



PRIME-ARY PERSPECTIVE: MASSACHUSETTS

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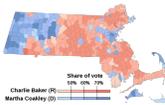
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MASSACHUSETTS



Massachusetts will have at least two new members of its House delegation next Congress, with the retirement of Rep. Niki Tsongas (D) and the defeat last night of Rep. Mike Capuano (D). Additionally, the state will host Senate and Gubernatorial races - both of which are likely to be won by the incumbent.

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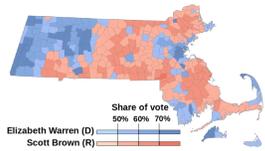
Incumbent Charlie Baker fended off challenger Scott Lively, winning the primary with 64% of the vote and sealing his bid for a second term. Baker, a former business executive and Harvard graduate, has been an especially popular in a mostly Democratic state. He has maintained a nearly 70% approval rating during his tenure in office, the highest of any governor in the country. The Cooke Political Report ranks this race as "Lean Republican", and one should expect the Baker to cruise to reelection.



Jay Gonzalez (D)

Jay Gonzalez won the Democratic primary after defeating Bob Massie with 64.4% of the vote. While Massachusetts is a traditionally Democratic state, it frequently votes for Republican governors and Gonzalez is going to face a major uphill battle to compete with Baker's fundraising and name recognition advantages.

SENATE



Elizabeth Warren will be the Democratic nominee for Senate after running unopposed for the nomination. Warren, a first term senator and likely 2020 presidential candidate, won her first election with 53.7% of the vote and has spent the last several years in the national spotlight. The Cooke Political Report rates this election as "Solid Democrat", so expect Warren to win this race by a comfortable

margin.

Geoff Diehl (R)

Geoff Diehl beat out two challengers to win the Republican primary, winning 55.4% of the vote, respectfully. Diehl, who is running on traditional Republican platform, has frequently criticized Sen. Warren for opting to build her national profile instead of focusing on constituents in the state. He has also accused her of being too left-wing and has promised a better balance for the state.



MA-03



"Too close to call" is the current status of the still-unfolding results in a 10-way Democratic primary for MA-3. The two candidates in the lead, Daniel Koh and Lori Trahan, are in a statistical tie, each pulling 21.6% of the vote.

The crowded field of Democrats all vie for incumbent Niki Tsongas' seat, who announced her decision not to seek re-election last year. In a safe blue seat with a Cook PVI score of D+9, the eventual winner of this Democratic primary will likely represent the district next in Congress. The winner will face Republican Rick Green in November.



Lori Trahan (D)

Lori Trahan is a native of Lowell, PA and no stranger to Washington, previously serving as chief-of-staff and top advisor to former Congressman Marty Meehan. She is now a business consultant and boasts endorsements from The Boston Globe and The Boston Herald.



Dan Koh (D)

Daniel Koh is an Andover, MA native who also has a background in politics, having served as the former chief-of-staff to Boston mayor Marty Walsh from 2014 to 2017. His prior work experience also includes consulting at Booz Allen Hamilton and a management role at the Huffington Post Live.

MA-07

In a D+34 district that includes nearly half of the city of Boston, the winner of last night's Democratic primary will represent it in the 116th Congress. The district includes half of the city of Boston, as well as some of the northern and

southern suburbs.



Ayanna Pressley (D)

In the biggest upset last night, it was Democrat Ayanna Pressley who won 58% of the vote, ultimately ousting 10-term incumbent, Michael Capuano. Capuano now joins Reps. Mark Sanford, Robert Pittenger, and Joe Crowley as the fourth House incumbent to lose in a primary this cycle. Pressley is a Boston city council member, and has previously served as an aide to former Rep. Joseph Kennedy as well as former Sen. John Kerry. Pressley will run unopposed in November. Pressley will be the first African American member to serve in the Massachusetts House delegation.

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