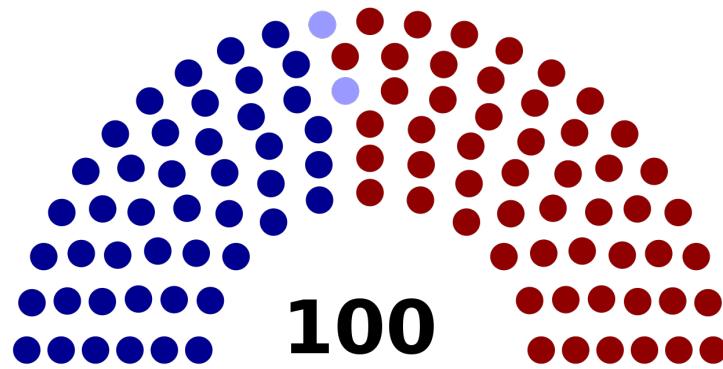


Downstream Ballots 2020: Competitive Senate Races



*Because regardless of who wins the White House,
the Senate will be key to enabling or checking
what that person can and cannot do*

15 March 2020

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Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to provide individuals with enough timely and accurate information to help them make informed decisions about which candidates to support with donations or other resources.
- The report currently lists the status of each Senate race deemed potentially or actually competitive.
- As the election season progresses – and as races narrow down to only two candidates and accompanying polling and financial data – the report will start focusing on races that are *actually* competitive.

Contact Information

This report is a work in progress. It will change in both format and content as the election season progresses and races narrow down.

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Executive Summary

- *There is ample reason to be cautiously optimistic that Dems can win the Senate this year.*
- In the worst case, Democrats need a net gain of five seats to win the Senate.
- In the best case, Democrats need a net gain of three seats – along with the Presidency – to win the Senate. Without the Presidency they need a net gain of four seats.
- Democrats have 12 seats to hold, all but one of which are considered safe.
- The only Democratic seat at real risk is Doug Jones in AL. If that seat is lost, Democrats need to pick up an additional seat to make up for it.
- Losing the White House and Alabama is the five-seat worst case scenario.
- Republicans have 23 seats to hold, and 10 are potentially competitive (some more so than others).
- Of the 10 potentially competitive seats Republicans have to hold:
 - Arizona and Colorado are competitive at this point
 - North Carolina is on the verge of being competitive
 - Maine is getting close to the verge of being competitive
 - Montana and Georgia (Special) have a lot of potential for moving there
- Georgia (regular), Iowa, and Kansas each offers a small glimmer of hope.
- And unbelievably, Mitch McConnell is having some real problems in Kentucky.
- To summarize:
 - Democrats need a net gain of five seats in a worst case scenario
 - There are six Republican seat in play or with a reasonable potential to be in play
- So again, there is ample reason to be cautiously optimistic, but it's not a given. There is a lot of work to be done between now and November

The Six Seat Summary and Recommendations

These are personal assessments of the top six states that seem flippable. They are arranged in a subjective priority, from most important to least in terms of needing immediate support.

State	Assessment
North Carolina	There is no path to the Senate without North Carolina. Cal Cunningham (D) is a very strong candidate, and his opponent – Thom Tillis (R) – not so much. Nonetheless, Cunningham spent a lot on the primary, and the two coffers are very unbalanced at this point in Tillis’s favor. <i>Cunningham needs money now.</i>
Montana	Term-limited Governor Steve Bullock (D) is a brand new entrant into this race and he will almost certainly be the Democratic candidate. He probably has enough name recognition in the state, and outside interest, to raise a decent war chest. But his opponent, Steve Daines (R), has slightly over \$5 million on hand, and in the absence of FEC data until 31 March, <i>it should be assumed Bullock could use money.</i>
Georgia - Special	The Reverend Raphael Warnock (D) is a new entrant in this race and he has a good chance of being the Democratic candidate. As the senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, he has broad name recognition in the south and will probably be able to raise a decent war chest. Nonetheless, until 31 March FEC data show what he’s capable of, <i>it should be assumed Warnock could use money.</i>
Maine	Sara Gideon (D) is all but certain to be the Democratic candidate who runs against Susan Collins (R). She has raised about \$7 million on her own (of which about \$2.8 million is on hand), and she stands to inherit an almost \$4 million “Stop Collins” fund after the June primary. She could probably use more money at some point, but <i>for now Gideon seems to be doing OK financially.</i>
Arizona - Special	Mark Kelly (D) is all but certain to be the Democratic candidate who runs against incumbent Martha McSally (R). Kelly has raised \$20 million to McSally’s \$12 million, and has about \$13.6 million on hand compared to McSally’s \$7.6 million. Things could change, but <i>for now Kelly is flush with cash and doing OK.</i>
Colorado	<i>Colorado Democrats need to decide who is actually going to run: Hickenlooper or Romanoff.</i> The primary is in June, and after that Colorado will probably move further up in the list of priorities.

Pundit Forecast Summary

**Current
Incumbent
Status**

**Cook Political Report
Updated 09 March**

**Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball
Updated 09 March**

Alabama

Leaning Red

Likely Red

Arizona Spec.

Toss Up

Toss Up

Colorado

Toss Up

Leaning Blue

Georgia

Likely Red

Leaning Red

Georgia Spec.

Leaning Red

Leaning Red

Iowa

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Funding Summary

These summaries are based on 31 December filings with the FEC.

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	Collins (R)	---	---	---
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Candidate Field Summary

- These tables only show how many candidates are declared for each party, and any particular information regarding the incumbent, election type, the filing deadline, or primary.
- The numbers under an incumbent's name indicate how many in his or her party are currently declared to be on the ballot. No number means the primary is over and candidates known.
- The "Remarks" column pertains to the associated colored cell.

Seats with Democratic Incumbents

State	Democratic Incumbent	GOP Challengers	Remarks
Alabama (AL)	Doug Jones 1	2	The final GOP challenger will be determined in a 31 March runoff

Seats with GOP Incumbents

State	GOP Incumbent	Democratic Challengers	Remarks
Arizona (Special)	(M. McSally) 6	4	M. McSally was appointed to the seat; it is not clear she will be the candidate
Colorado	Cory Gardner 1	10	
Georgia	David Perdue 1	7	
Georgia (Special)	(K. Loeffleur) 6	8 (6)	K. Loeffleur was appointed to the seat; it is not clear she will be the candidate
Iowa	Joni Ernst 2	5	
Kansas	7	4	Sen. Pat Roberts (R) is retiring; the final GOP candidate is unknown at this point
Kentucky	M. McConnell 8	10	The filing deadline has passed and all Democratic challengers are known
Maine	Susan Collins 1	5	
Montana	Steve Daines 3	3	
North Carolina	Thom Tillis	Cal Cunningham	The North Carolina primary has chosen Cal Cunningham (D) and Thom Tillis (R) as final candidates

Noteworthy Items This Past Week

State	Item	Page
AL	Donald Trump endorsed Tommy Tuberville (R) over former Attorney General Jeff Sessions (R) in AL Senate race.	11
AZ - Special	Challenger Mark Kelly (D) leads appointed Senator Martha McSally (R) by 49% to 42% in a new poll.	12
CO	Colorado Democratic caucuses chose Andrew Romanoff (D) over former Governor John Hickenlooper (D) for Senate run.	13
GA	Filing deadline passed; all candidates are known.	14
GA - Special	Filing deadline passed; all candidates are known.	15
IA	Filing deadline passed; all candidates are known.	16
MT	Filing deadline passed; all candidates are known. Term-limited Governor Steve Bullock (D) has declared he will run against GOP incumbent Steve Daines (R) in MT Senate race.	20

Timeline of Upcoming Filing Deadlines and Primaries

Colored cells indicate events of the upcoming week.

Date	State	Event
16 March	Maine	Filing deadline
17 March	Colorado	Filing deadline
31 March	Alabama	Runoff election between two GOP candidates
06 April	Arizona (special)	Filing deadline
19 May	Georgia (regular and special) Kentucky	Primary
01 June	Kansas	Filing deadline
02 June	Iowa Montana	Primary
09 June	Maine	Primary
30 June	Colorado	Primary
04 August	Kansas Arizona (special)	Primary

Alabama

GOP Runoff: 31 March

Commentary: Initially Doug Jones (D) looked like a dead man walking until Roy Moore decided to try again for the seat he barely missed after Jeff Sessions resigned to be AG. But Moore lost the 03 March primary. Now Jones will face either former Attorney General Jeff Sessions or former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville, who face each other in a 31 March runoff.

The conventional wisdom at this point is that Doug Jones is once again a dead man walking as Alabama is a very red state that loves Trump, and Jones voted against Brett Kavanaugh and later voted for impeachment.

On the other hand, Doug Jones is flush with cash at this point compared to his challengers...Raphael Warnock in Georgia could motivate black voters in the Deep South with his candidacy...and Donald Trump hates Jeff Sessions and has endorsed Tuberville. Could Jones pull it off? Unlikely, but weirder things have happened.

Finances:

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Forecasts:

Cook: **Changed from Toss Up to Leaning Red after impeachment vote**



Larry Sabato: Likely Red



Incumbent Snapshot:

Last Win	Approval	Don't Know	Disapproval
1.7%	41%	24%	35%

Arizona – Special election to fill John McCain’s (R) empty seat

Filing deadline: 06 April

Primary: 04 August

Commentary: Although the primary for this seat is not until 04 August, the race is all but guaranteed to be between incumbent Martha McSally (R) and challenger Mark Kelly (D), who far surpasses all other Democratic contenders in name recognition and fund raising.

McSally, an Air Force veteran, was appointed to John McCain's seat in 2018 after she lost the race for Jeff Flake's (R) seat. She is not overly-popular. She already lost one Senate race in a conservative state to an openly bisexual woman with no military experience, and now she faces a veteran whose military record is at least as strong as hers.

The presumptive Democratic nominee, Mark Kelly, is a former astronaut and naval aviator. He is also the husband of former representative Gabrielle Giffords. As a war veteran and former astronaut, Kelly is sure to command a lot of respect in a state full of veterans.

Since Arizona is very red, this should, in theory, be a close race. But McSally is weak, and to date Kelly has far surpassed her in fundraising. Also, the most recent poll shows Kelly leading McSally 49% to 42%.

Finally, Donald Trump’s approval/disapproval ratings in Arizona are 47% to 50%, so he is not likely to be of much help.

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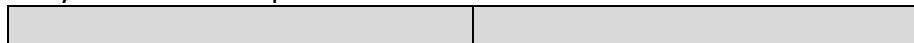
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Larry Sabato: Toss Up



Incumbent Snapshot:

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N/A	37%	24%	40%

Colorado

Filing deadline: 17 March

Primary: 30 June

Commentary: Colorado is turning blue and Senator Cory Gardner (R) is one of the Democrats' top targets. Democrats have won every presidential, senatorial, and gubernatorial race since 2008, with the exception of Gardner's race in 2014.

The Democrats got their dream candidate when former governor John Hickenlooper dropped out of the presidential race and threw his hat into the ring for the Senate race. Early polls gave Hickenlooper a double-digit lead, and he is by far the top Democratic fundraiser.

That said, Andrew Romanoff won the Colorado caucuses on 07 March. Romanoff is a former speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, and he has had a relatively good political career. He is a favorite of progressives, and it is not a surprise that he won the caucuses as caucuses tend to draw the most committed activists.

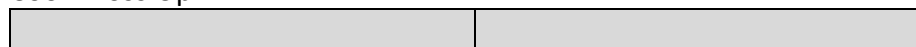
Hickenlooper will probably still be on the primary ballot. Any candidate who can turn in 1,500 signatures of registered voters from each of Colorado's seven congressional districts can be on the ballot, and Hickenlooper turned in his signatures about a month early.

Finances:

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Larry Sabato: Leaning Blue



Incumbent Snapshot:

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1.9%	37%	23%	40%

Georgia

Primary: 19 May

Commentary: The Democrats' preferred candidate, Stacey Abrams, opted out, very possibly to remain available for the #2 slot on the blue team's presidential ticket. Many were hoping that Michelle Nunn (daughter of Senator Sam Nunn) or Jason Carter (grandson of former Governor and President Jimmy Carter) would run, but they did not declared their candidacies before the 06 March filing deadline.

Last September, Jon Ossoff joined the race. He ran in a special election in GA-06 in 2017 and raised \$23 million but narrowly lost. Ossoff has name recognition and a strong background in journalism and national security. He is considered the strongest of the current Democratic contenders to run against David Perdue (R), a first term Senator.

But Perdue won in 2014 by a 7.7% margin in 2014, and his fundraising is running rings around Ossoff's.

It will be a tough race for Ossoff, although the presence of Reverend Raphael Warnock (D) in the Georgia Special election might boost Democratic turnout to the point that Ossoff stands a chance.

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Ossoff (D)	\$2,336,577	\$839,047	\$1,497,530
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Forecasts:

Cook: Likely Red



Larry Sabato: Leaning Red



Incumbent Snapshot:

Last Win	Approval	Don't Know	Disapproval
7.7%	49%	25%	26%

Georgia – Special election to fill Johnny Isakson’s (R) seat

Election: 03 Nov 2020 **Runoff:** 05 Jan 2021

Commentary: Johnny Isakson (R) resigned from the Senate at the end of 2019 and Governor Brian Kemp (R) appointed business woman Kelly Loeffler (R), who is standing for election this November. Loeffler is being challenged from the right by Rep. Doug Collins (R), a dyed-in-the-wool Trump lover. Collins’s entry has started a nasty intra-party fight in the GOP. This is good for Democrats.

The Democratic establishment appears to have coalesced behind Rev. Raphael Warnock, who leads one of the most prominent black churches in America: the Ebenezer Baptist Church. This was Dr. Martin Luther King’s church, and it gives him broad name recognition, in particular among Southern black voters.

For this election there is no primary. Georgia will place all candidates on one ballot in November. If any candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, he or she wins. Otherwise the top two candidates have a runoff election in Jan 2021.

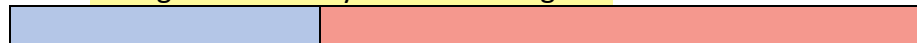
If the GOP keeps up its infighting, and if the Democrats can whittle things down to just Raphael Warnock, the Democrats could conceivably get 50.01% of the vote on Election Day and steal the seat.

Finances:

	Raised	Spent	On Hand
Warnock (D)			
Loeffner (R)			
Collins (R)			

Forecasts:

Cook: Changed from Likely Red to Leaning Red



Larry Sabato: Leaning Red



Incumbent Stats:

Last Win	Approval	Don’t Know	Disapproval
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Iowa

Primary: 02 June

Commentary: Joni Ernst (R) beat a relatively unknown congressman in 2014, a non-presidential year, by a margin of 8.3%. In a presidential year, with its generally higher Democratic turnout and people unhappy about Donald Trump's trade wars, it could get a bit more competitive.

Ernst had pretty high approval ratings in Iowa, but they have been slipping. Thus far, the Democrats have failed to recruit any of their top choices (former governor Tom Vilsack, Rep. Cindy Axne), and are pinning their hopes on real estate executive and 2018 House candidate Theresa Greenfield.

Greenfield has done OK in fundraising, as has a second Democratic candidate, Eddie Mauro.

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Greenfield (D)	\$3,345,736	\$1,187,476	\$2,158,260
Mauro (D)	\$1,931,693	\$517,270	\$1,414,422
Ernst (R)	\$8,128,210	\$3,400,013	\$4,856,481

Forecasts:

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Larry Sabato: Leaning Red



Incumbent Stats:

Last Win	Approval	Don't Know	Disapproval
8.3%	37%	21%	42%

Kansas

Filing deadline: 01 June

Primary: 04 August

Commentary: Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach (R) is running to replace retiring Senator Pat Roberts (R), but his far-right politics and voter suppression are a bridge too far for some. That is someone who might win the primary nomination, but lose the general election. That is just what happened when he lost the Kansas governor's race to a Democrat in 2018. If Kobach claims the nomination the seat will be "in play," despite the fact that no Democrat has represented Kansas in the Senate since the 1930s.

Representative Roger Marshall (R), is clobbering Kobach in fund raising. If this is an indicator, Kobach will probably not be the GOP candidate.

The Democrats don't have an A-list candidate yet; their dream choice was former governor Kathleen Sebelius (D), but she declined to run. Kansas State Senator Barbara Bollier (D) threw her hat into the ring and is vastly leading the Democratic field in fund raising.

Interestingly, Bollier is a former Republican. She was elected to her current seat as a Republican, and then switched parties. She has been endorsed by former Governor Sebelius, which apparently carries a lot of sway in Kansas. If Kolbach wins the Republican primary, there might just be a real race here.

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Kentucky

Primary: 19 May

Commentary: Democrats got their dream candidate with retired Marine Corps pilot and Naval Academy graduate Amy McGrath (89 combat missions).

McGrath nearly won a House race in a deep red district in 2018, and she is a great campaigner and fundraiser. There's enough anti-Mitch McConnell energy out there that she raised \$2.5 million in the 24 hours after she declared. Two recent polls show her running neck-to-neck with McConnell.

While Kentucky generally casts its electoral votes for the Republican candidate, three of the statewide officers are Democrats, and 9 of the last 11 governors, including the current one, Andy Beshear, were Democrats.

So Kentuckians do vote blue more than just sometimes, and the current situation – fundraising, polls – provides some hope that Democrats can win this seat.

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Forecasts:

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Larry Sabato: Likely Red



Incumbent Stats:

Last Win	Approval	Don't Know	Disapproval
15.5%	37%	13%	50%

Maine

Filing deadline: 16 March

Primary: 09 June

Commentary: Susan Collins (R) is a somewhat moderate Northeastern Republican and she has been personally popular in the state. She won by a 36.2% margin in 2014.

But Democrats hate Collins with a passion and they already have raised \$4 million for her unknown-at-this-point opponent. Collins has a big target on her back.

The Democratic establishment is throwing its weight behind Sara Gideon (D), who is currently the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. A recent Colby College poll shows Gideon polling even with Susan Collins, and Gideon has shown herself to be a good fundraiser.

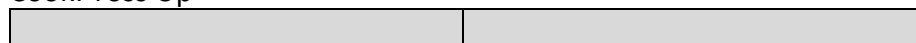
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Incumbent Snapshot:

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36.2%	42%	7%	52%

Montana

Primary: 02 June

Commentary: Montana is very red in presidential elections, but purple in state elections. The governor, Steve Bullock, and the other senator, Jon Tester, are Democrats.

Until recently this was considered a red seat. But Governor Bullock (D) is term-limited, and after some persuasion from Barack Obama and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, he filed to run for this seat on 09 March. After Bullock declared his candidacy, several Democratic contenders dropped out of the running.

Even though GOP incumbent Steve Daines won by a 17.6% margin in 2014, this could now be a real horserace.

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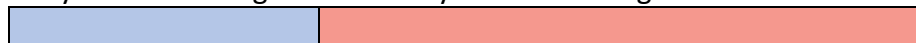
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Forecasts:

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Larry Sabato: Changed from Likely Red to Leaning Red



Incumbent Stats:

Last Win	Approval	Don't Know	Disapproval
17.7	47%	21%	31%

North Carolina

Commentary: This race has officially started: Democratic candidate Cal Cunningham is running against GOP candidate Thom Tillis, who has had one term as Senator.

Cunningham is a military/Gulf War veteran and a moderate. He is considered a strong candidate to unseat Tillis, who won his 2014 seat by a 1.5% margin.

Cunningham is considered such a threat to Tillis that a PAC associated with Mitch McConnell funded Cunningham's strongest Democratic challenger before the primary.

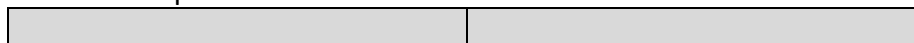
This state is trending purple: the current Governor is a Democrat, and Barack Obama won it in 2008. As seen below, both Cook and Larry Sabato consider it a toss up. Tillis does not have an overwhelming approval rating, and he barely won the 2014 election. With sufficient funding, it is entirely conceivable that Cunningham could win this seat.

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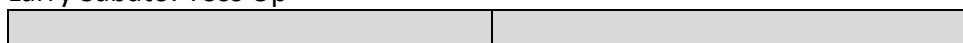
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1.6%	34%	29%	37%

Watch List

These states have the potential to slide a little bit towards “Toss Up” status. If one of them starts moving or starts showing any other signs of potential competitiveness, it will be put in the main report.

State	Remarks
Michigan	<p>Gary Peters won his first Senate term in 2014 when long-time senator Carl Levin retired. He is now running for his second term. Although Donald Trump carried Michigan in 2016 (by 11,000 votes), it is fundamentally a blue state and Peters shouldn't have too much trouble being reelected. That said, the GOP got their dream candidate in John James, who made Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) sweat a little in 2018. He's black, a veteran, a businessman, and quite charismatic, so maybe he can cobble enough votes together to make Peters sweat, too—especially with well more than a year to campaign. Still, in a presidential year, Peters remains the clear favorite.</p> <p>-Electoral-Vote.com</p>
Mississippi	<p>Cindy Hyde-Smith won a special election in 2018 following the retirement of Thad Cochran. Now she has to run for a full term. The fellow she beat, former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Epsy, wants a rematch. He is better known now and Democratic turnout is likely to be higher in 2020 than it was in 2018. His ace in the hole is his race. Epsy is black, as are 37% of Mississippians, the highest of any state. If he can get enough white suburban women who hate Donald Trump and are sure to vote to also vote for him, he has an outside shot at it. Also somewhat helpful on that front is Hyde-Smith's less-than-stellar record in that area, from her "public hanging" jokes to her sending her kids to an all-white "segregation" private school.</p> <p>-Electoral-Vote.com</p>
New Mexico	<p>Tom Udall is retiring, and Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM) is going to try to succeed Udall for a second time, having already taken over the Senator's House seat when he vacated it back in 2009. Luján is a strong candidate, a Latino and a member of a prominent New Mexico family, and he will be a heavy favorite against anyone who tries to challenge him in the primary.</p> <p>-Electoral-Vote.com</p>

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