen. Al Franken (D-MN), accused of sexual transgressions, Governor Mark Dayton appointed his Lieutenant Governor, Tina Smith, as Franken's replacement. On August 14, Smith easily turned back former George W. Bush White House ethics lawyer Richard Painter, 76%-14%. State Sen. Karin Housley won the Republican nomination.

MS A	4	6/5 then 6/26 runoff	Solid R Safe R Solid R	Roger Wicker (I,R) David Baria (D)	5.3 0.5	D: 08 R: 2.4 (MS A and MS B combined)		Mississippi A: Roger Wicker (R) is running for re-election in an overwhelmingly Republican state. He is coasting to re-election after State senator Chris McDaniel (R) dropped his challenge to Wicker to run for the other Mississippi Senate seat. He faces state representative David Baria.
MS B	3		Likely R Likely R Solid R	Cindy Hyde-Smith R Chris McDaniel R Mike Espy D Jason Shelton D	1.7 0.2 0.4 0.1	See MS A above		Mississippi B: On March 21, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant announced the appointment of Cindy Hyde-Smith, the state's Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, to fill the seat of GOP U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, who resigned from the Senate on April 1 because of ill-health. State senator Chris McDaniel (R) has dropped his challenge to incumbent Senator Roger Wicker (R) and instead is running for this seat. Former U.S. Representative and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (D) has also entered the race. A post-November 6 runoff is likely.
MO	1	8/7	Tossup Tossup Tossup	Claire McCaskill (I,D) Josh Hawley R	20.8 5.3	D: 25.4 R: 31.0	Emily ECU	Missouri: In 2012, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D) was fortunate to run against Rep. Todd Akin (R), who made infamous comments about "legitimate rape." Attorney General Josh Hawley (R) is the Republican nominee. McCaskill may be the most vulnerable incumbent Senate Democratic candidate.
MT	2	6/5	Tossup Leans D Tilt D	Jon Tester (I,D) Matt Rosendale R	11.7 0.6	D: 13.8 R: 14.3	CLW ECU LCV	Montana: Sen. John Tester (D) dodged a bullet when Rep. Ryan Zinke (R), who represented the entire state in the House, was appointed Interior Secretary. But Trump carried the state by 20%, so Tester's re-election will not be easy. State Auditor Matt Rosendale (R) narrowly won the June 5 GOP primary.
NE	4	5/15	Solid R Safe R Solid R	Deb Fischer (I,R) Jane Raybould D	3.7 1.2	D: 0.0 R: 0.0	ECU	Nebraska: Lincoln City Councilmember Jane Raybould (D), who runs the grocery business her father started more than 53 years ago, is challenging Sen. Deb Fischer (R) in a very tough state for Democrats.
NV	1	6/12	Tossup Tossup Tossup	Dean Heller (I,R) Jacky Rosen D	8.3 9.4	D: 24.6 R: 19.7	CLW Emily ECU	Nevada: Senator Dean Heller (R) is up for election in a state carried twice by President Obama and once by Hillary Clinton. Still, Heller has won four elections in the state and he will not be easy to dislodge. In July 2017, Rep. Jacky Rosen (D) announced she will run. It will be a close election.
NJ	3	6/5	Lean D Likely D Solid D	Bob Menendez (I,D) Bob Hugin R	6.1 16.7	D: 4.5 R: 3.7		New Jersey: Senator Robert Menendez (D) went on trial on federal corruption charges in September, but a hung jury ended the trial. In January 2018, the Justice Department dropped all charges. Bob Hugin (R), formerly a top executive at the pharmaceutical company Celgene, won the June 5 GOP primary to face Menendez, who lost 38% of the Democratic primary vote to an underfunded challenger. There is some concern that Menendez is vulnerable.
NM	4	6/5	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Martin Heinrich (I) Mick Rich R	5.0 0.7	D: 0.0 R: 0.0	CLW Jst ECU SC	New Mexico: Senator Martin Heinrich (D) has a challenger after Albuquerque construction company owner Mark Rich (R) announced his candidacy. Rich has never run for office, but could self-fund. Former Libertarian presidential candidate and former Governor Gary Johnson announced he is running for Senate as a third party candidate.
NY	4	9/11	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Kirsten Gillibrand (I,D)	15.7	D: 0.0 R: 0.2	Emily ECU SC	New York: Incumbent heavily favored.

ND	1	6/12	Tossup Lean R Tilt R	Heidi Heitkamp (I,D) Kevin Cramer R	9.0 3.3	D: 6.1 R: 7.1	ECU JSt	North Dakota: Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D) faces an electorate that strongly backed President Trump. In August 2017, state Sen. Tom Campbell (R) entered the race. U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer (R) first announced he would not run, but in February 2018 reversed course. Campbell promptly dropped out. It's a toss up.
OH	2	5/8	Likely D Likely D Likely D	Sherrod Brown (I,D) Jim Renacci R	17.2 6.2	D: 4.1 R: 0.7	JSt ECU CLW LCV SC	Ohio: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D) beat back a challenge in 2012 from state treasurer Josh Mandel (R), but in early January 2018, Mandel dropped out of the expected rematch due to his wife's health problems. After Mandel left the race, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R) switched from running for governor to enter this Senate contest and won the May 8 primary. Brown is favored.
PA	3	5/15	Likely D Safe D Likely D	Bob Casey (I,D) Lou Barletta R	14.7 4.1 0.1 0.3	D: 1.0 R: 0.0	CLW LCV ECU	Pennsylvania: Sen. Bob Casey (D) is in a good position to be re-elected, but the state went for Trump in 2016, leaving some uncertainty. In August 2017, Republican Rep. Lou Barletta announced that he will run, and won the May 15 GOP primary.
RI	4	9/11	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Sheldon Whitehouse (I,D) Robert Flanders R	4.2 0.9		JSt ECU CLW	Rhode Island: Incumbent heavily favored.
TN	1	8/2	Tossup Leans R Lean R	Philip Bredesen D Marsha Blackburn R	8.5 8.1	D: 10.2 R: 19.4		Tennessee: Sen. Bob Corker (R) has announced his retirement at the end of this term. In December, former Gov. Phil Bredesen (D) entered the Democratic primary. GOP Rep. Marsha Blackburn will be the Republican nominee. Bredesen remains popular, and has a narrow lead.
TX	3	3/6	Tossup Likely R Likely R	Ted Cruz (I,R) Beto O'Rourke D	13.2 23.6	D: 0.5 R: 5.7	JSt LCV ECU CLW	Texas: U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D), a three-term Representative from El Paso, is challenging incumbent Sen. Ted Cruz (R). O'Rourke, who is the underdog, is a businessman in the technology industry and a musician who played in three punk rock bands during and after his college years at Columbia University. O'Rourke is raising huge amounts of money in an unconventional campaign and has closed the margin.
UT	4	6/26	Solid R Safe R Solid R	Jenny Wilson D Mitt Romney R	0.7 4.1	D: 0.1 R: 0.1		Utah: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) will retire after eight terms in office. Former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (R) is the overwhelming favorite to be elected. He easily brushed back a primary challenge.
VT	4	8/14	Solid D Safe D/I Solid D	Bernie Sanders (I) independent	7.5	D: 0.0 R: 0.0		Vermont: Incumbent heavily favored.
VA	4	6/12	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Tim Kaine (I,D) Corey Stewart R	13.2 1.1	D: 0.1 R: 0.6	JSt CLW	Virginia: Prince William County Supervisor Corey Stewart (R), who came close to claiming the Virginia GOP nomination for governor, won the primary on June 12 to face Sen. Tim Kaine (D). In his announcement, Stewart promised to "run a very vicious and ruthless campaign against Tim Kaine and I'm going to win." Kaine is the overwhelming favorite.
WA	4	8/7	Solid D Safe D Solid D	Maria Cantwell (I,D)	7.5	D: 0.0 R: 0.0	Emily	Washington: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D) should have no problem getting re-elected. She faces former TV news anchor and reporter Susan Hutchison.

WV	1	5/8	Tossup Lean D Tilt D	Joe Manchin (I,D) Patrick Morrisey R	6.3 2.2	D: 14.5 R: 11.8		West Virginia: State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R) won the May 8 primary, turning back former Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship and a third candidate, and faces Sen. Joe Manchin (D) in November. West Virginia is a state which has turned very Republican in recent years but still elects Democrats to the U.S. Senate and as Governor. Blankenship is threatening to run as an independent in the fall.
WI	2	8/14	Likely D Likely D Lean D	Tammy Baldwin (I,D) Leah Vukmir R	18.2 2.0	D: 6.7 R: 17.5	Emily CLW JSt ECU LCV	Wisconsin: While a lot of Republicans circled around the Senate seat of Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D), in the end state Sen. Leah Vukmir (R) won her party's primary August 14 primary 49%-43% over Marine veteran and businessman Kevin Nicholson (R). Sen. Tammy Baldwin (R) is favored, although conservative groups are spending heavily to defeat her.
WY	4	8/21	Solid R Safe R Solid R	John Barrasso (I,R) Gary Trauner D	5.0 0.6	D: 0 R: 0.3	ECU	Wyoming: Sen. John Barrasso is seeking re-election. Businessman Gary Trauner (D), who very narrowly lost a 2006 House bid, is running against Barrasso.

Changes in “expert” prognostications since 10/19 chart update:

New Jersey: “Solid D” to “Likely D” per InsideElections

North Dakota: “Tossup” to Lean R: per Sabato

Mississippi B: “Likely R” to “Lean R” per Cook

Competitiveness code: (1) at least one “tossup”, (2) no tossup, one or more “leans”, (3) “solid” and “lean” mix, (4) all “solid” or “safe”

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