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2018 U.S. State Elections Roundup

Introduction

Welcome to McGuireWoods Consulting's 2018 U.S. State Elections Roundup interactive website -- your one-stop resource for this year's gubernatorial, attorneys general, and state legislature races.

Complete with concise information about how state elections are shaping up around the country -- including snapshots of primary results and hot-button ballot initiatives -- our site provides a landscape view of our nation's political scene and insights on potential shifts in the tide.

Our goal is to provide business leaders and constituents quick, reliable access to comprehensive information about this year's elections. Based on a compilation of public polling and forecasting data collected and analyzed by *Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball*, the *Cook Political Report*, and *Governing*, information provided on our site will be updated as appropriate.

I hope you find our site helpful, and please let us know if you have any questions about our country's most anticipated state elections.

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Why are the 2018 elections important?

During midterm elections, state races often take a backseat to the races in the U.S. Congress. But for 2018, the electoral battles in the states are critical because there is much at stake: Whichever party ends up controlling the governorships and state legislatures in key states after the election will have substantial influence over the congressional redistricting process after the next census.

How district maps are drawn will have an impact on state and congressional races in the next 10 years. New maps could increase the number of seats in Congress for one party or the other, effectively giving one party an advantage in securing majorities in state legislatures and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Control of governorships and state legislatures will also have an impact on policymaking, as a growing number of states are taking the initiative to legislate on issues that the federal government have yet to address. For example, since the start of the Trump Administration, we have witnessed elected leaders in blue states playing a significant and prominent role to fight federal policies that they view as adverse to the interests of their constituents. Democratic state attorneys general have mounted a firewall against President Trump's policies on issues like immigration and energy development, launching a number of lawsuits to oppose controversial administration policies.

Such resistance isn't new: During the Obama Administration, Republican state attorneys general challenged executive actions and policies in much the same way.

Amidst all the predictions and possibility for upsets, one thing remains certain – this year's state elections are among the most widely anticipated in many years because of their potential to create shifts in in the political landscape of our country that extend far beyond state lines.
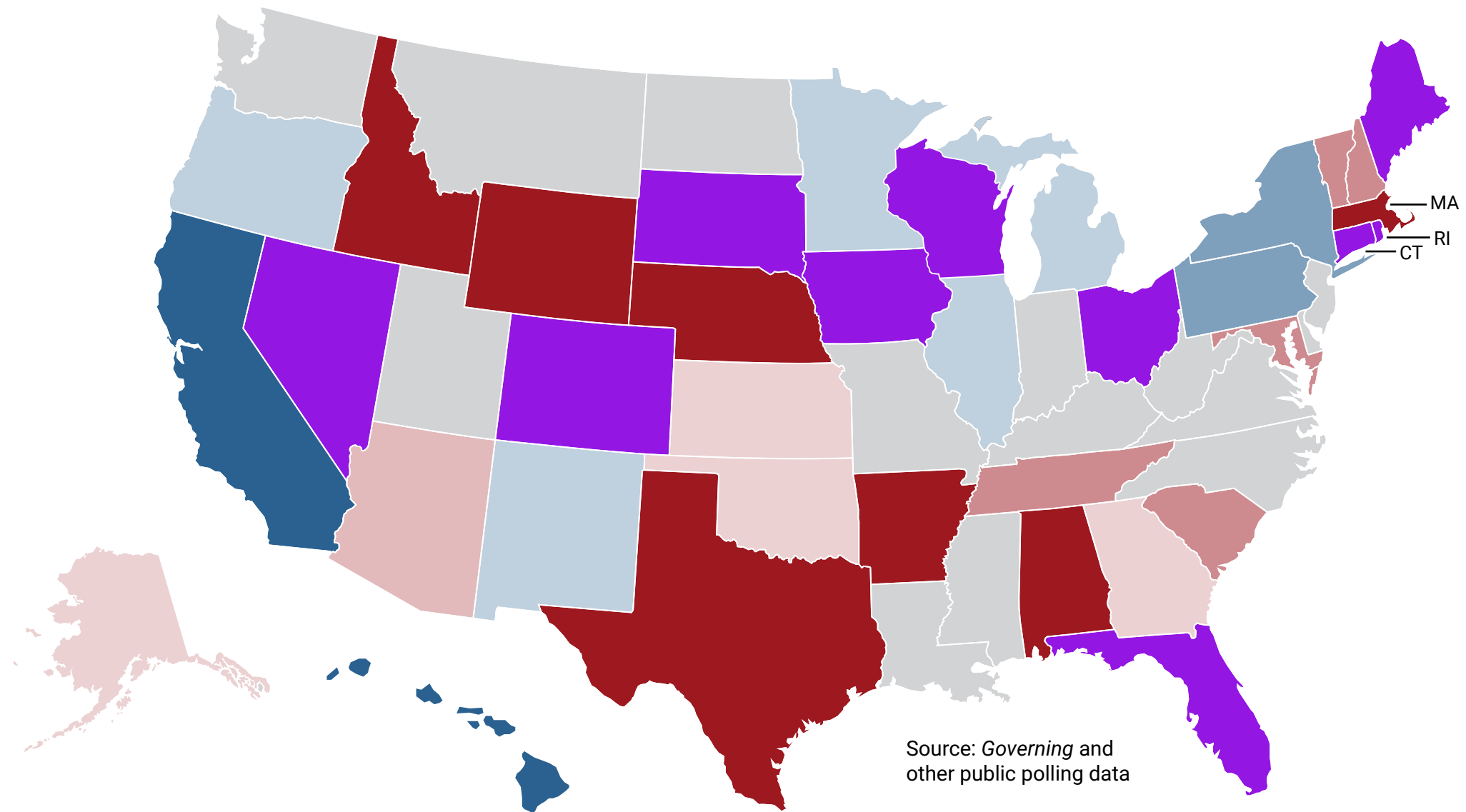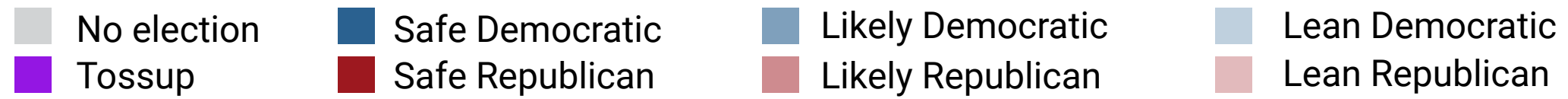
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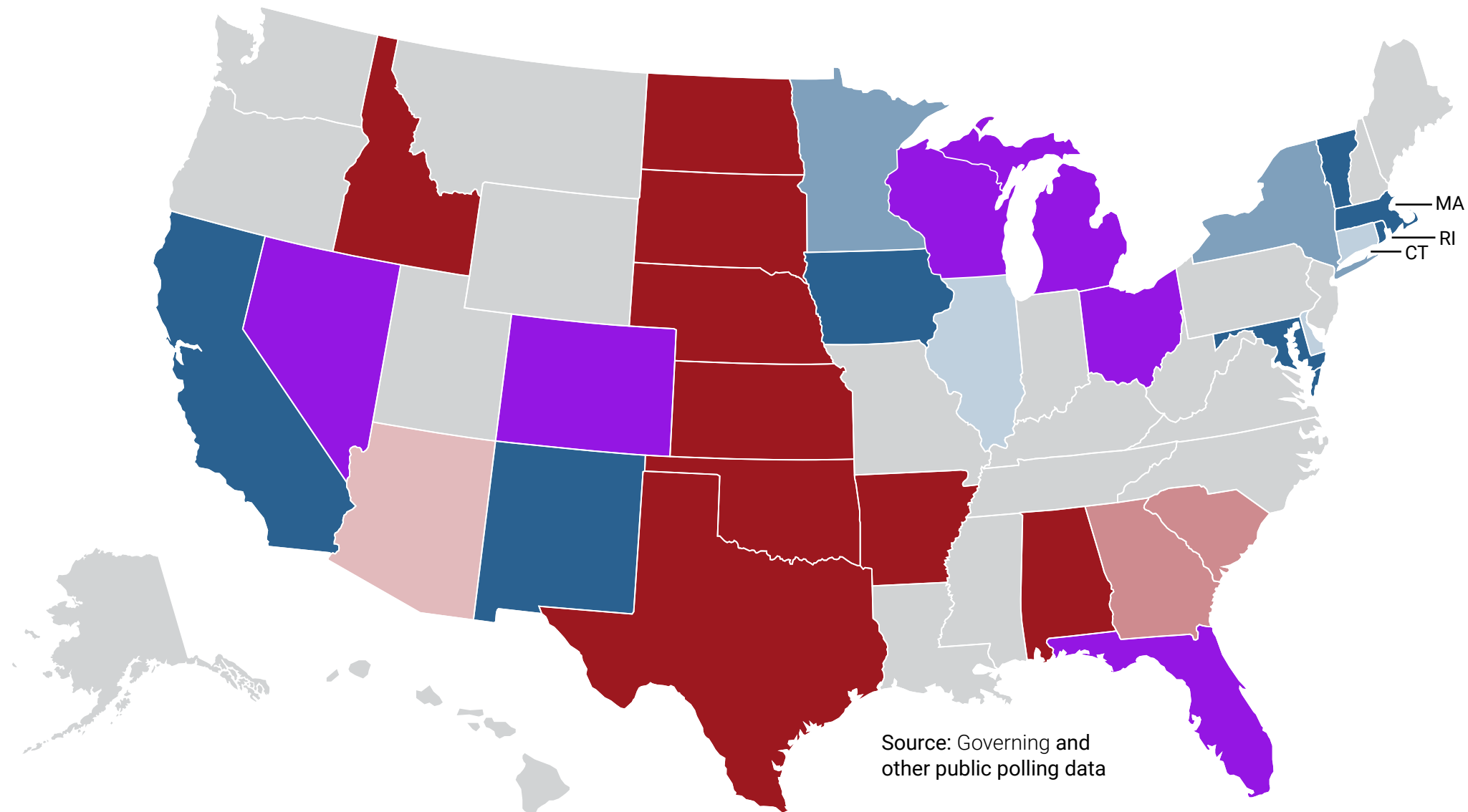# Gubernatorial Race Projections

Governor: 36 seats at stake

No election | Safe Democratic | Likely Democratic | Lean Democratic
Tossup | Safe Republican | Likely Republican | Lean Republican

MA
RI
CT

Source: *Governing* and other public polling data

Attorneys General Race Projections

Attorneys General: 30 seats at stake

No election	Safe Democratic	Likely Democratic	Lean Democratic
Tossup	Safe Republican	Likely Republican	Lean Republican

MA
RI
CT

Source: Governing and other public polling data
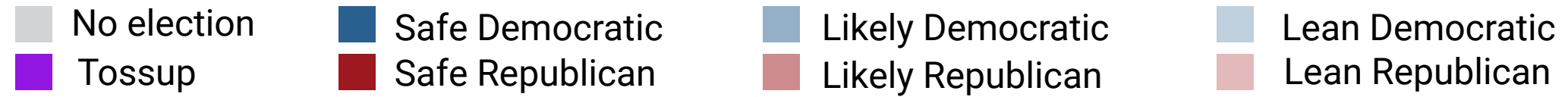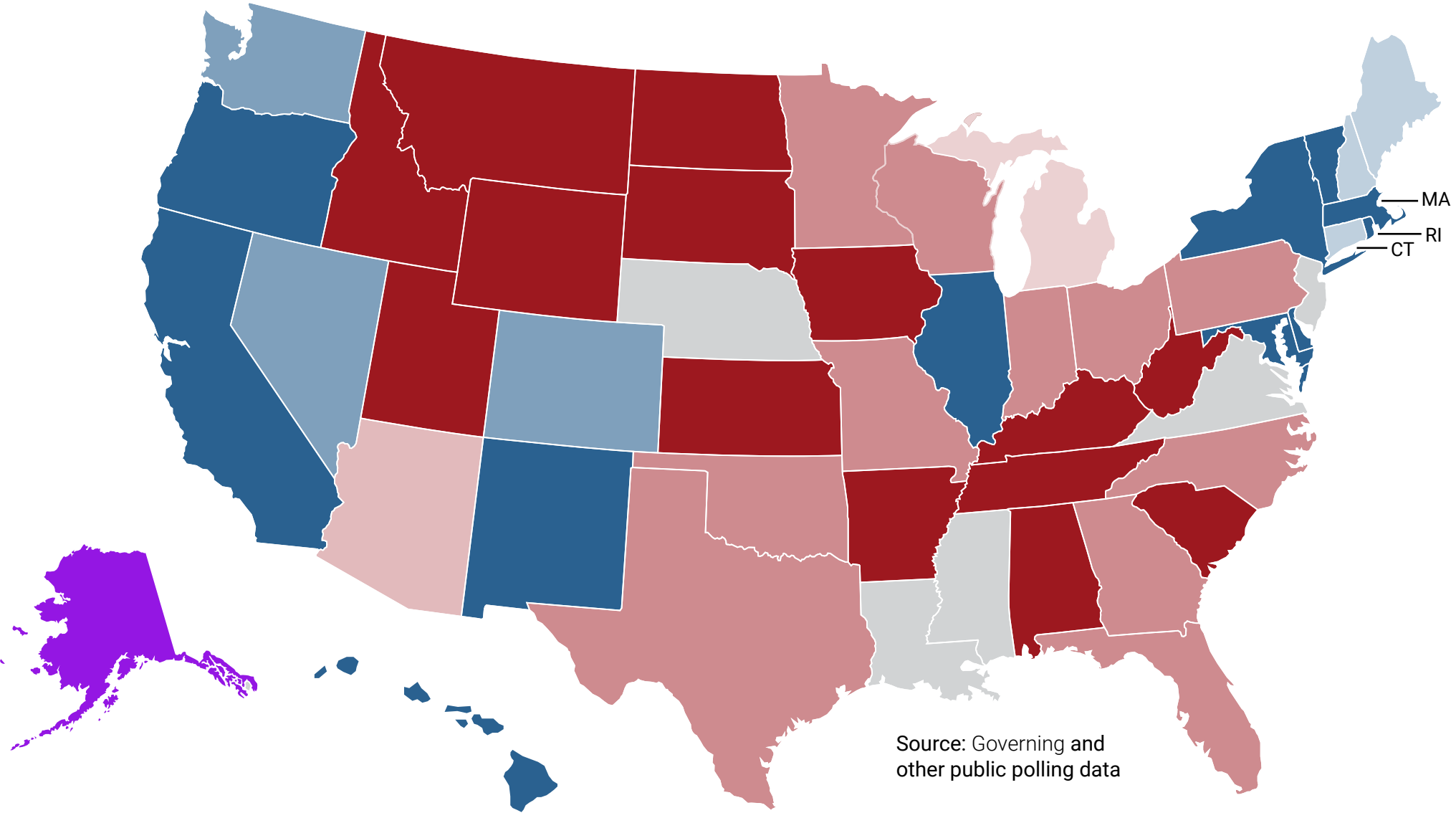
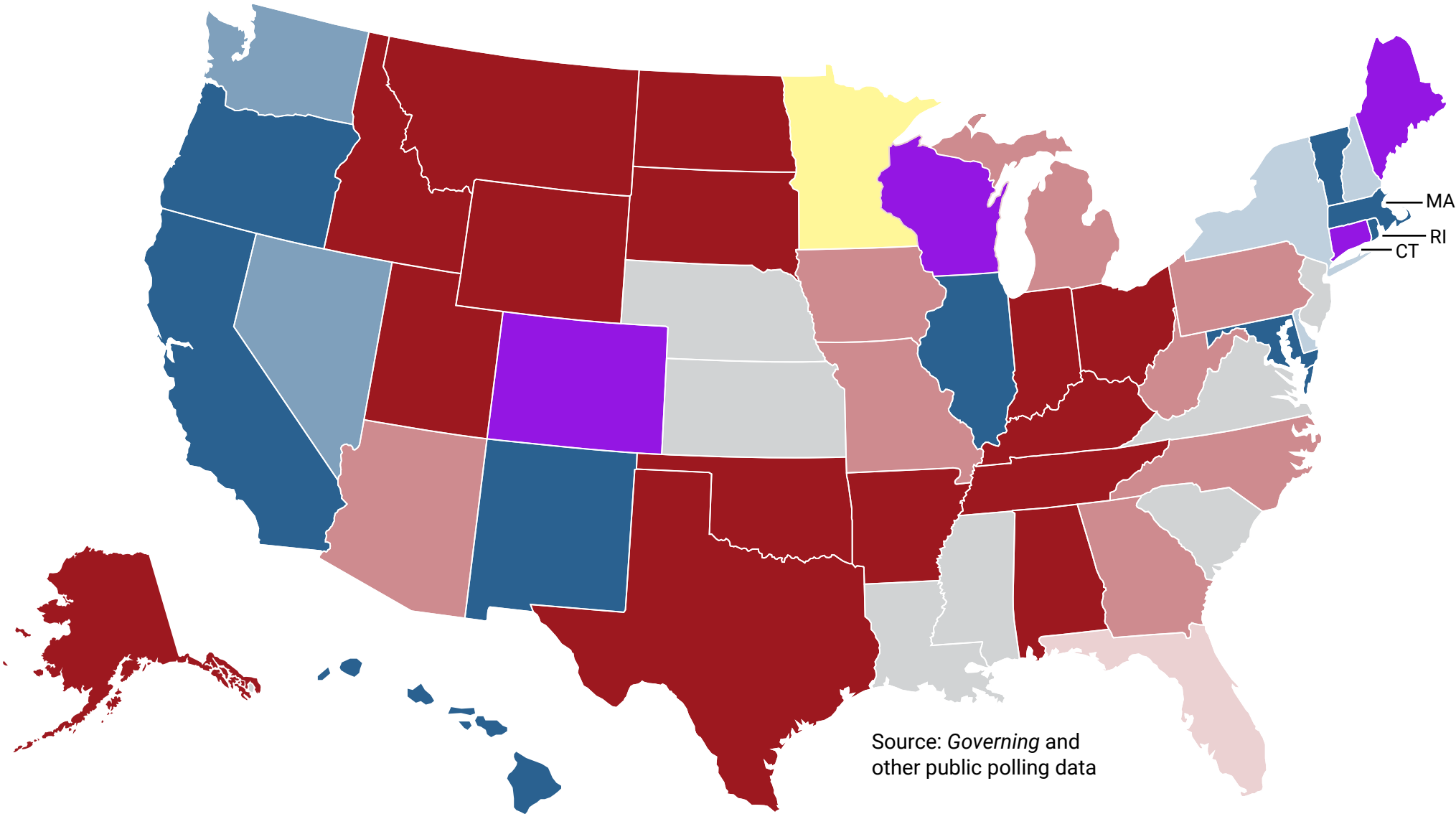# State Legislatures: House Chambers

House: 45 chambers at stake

- No election
- Tossup
- Safe Democratic
- Safe Republican
- Likely Democratic
- Likely Republican
- Lean Democratic
- Lean Republican

MA
RI
CT

Source: Governing and other public polling data

Alabama

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 27-7 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 70-33 R

The nomination of Roy Moore in a losing bid for the U.S. Senate will unlikely pave the way for a Democratic wave.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Joseph Siegelman

Republican Nominee
Steve Marshall

- Alabama's Republican primary runoff election took place on July 17th. Incumbent Steve Marshall (R) is seeking reelection and is the Republican nominee after winning July's closely contested runoff. The Democratic candidate is attorney Joseph Siegelman.

- This race is projected as a **safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Walt Maddox

Republican Nominee
Kay Ivey

Primary Results

Walt Maddox *(Mayor of Tuscaloosa):* 54.6%; 154,559 votes
Gov. Kay Ivey *(Incumbent):* 56.1%; 330,743 votes

- Alabama's primary elections were held on June 5th. Incumbent Governor Kay Ivey is seeking reelection and is the heavy favorite. Her Democratic challenger is Mayor of Tuscaloosa Walt Maddox.
- **The governorship is expected to remain in Republican possession.**

Alaska

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 14-6 R

House
Projected Tossup
Current 22-18 D

- With Alaska's Senate safely in Republican hands, the Democrats look to maintain control of the House.

- The State House is currently governed by a narrow, Democratic-led coalition.

- If oil prices stay relatively high, as they are now, voters may be less likely to shift the House.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Jahna Lindemuth

Appointed by Governor.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Mark Begich
Republican Nominee
Mike Dunleavy
Independent Nominee
Gov. Bill Walker

Primary Results

Mark Begich *(Former U.S. Sen., representing AK):* Uncontested
Mike Dunleavy *(Former AK State Sen.):* 61%; 38,840 votes

- Gov. Bill Walker, elected in 2014, is seeking re-election.
- Alaska's primary elections were held on August 21st. **Republicans are favored to win the seat.**

Arizona

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Lean R
Current 17-13 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 35-25 R

- Democrats are three seats away from flipping the Arizona Senate – to do so would require unseating some battle-tested Republican lawmakers.

- Democrats may be successful on issues such as education and teacher pay, resonant with AZ voters.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
January Contreras

Republican Nominee
Mark Brnovich

- Arizona's primary elections were held on August 28th.
- Incumbent Mark Brnovich (R) is seeking a second term. His Democratic challenger is former Assistant Attorney General January Contreras.
- This election will come down to whether an energized Democratic and Latino vote can deliver the office to Contreras, or whether Brnovich has demonstrated enough independence to win a degree of crossover voters. **This race is projected to lean Republican.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
David Garcia

Republican Nominee
Doug Ducey

Primary Results

David Garcia (*Associate Professor at ASU):*
50.45%; 250,955 votes
Doug Ducey 70.72%; 457,926 votes

- Arizona's primary elections were held on August 28th.
- Democrats may favor from Gov. Ducey's low favorability ratings, and on reports of President Trump's lack of popularity amongst Arizonan voters.
- **This race is projected as lean Republican.**

Arkansas

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 23-9 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 75-24 R

Democrats might be able to take few extra seats; the GOP's majorities are big enough to remain secure.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Mike Lee

Republican Nominee
Leslie Rutledge

- Incumbent Leslie Rutledge (R) is seeking reelection.
- Rutledge's Democratic challenger is law school professor, Mike Lee.
- Democrats are expected to focus more on competitive congressional races.
- **This race is projected as a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Jared Henderson

Republican Nominee
Asa Hutchinson

Primary Results

Jared Henderson *(Former Teach for America State Director):* 63.4%; 68,340 votes
Gov. Asa Hutchinson *(Incumbent):* 69.7%; 145,251 votes
- Arkansas's primary elections were held on May 22nd.
- Incumbent Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) is seeking reelection and is the heavy favorite.
- The governorship is projected as safe Republican.
- **The governorship is expected to remain in Republican possession.**

California

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 26-13 D

Assembly
Projected Safe D
Current 52-25 D

Democrats possess lopsided control of both chambers in California, and may be able to expand their margins slightly due to President Trump's unpopularity in the state.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Xavier Becerra

Republican Nominee
Steve Bailey

- California's primary elections were held on June 5th.
- Incumbent Xavier Becerra (D) will face off against GOP challenger retired judge Steven Bailey.
- Under California's primary system, the top two vote-getters, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the general election.
- Becerra received 45% of the vote, and Bailey finished second with 25%.
- **This race is projected as a safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Gavin Newsom

Republican Nominee
John Cox

Primary Results

Gavin Newsom *(Lt. Gov. of CA)*: 33.8%; 1,613,120
John Cox *(Businessman)*: 26.2%; 1,249,248 votes

- California's primary election was held on June 5th.
- Due to term limits, incumbent Governor Jerry Brown (D) is ineligible to run for reelection.
- **The governorship is projected to remain in Democratic possession.**

Colorado

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Tossup
Current 18-6 R

House
Projected Likely D
Current 36-29 D

- The Democrats have high hopes of flipping the GOP-controlled Colorado Senate.

- If the open-seat gubernatorial race turns in the Democrats' favor, Democrats could succeed.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Phil Weiser

Republican Nominee
George Brauchler

- Attorney General Cynthia Coffman (R) is not seeking reelection.
- On June 26, Colorado held primary elections to determine the Democratic candidate, and University of Colorado Law Professor Phil Weiser beat Joseph Salazar, a state representative.
- Colorado is a neutral political environment, so a potential blue wave could be counteracted by a strong Republican candidate.
- **This race is projected to be a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Jared Polis

Republican Nominee
Walker Stapleton

Primary Results

Jared Polis *(U.S. Rep. for CO):* 44.4%; 279,006 votes
Walker Stapleton *(CO State Treasurer):* 47.7%; 235,478 votes

- Incumbent Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) is ineligible for reelection due to term limitations.
- Rep. Jared Polis (D) is expected to benefit from Gov. Hickenlooper's favorability.
- **This race is a toss-up.**

Connecticut

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Tossup
Current 18-18

House
Projected Lean D
Current 79-71 D

- There may be outside influences that determine the outcome of these races.
- If anti-Trump sentiment wins out, then Democrats can probably seize full control of the currently tied Senate.
- If voters are more preoccupied with the low popularity ratings of Gov. Malloy, the GOP is still in the game with the Senate.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
William Tong

Republican Nominee
Susan Hatfield

- Connecticut's primary elections were held on August 14th.
- Incumbent George Jepsen (D) is not seeking reelection.
- Republicans will make an effort to tie Democratic candidate William Tong, a current member of the CT House of Representatives, to the low approval numbers of Gov. Dan Malloy (D).
- Democrats will try to tie Republican Candidate Susan Hatfield, a state prosecutor, to President Trump.
- This race **leans Democratic**.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Ned Lamont

Republican Nominee
Bob Stefanowski

Primary Results

Ned Lamont *(Businessman):* 81.2%; 172,088 votes
Bob Stefanowski *(Businessman):* 29.4%; 42,119 votes

- Two-term incumbent Governor Dan Malloy (D) is not seeking re-election.
- This race is projected to be a **toss-up.**

Delaware

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Lean D
Current 1-10 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 25-16 D

- *Governing* projects that it is hard to imagine the blue state of Delaware losing Democratic seats in 2018.

- However, out of an abundance of caution, narrowly divided state Senate is rated as competitive.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Kathy Jennings

Republican Nominee
Bernard Pepukayi

- Incumbent Matt Denn (D) is not seeking reelection.
- Kathy Jennings is a former New Castle County Chief Administrative Officer; Bernard Pepukayi is a former New Castle County attorney.
- As a result of the highly contested primary this year, Democratic candidates have increasingly taken strong positions in order to appeal to the party's base.
- Delaware has not elected a Republican attorney general since 2005.
- This race is projected as **a likely Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
John Carney (D)

The next election is 2020.

Florida

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Lean R
Current 23-15 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 75-40 R

- For the first time in 25 years, Democrats have a chance of seizing control of a state legislative chamber, specifically the Senate.
- The state House is far less competitive for the Democrats.
- That said, the higher-profile Florida races on the ballot -- for governor and U.S. senator -- could drain money and attention away from legislative races.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Sean Shaw

Republican Nominee
Ashley B. Moody

- Incumbent Pam Bondi (R) is term limited and ineligible for reelection.
- Sean Shaw is a member of the FL House of Representatives; Ashley Moody is a former judge in FL.
- Neither of the candidates have statewide name recognition.
- This race is projected to be **a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Andrew Gillum

Republican Nominee
Ron DeSantis

Primary Results

Andrew Gillum *(Mayor of Tallahassee):* 34.3%; 517,417 votes
Ron DeSantis *(Former U.S. Rep. for FL):* 56.5%; 913,679 votes

- This race is **projected a toss-up**, with national attention focused on the progressive Gillum's primary victory.
- Gillum has won the nomination in a state historically less inclined to lean too far left of centrist.
- DeSantis has been endorsed by President Trump.

Georgia

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 37-19 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 116-64 R

- A general election runoff is scheduled for December 4, 2018.
- It's reasonable to expect some Democratic gains, especially in the Atlanta suburbs where there's been some Democratic growth.
- Still, the margins in Georgia are too wide for Democrats to be optimistic about flipping either chamber in 2018.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Charlie Bailey

Republican Nominee
Chris Carr

- Incumbent Chris Carr (R) is seeking reelection.
- His Democratic challenger is former prosecutor Charlie Bailey.
- Bailey has secured the support of dozens of prominent Democratic figures; conventional wisdom is that he faces an uphill battle against a widely supported GOP incumbent.
- This race is currently projected as a **likely Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Stacey Abrams

Republican Nominee
Brian Kemp

Primary Results

Stacey Abrams *(Minority Leader, GA House of Reps.):* 76.5%; 423,191 votes
Brian Kemp *(GA Secretary of State):* *69%; 406,638 votes (*result of primary runoff)

- Incumbent Gov. Nathan Deal (R) is restricted by term limitations and therefore ineligible to seek reelection.
- This race **leans Republican.**

Hawaii

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 25-0 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 45-5 D

- During the Trump presidency, Republican numbers have sunk to extreme lows in the Hawaii Legislature.
- The state House has already seen one of its few Republican lawmakers switch to the Democratic Party, specifically naming Trump as the reason for the move.
- These are two of the safest Democratic chambers in the nation.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Russell Suzuki (D)

Appointed by Governor.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
David Ige

Republican Nominee
Andria Tupola

Primary Results

Gov. David Ige *(Incumbent)*: 51.3%; 124, 528 votes
Andria Tupola *(Minority Leader, HI House of Reps.)*: 53%; 17,282 votes

- Incumbent Governor David Ige (D) is seeking reelection in 2018 and has an approval/disapproval rating of 37-49 percent, according to Morning Consult.
- The governorship is **projected as safely Democrat.**

Idaho

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 29-6 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 59-11 R

There's a possibility of minor Democratic gains given the few GOP retirements and departures, yet nothing big enough to change the makeup of either chamber, according to *Governing* projections.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Bruce Bistline

Republican Nominee
Lawrence Wasden

- Incumbent Lawrence Wasden (R) is seeking election to a fifth term in office.
- Bruce Bistline, an attorney, is his Democratic challenger.
- Wasden won 68% of the vote in the last election.
- This race is projected as **a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Paulette Jordan

Republican Nominee
Brad Little

Primary Results

Paulette Jordan *(Former ID House Rep.)*: 58.5%; 38,458 votes
Brad Little *(Lt. Gov. of ID)*: 37.3%; 72,391 votes

- Incumbent Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R) is eligible for, but will not seek, reelection.
- The Democratic candidate is former State Rep. Paulette Jordan.
- The governorship is expected to **remain in Republican possession.**

Illinois

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 37-22 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 67-51 D

- Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is facing a tough reelection battle due to discontent with President Trump – it is unlikely for Republicans to make significant gains in either chamber.

- A bonus for Democrats is that gubernatorial nominee J.B. Pritzker is heavily funding his own campaign, leaving pro-Democratic outside groups able to devote their money and time to shoring up control of the legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Kwame Raoul

Republican Nominee
Erika Harold

- Incumbent Lisa Madigan (D) is not seeking reelection.
- Erika Harold (former Miss America 2003) is the Republican candidate, and state Senator Kwame Raoul is the Democratic candidate.
- Harold has an advantage in her star power, but Raoul has a strong reputation as a lawmaker.
- In a race between two largely unknown candidates in a Democratic state, this election **is projected to lean Democratic.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
J.B. Pritzker

Republican Nominee
Bruce Rauner

Primary Results

J.B. Pritzker (*Businessman*): 45.2%; 573,679 votes
Gov. Bruce Rauner (*Incumbent*): 51.4%; 361,301 votes
- Incumbent Governor Bruce Rauner (R) is seeking reelection.
- On track to be one of the most expensive governor's races in U.S. history.
- Gov. Rauner's approval ratings have remained consistently low.
- **The race leans Democratic** and due in large part to a conservative third party candidate, this race has consistently allowed the Democrat to maintain a double digit lead.

Indiana

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 41-9 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 70-30 R

- The GOP edge in the Indiana Senate is big enough to withstand a Democratic wave.
- However, it is possible that Democrats could gain some modest ground in the House, especially due to Republican retirements and a series of intraparty challenges supported by the aggressively anti-abortion group Hoosiers for Life.
- Still, **both chambers will remain in Republican hands.**

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Curtis Hill (R)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor:
Eric Holcomb (R)

The next election is 2020.

Iowa

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 28-20 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 59-41 R

- The GOP remains favored in the House -- the more vulnerable of Iowa's two chambers -- but Democratic enthusiasm and several retirements could make it interesting.

- The competitive gubernatorial race hasn't really heated up yet, so the battle for the legislature remains hard to call.

Attorney General

Uncontested/Incumbent
AG: Tom Miller (D)

- Incumbent Attorney General Tom Miller (D) was the only candidate for attorney general.

- Miller is seeking his 10th term in office and has served as the state's attorney general since 1979.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Fred Hubbell

Republican Nominee
Kim Reynolds

Primary Results

Fred Hubbell *(Businessman)*: 51.4%; 361,301 votes
Gov. Kim Reynolds *(Incumbent)*: Uncontested

- The Democratic challenger is wealthy insurance executive Fred Hubbell.
- Hubbell's enormous primary victory, carrying 96 of 99 counties amid high Democratic turnout, prompted Cook Political Report election forecasters to **alter the race's designation from "Likely Republican" to "Toss Up."**

Kansas

State Legislature

Senate
No races
Current 31-9 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 85-40 R

- The Kansas House, the only chamber to be contested this fall, will remain in Republican hands.

- However, if moderate Republicans manage to gain enough ground, they can work with Democrats to shape key legislation.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Sarah Swain

Republican Nominee
Derek Schimdt

- Incumbent Derek Schmidt (R) is seeking a third term in office.
- Schmidt, a moderate, is popular amongst Kansas voters and is expected to easily win reelection.
- The state Democratic Party has even called for Democratic candidate Sarah Swain, an attorney, to drop out of the race as of June.
- This race is projected as **a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Laura Kelly
Republican Nominee
Kris Kobach
Independent Nominee
Greg Orman

Primary Results

Laura Kelly *(KS State Sen.):* 51.5%; 79,301 votes
Kris Kobach *(KS Secretary of State):* 40.6%; 127,211 votes
- The race is projected as a likely Republican victory.
- Kobach unseated Gov. Jeff Colyer in the GOP primary by just 343 votes.
- Former GOP U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum endorsed his Democratic opponent, Laura Kelly.
- **This race remains tight, but Kobach has a slight advantage.**

Kentucky

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 27-11 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 63-37 R

- Kentucky is not promising territory for Democrats to gain back legislative ground, even in a favorable year like 2018.

- **Expect Republicans to retain control of both chambers.**

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Andy Beshear (D)

The next election is 2019.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor:
Matt Bevin (R)

The next election is 2019.
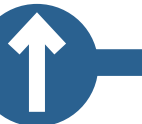
Louisiana

State Legislature

Senate
Current 25-14 R

House
Current 61-41 R

Neither chamber in Louisiana is contested this year. The next election is 2019.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Jeff Landry (R)

The next election is 2019.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor:
John Bel Edwards (D)

The next election is 2019.

Maine

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Tossup
Current 18-17 R

House
Projected Lean D
Current 74-70 D

- Given the uncertainty surrounding the gubernatorial race in Maine, *Governing* rates Maine's Senate a tossup and the House lean Democratic.

- However, if Democrats look strong in the race for governor -- an office the GOP has controlled for eight years -- that could change ratings.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General:
Janet T. Mills (D)

- The Attorney General of Maine is appointed by the state legislature.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Janet Mills

Republican Nominee
Shawn Moody

Primary Results

Janet Mills *(AG of ME):* 54.1%; 63, 384 votes
Shawn Moody *(Entrepreneur):* 52.6%; 53,436 votes

- This race is projected as a **toss-up.**

Maryland

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 32-14 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 91-50 D

- Both chambers in Maryland are solidly Democratic.
- The only issue is whether Republican Gov. Larry Hogan – with a high popularity rating in the state – will help oust enough incumbents to sustain vetoes.
- Currently, both chambers are veto-proof; the Democrats have more than the 85 representatives and 29 senators needed to override Gov. Hogan's vetoes.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Brian Frosh

Republican Nominee
Craig Wolf

- Incumbent Brian Frosh (D) will face Republican candidate Craig Wolf, an attorney, in the November election.
- Governor Hogan is not expected to spend much of his political capital taking aim at Frosh.
- This race is projected as **a safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Ben Jealous

Republican Nominee
Larry Hogan

Primary Results

Ben Jealous *(Former NAACP President):* 39.6%; 231,895 votes
Gov. Larry Hogan: *(Incumbent):* 100%; 210,935 votes/uncontested

- *The Baltimore Sun* reported that as many as a quarter of Maryland Democrats intended to cast their votes for the incumbent, regardless of who emerged from the Democratic primary.
- This race is projected as a **likely Republican victory.**

Massachusetts

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 31-7 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 121-34 D

This is a confident projection: Massachusetts' lopsidedly Democratic chambers will be solid in 2018.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Maura Healey

Republican Nominee
James McMahon

- Incumbent Maura Healey (D) is seeking reelection.
- She will be challenged in November by James McMahon, an attorney.
- Healey is popular among Massachusetts voters and enjoyed an approval rating of 65% at the end of 2017, according to a New England University poll.
- Massachusetts has not elected a Republican attorney general since 1966.
- This race is projected as **a safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Jay Gonzalez

Republican Nominee
Charles D. Baker

Primary Results

Jay Gonzalez (*Former State Budget Chief*): 63.17%; 348, 434 votes
Gov. Charles D. Baker (*Incumbent*): 63.78%; 174,126 votes
- Incumbent Gov. Charlie Baker (R) is seeking reelection and has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Republican Convention.
- Given Gov. Baker's high approval ratings, this election is projected as a **safe race for the Republican incumbent.**

Michigan

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 27-10 R

House
Projected Lean R
Current 63-46 R

- In the Senate, 27 of 38 seats will be open due to term limits, most of them Republican.
- Still, it's unclear at this point whether Democrats can win enough of them to flip the chamber this fall.
- In the House, a smaller percentage of seats are open, but there are about an equal number of seats that are marginally Democratic and marginally Republican, boosting the Democrats' odds of seizing the lower chamber.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Dana Nessel

Republican Nominee
Tom Leonard

- Speaker of the House Tom Leonard has the Republican nomination.
- Attorney Dana Nessel received the Democratic Party's nomination.
- This race is projected to be **a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Gretchen Whitmer

Republican Nominee
Bill Schuette

Primary Results

Gretchen Whitmer *(Former State Sen. Minority Leader):* 52%; 586,074 votes
Bill Schuette *(AG of MI):* 50.7%; 499,837 votes

- Due to term limitations, incumbent Gov. Rick Snyder (R) is ineligible for reelection.
- MI is often known to change the hands of power in each gubernatorial election.
- This race **leans Democratic.**

Minnesota

State Legislature

Senate
Only one special election in 2018
Current 33-33

House
Projected Likely R
Current 77-57 R

- The next state Senate elections will take place in 2020.

- There is one special Senate election this year in District 13 given the departure of Republican Michelle Fischbach, who resigned to serve as lieutenant governor. This race will determine the control of the Senate.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Keith Ellison

Republican Nominee
Doug Wardlow

- High profile candidate Keith Ellison, former congressman, brought new attention to the race - recent allegations of domestic abuse by Ellison's ex-girlfriend did not affect his primary win; the general election should be watched for a public reaction.
- Doug Wardlow is a former MN state representative.
- This race is a **likely Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Tim Walz

Republican Nominee
Jeff Johnson

Primary Results

Tim Walz *(U.S. Rep.):* 41.6%; 242,549 votes
Jeff Johnson *(Former MI House of Reps.):* 52.6%; 168,495 votes

- Incumbent Gov. Mark Dayton (D) is not seeking a third term.
- This race **leans Democratic.**

Mississippi

State Legislature

Senate
No Races
Current 33-19 R

House
No Races
Current 73-48 R

Neither chamber in Mississippi is contested this year. The next election is 2019.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Jim Hood (D)

The next election is 2019.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Phil Bryant (R)

- The 2019 Mississippi gubernatorial election will take place on November 5, 2019.
- Primary elections will occur on August 6, 2019.
- Incumbent Republican Gov. Phil Bryant is ineligible to run for a third term due to term limits.

Missouri

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 24-9 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 115-47 R

- Missouri's former Republican governor, Eric Greitens, resigned in May in the face of alleged sexual impropriety.

- The GOP is expected to maintain control of both chambers.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Josh Hawley (R)
2018 Republican nominee for MO U.S. Senate seat.

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Mike Parson (R)

The next election is 2020.

Montana

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 32-18 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 59-41 R

While President Trump's popularity in the state has waned somewhat in recent months, it's not likely to affect legislative races in Montana.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Tim Fox (R)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Steve Bullock (D)

The next election is 2020.

Nebraska

State Legislature

Senate
Unicameral/Nonpartisan

Nebraska's unicameral legislature is officially nonpartisan.

Attorney General

Incumbent/Uncontested
Doug Peterson (R)

- Incumbent Doug Peterson (R) is running unopposed for a second term in office.
- The Democratic primary winner, Evangelos Argyakis, recently withdrew after he was arrested for attacking his father.
- This race is projected as **a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Bob Krist

Republican Nominee
Pete Ricketts

Primary Results

Bob Krist *(NE House Rep.):* 60%; 53,787 votes
Gov. Ricketts *(Incumbent):* 81.4%; 137,144 votes

- Incumbent Gov. Pete Ricketts (R) is running for reelection.
- His Democratic challenger is State Sen. Bob Krist.
- No Democrat has won the governorship since 1994.
- **The governorship is expected to remain in Republican possession.**

Nevada

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely D
Current 11-9 D

House
Projected Likely D
Current 27-15 D

- In the Senate, despite the tight margin, Democratic incumbents look solid.

- The Assembly, meanwhile, does not appear to have enough vulnerable Democratic seats to flip, either.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Aaron Ford

Republican Nominee
Wes Duncan

- Incumbent Adam Laxalt (R) is not seeking reelection and is instead running for governor.
- State Senate Majority Leader Aaron Ford is the Democratic candidate.
- Former Nevada State Assemblyman and Deputy Attorney General Wes Duncan is the Republican candidate.
- Given the significant number of undecided voters, this race **is projected to be a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Steve Sisolak

Republican Nominee
Adam Laxalt

Primary Results

Steve Sisolak *(Chair, Clark County, NV Commission):* 50%; 72,726 votes
Adam Laxalt *(AG of NV):* 71.5%; 101,617 votes
- Due to term limitations, incumbent Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) is ineligible for reelection.
- The general election is expected to come down to voter turnout and which candidate can better appeal to the growing number of registered nonpartisan voters.
- **This race is widely considered to be a toss-up.**

New Hampshire

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Lean D
Current 14-10 R

House
Projected Lean D
Current 218-175 R

- In recent election cycles, New Hampshire has been one of the nation's most closely divided and most 'swinging' of swing states.
- A flip to Democratic control is quite possible, but it is still early.
- What is certain is that both chambers will be competitive this fall – *Governing* projects this as a toss-up.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Gordon MacDonald (R)

Appointed by Governor.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Molly Kelly

Republican Nominee
Chris Sununu

Primary Results

Molly Kelly *(Former State Sen.):* 65.5%; 80,598 votes
Gov. Chris Sununu *(Incumbent):* 98.3%; 91,025 votes

- Historically, New Hampshire voters have been known to oust a new governor immediately after their first two-year term.
- This race is now projected as **likely Republican.**

New Jersey

State Legislature

Senate
No Races
Current 25-15 D

Assembly
No races
Current 52-26 D

Neither chamber in New Jersey is contested this year. The next election is 2019.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Gurbir Grewal (D)

Appointed by Governor.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Phil Murphy (D)

The next election is 2021.

New Mexico

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 26-16 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 38-32 D

- New Mexico is a state where the Democrats can expect a boost this fall.

- With Democrats already in control of both chambers, modest gains are possible.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Hector Balderas

Republican Nominee
Michael Hendricks

- Incumbent Hector Balderas (D) is seeking reelection to his second term in office.
- Attorney Michael Hendricks is the Republican candidate.
- Both Balderas and Hendricks were unopposed in their respective primaries.
- Balderas is the heavy favorite, and the race is projected as **a safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Michelle Lujan Grisham

Republican Nominee
Steve Pearce

Primary Results

Michelle Lujan Grisham (*U.S. House of Rep.*): 66.4%; 116,287 votes
Rep. Steve Pearce (*U.S. House of Rep.*): Uncontested

- Due to term limitations, Incumbent Governor Susana Martinez (R) is ineligible to seek reelection.
- This race is projected to **lean Democratic.**

New York

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Lean D
Current 32-31 R (cross-party coalition)

Assembly
Projected Safe D
Current 102-37 D

- Special elections on April 24 gave state Senate Democrats -- long the chamber's minority -- a numerical edge.
- Democrat Simcha Felder has said he would continue to caucus with the GOP.
- If Democrats run strong in November, his decision may be irrelevant.
- Still, there's enough up in the air to be **projected a toss-up.**

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Letitia James
Republican Nominee
Keith Wofford
Green Party Nominee
Michael Sussman

- Barbara Underwood (D) is currently serving as the acting Attorney General but will not run for the office in 2018.
- Republican candidate Keith Wofford, an attorney, will face off against the Democrat and Public Advocate Letitia James.
- This race is projected as a **likely Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Andrew Cuomo

Republican Nominee
Marc Molinaro

Primary Results

Gov. Andrew Cuomo *(Incumbent):* 65.6%; 978, 168 votes
Marc Molinaro *(Dutchess County Executive):* Uncontested

- Stephanie Miner, former Mayor of Syracuse, is the independent nominee.
- The governorship is **projected to remain in Democratic possession.**

North Carolina

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 35-15 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 75-45 R

- The Democrats are poised to pick up seats in both chambers in North Carolina, especially in the House.
- The more urgent question is whether the Democrats can pick up enough seats to break the GOP supermajority in either chamber, handing Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper a weightier veto threat.
- In the House, the Democrats would need to net four seats to break the supermajority and would need six in the Senate.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Josh Stein (D)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Roy Cooper (D)

The next election is 2020.

North Dakota

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 38-9 R

Assembly
Projected Safe R
Current 81-13 R

North Dakota's strong Republican margins are not in danger of eroding this year.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
David Thompson

Republican Nominee
Wayne Stenehjem

- Republican nominee Wayne Stenehjem is the inumbent.
- Democratic nominee David Thompson is an attorney.
- **This race is projected to be safely Republican.**

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Doug Burgum (R)

The next election is 2020.

Ohio

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 24-9 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 66-33 R

- Only half the seats in the Ohio Senate are up in any cycle, which makes it less susceptible to wave conditions.
- The House is a bit more vulnerable (and is being buffeted by scandal and leadership issues).
- The GOP edge in the House is wide and should be able to survive even a sizable Democratic wave.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Steve Dettelbach

Republican Nominee
Dave Yost

- Incumbent Mike DeWine (R) will not be seeking reelection, as he is running for governor of Ohio.
- The Democratic candidate is former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach.
- The Republican candidate is State Auditor Dave Yost.
- Both candidates are strong contenders in this election, and the race will likely be influenced by top-of-the-ballot contests, such as the open gubernatorial seat and competitive U.S. Senate race. **This race is projected to be a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Richard Cordray

Republican Nominee
Mike DeWine

Primary Results

Richard Cordray *(Former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director):* 62.3%; 423,264 votes
Mike DeWine *(AG of OH):* 59.8%; 494,766 votes

- Due to term limitations, incumbent Gov. John Kasich (R) is ineligible for reelection.
- This race is **widely considered to be a toss-up.**

Oklahoma

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 40-8 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 72-28 R

- The Oklahoma Senate is certain to stay in Republican hands, with only 24 of 48 seats up this cycle and a big GOP edge.
- Dissatisfaction with GOP Gov. Mary Fallin has been brewing, and a battle over education funding has energized Democrats.
- If any Democratic gains are to materialize, it's likelier to happen the House.
- For now, Republican victory does not seem to be seriously threatened.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Mark Myles

Republican Nominee
Mike Hunter

- Incumbent Mike Hunter (R) will face Democratic candidate Mark Myles, an attorney, in November.
- This race is projected as **a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Drew Edmondson

Republican Nominee
Kevin Stitt

Primary Results

Drew Edmondson *(Former AG of OK):* 61.4%; 242,504 votes
Kevin Stitt *(Businessman):* 29.3%; 132,713 votes

- Incumbent Gov. Mary Fallin (R) faces term limitations and is ineligible to seek reelection.
- **This race is leaning Republican.**

Oregon

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 17-13 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 35-25 D

- The Democratic margins in the Oregon Legislature are modest, but it's a blue enough state in a blue enough year to be considered safe for now.
- Democrats may be able to secure the one seat in each chamber that is needed to gain a three-fifths supermajority.
- Going in the Democrats' favor is that the most competitive seats are in districts where Republican incumbents are leaving and where Democrats have been gaining ground.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Ellen Rosenblum (D)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Kate Brown

Republican Nominee
Knute Buehler

Primary Results

Gov. Kate Brown *(Incumbent):* 82.7%; 264,526 votes
Knute Buehler *(OR State Rep.):* 46.5%; 125,124 votes

- **This race leans Democratic.**

Pennsylvania

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 34-16 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 119-81 R

- The Democrats should be able to gain seats in both chambers.
- Party strategists believe Democrats have a path to taking over the state House this year, but it is premature to say that it is a likely outcome.
- Unlike the congressional district map, which was recently overturned by the state supreme court as an invalid partisan gerrymander, the lines in both state legislative chambers remain favorable to the GOP.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Josh Shapiro (D)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Tom Wolf

Republican Nominee
Scott Wagner

Primary Results

Gov. Tom Wolf *(Incumbent):* Uncontested
Scott Wagner *(PA State Sen.):* 44.3%; 323,635 votes

- Although President Trump won Pennsylvania in 2016, a June F&M poll found that 51% of voters disapprove of the president.
- This race is projected as a **likely Democratic victory**

Rhode Island

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 33-4 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 64-11 D

- Despite a competitive gubernatorial race, the large Democratic majorities in the state legislature look solid for 2018.

- That said, there could be an ideological shift to the left within the Democratic caucus.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee (Uncontested)
Peter Neronha

- Incumbent Peter Kilmartin (D) is term limited and ineligible to seek reelection.
- Former U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha, a Democrat, is the only major party candidate on the ballot.
- This race is projected as **a safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Gina Raimondo

Republican Nominee
Allan Fung

Primary Results

Gov. Gina Raimondo (*Incumbent*): 57.1%; 66,978 votes
Allan Fung (*Mayor of Cranston, RI*): 56.4%; 18,577 votes
- Raimondo and Fung previously faced off against one another during the 2014 gubernatorial election.
- Joe Trillo, former House minority whip in the state legislature, is the Independent nominee.
- **This race is a toss up.**

South Carolina

State Legislature

Senate
No Races
Current 28-18 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 79-44 R

- In the House, the GOP will be in good shape to retain its sizable majority, with only modest, if any, erosion.
- The next Senate races are in 2020.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Constance Anastopoulo

Republican Nominee
Alan Wilson

- Incumbent Alan Wilson (R) will be challenged by Democrat Constance Anastopoulo, an attorney, in the general election.
- Although he was scrutinized for his connection to a high profile political corruption case during the primary contest, Wilson cruised to an easy victory in the runoff.
- Democratic candidate Anastopoulo will encounter a difficult road ahead to unseat the two term incumbent.
- This race is projected as **a likely Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
James Smith Jr.

Republican Nominee
Henry McMaster

Primary Results

James Smith *(SC State Rep.):* 61.8%; 147,987 votes
Gov. Henry McMaster *(Incumbent):* 42.3%; 155,072 votes
- Incumbent Governor Henry McMaster (R) is seeking re-election with the support of President Trump.
- In a state where the President's endorsement carries significant weight, Gov. McMaster still has ties to an on-going political corruption investigation that is likely to draw criticism.
- This race is projected as a **likely Republican victory.**

South Dakota

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 29-6 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 60-10 R

The Republicans are in no danger of losing significant ground in this solidly red state.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Randy Seiler

Republican Nominee
Jason Ravnsborg

- In SD, political parties nominate state executive candidates at their conventions, with the exception of the Gov.'s Office.
- The Democratic Party Convention nominated former U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler as the party's candidate.
- The Republican Party Convention nominated Jason Ravnsborg, attorney and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Incumbent Marty J. Jackley (R) is term limited.
- This race is projected as **a safe Republican victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Billie Sutton

Republican Nominee
Kristi Noem

Primary Results

Billie Sutton (*Minority Leader, SD State Sen.*): Uncontested
Kristi Noem (*U.S. House of Reps.*): 56%; 57,437 votes

- Due to term limitations, incumbent Governor Dennis Daugaard (R) is ineligible to run for reelection.
- Charlie Cook has recently **changed the projection of this race from safe Republican to toss-up.**

Tennessee

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 28-5 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 74-25 R

- There may be a few more seats than usual in play in Tennessee, and former Democratic Gov. Phil Bredesen is making a credible run for an open U.S. Senate seat.

- However, significant Democratic gains look unlikely for now.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Herbert Slatery III (R)

Tennessee is the only state where the attorney general is appointed by the state Supreme Court.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Karl Dean

Republican Nominee
Bill Lee

Primary Results

Karl Dean *(Former Mayor of Nashville, TN):* 75.1%; 279,324 votes
Bill Lee *(Farmer/Businessman):* 36.7%; 289,699 votes

- Incumbent Governor Bill Haslam (R) is ineligible for re-election.
- This race is projected as **a likely Republican victory.**

Texas

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 20-11 R

House
Projected Likely R
Current 93-56 R

- Even though Democrats are excited about Beto O'Rourke's chances at unseating Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, Governing does not project major Democratic gains in the legislature.
- Democratic gains are likelier in the House, where Democrats are contesting an unusually large number of seats.
- That said, a double-digit increase seems like a stretch.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Justin Nelson

Republican Nominee
Ken Paxton

- Incumbent Ken Paxton (R) is seeking reelection, the Democratic nominee Justin Nelson is an attorney in TX.
- Despite facing a trial for securities fraud, the incumbent is currently projected to cruise to victory, riding the coattails of Governor Abbott's reelection in a solidly conservative state.
- This is a **safe Republican seat.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Lupe Valdez

Republican Nominee
Greg Abbott

Primary Results

Lupe Valdez *(Former Dallas Country Sheriff):* 52.7%; 227,889 votes
Gov. Greg Abbot *(Incumbent):* 90.4%; 1,392,310 votes

- Incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott (R) was first elected to office in 2014 and is seeking reelection this year.
- In a state which has not elected a Democratic governor since 1990, Gov. Abbott is the heavy favorite in November.
- The governorship is **expected to remain in Republican possession.**

Utah

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 24-5 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 62-13 R

Democrats might be able to make some marginal gains, but Utah Republicans are in no danger of significant losses.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Sean Reyes (R)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Gary Herbert (R)

The next election is 2020.

Vermont

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe D
Current 21-7 D

House
Projected Safe D
Current 83-53 D

- Democrats will hold on to both chambers in Vermont.

- The most pressing question is whether Republicans lose more than two seats in the House, a result that would leave them with too few votes to sustain a veto by GOP Gov. Phil Scott.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
T.J. Donovan

Republican Nominee
H. Brooke Paige

- Incumbent T.J. Donovan (D) is seeking a second term and will face Republican candidate H. Brooke Paige.
- Paige is a perennial candidate who has filed to run in 5 statewide races.
- This race is projected as a **safe Democratic victory.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Christine Hallquist

Republican Nominee
Phillip Scott

Primary Results

Christine Hallquist *(Businesswoman)*: 48.3%; 27,619 votes
Phillip Scott *(Incumbent)*: 67.5%; 24,220 votes

- Hallquist is the first openly transgender major party nominee for gov. in the U.S.
- Gov. Scott has distanced himself from President Trump, whose approval rating in Vermont was last reported at 38%.
- The governorship is **expected to remain in Republican possession.**

Virginia

State Legislature

Senate
No Races
Current 21-19 R

House
No Races
Current 51-49 R

- Virginia does not have elections this year.
- The next House races are in 2019.
- The next Senate races are in 2020.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Mark Herring (D)

The next election is 2021.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Ralph Northam (D)

The next election is 2021.

Washington State

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely D
Current 26-23 D

House
Projected Likely D
Current 50-48 D

- Both chambers in Washington state should remain blue this fall.
- Still, given narrow margins, **projections keep both chambers leaning Democratic.**

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Bob Ferguson (D)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Jay Inslee (D)

The next election is 2020.

West Virginia

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Likely R
Current 22-12 R

House
Projected Safe R
Current 64-36 R

- West Virginia remains in favor of President Trump, and the GOP's margins in both chambers are sizable.

- Democratic gains, if any, will be minor.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Patrick Morrisey (R)

The next election is 2020.

Gubernatorial

Current Governor
Jim Justice (R)

The next election is 2020.

Wisconsin

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Toss-up
Current 18-14 R

Assembly
Projected Likely R
Current 63-35 R

- Democrats are optimistic about their chances in the state Senate, where they only need to net three seats to take control.

- By contrast, the GOP's margin in the Assembly should be large enough to hold, despite the possibility of some modest losses.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee
Josh Kaul

Republican Nominee
Brad Schimel

- Wisconsin's primary elections had only one AG candidate running per party.
- Incumbent Brad Schimel (R) is seeking a second term in office.
- The Democratic candidate is former Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh Kaul.
- Given Wisconsin's politically polarized electorate as well as recent Democratic special election successes, **this race is considered to be a toss-up.**

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Tony Evers

Republican Nominee
Scott Walker

Primary Results

Tony Evers *(Superintendent of Public Instruction of WI):* 41.8%; 224,502 votes
Gov. Scott Walker *(Incumbent):* 91.6%; 417,619 votes

- Despite the disapproval numbers for Gov. Walker, **recent polling suggests that the race is a toss-up.**

Wyoming

State Legislature

Senate
Projected Safe R
Current 27-3 R

Assembly
Projected Safe R
Current 51-9 R

The Republican majorities in Wyoming have nothing to worry about in 2018, according to *Governing*.

Attorney General

Current Attorney General
Peter Michael (R)

Appointed by the Governor.

Gubernatorial

Democratic Nominee
Mary Throne

Republican Nominee
Mark Gordon

Primary Results

Mary Throne *(WY House of Reps.)*: 72.9%; 12,944 votes
Mark Gordon *(WY State Treasurer)*: 33.4%; 38,915 votes

- Due to term limitations, incumbent Gov. Matt Mead (R) is ineligible to seek reelection.
- The governorship is expected to **safely remain in Republican possession.**