

## Senate Races 2010

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Here are the Senate seats that are up in 2010. Do your research to determine the candidates that adhere to conservative values

These Candidates are conservatives: [Pat Toomey](#) (PA), [Marco Rubio](#) (FL), [Chuck DeVore](#) (CA), and [Michael Williams](#) (TX).

#### ALABAMA

Senator **Richard Shelby** (R) is running unopposed. Shelby scored a 77% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

#### ALASKA

Senator **Lisa Murkowski** (R) is running unopposed. Murkowski scored a 50% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

#### ARIZONA

Senator **John McCain** (R) has two primary opponents: **Chris Simcox** (R) and **Jim Deakin** (R). McCain scored a 77% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

#### ARKANSAS

Senator **Blanche Lincoln** (D) scored a 9% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Lincoln has a number of Republican challengers, including **Gilbert Baker** (R) and **Curtis Coleman** (R). The GOP primary is May 18, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

#### CALIFORNIA

Senator **Barbara Boxer** (D) scored a 2% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Boxer has two Republican challengers: Assemblyman **Chuck DeVore** (R) and businesswoman **Carly Fiorina** (R). The GOP primary is June 8, 2010. [SCF endorses Chuck DeVore.](#)

#### COLORADO

Senator **Michael Bennet** (D) was appointed to the Senate after Ken Salazar vacated the seat to become Secretary of the Interior. Bennet has one primary opponent – **Andrew Romanoff** (D) – and several Republican opponents, including **Jane Norton** (R), **Ken Buck** (R), **Tom Wiens** (R), and **Cleve Tidwell** (R). The GOP primary is August 10, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

#### CONNECTICUT

Senator **Chris Dodd** (D) scored a 4% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Dodd has several Republican challengers, including **Rob Simmons** (R), **Linda McMahon** (R), and **Peter Schiff** (R). The GOP primary is August 10, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

## DELAWARE

Senator **Tom Kaufman** (D) is not running for re-election. Kaufman was appointed to the seat as a caretaker after Joe Biden became Vice President. The race to fill this open seat will likely be a contest between **Beau Biden** (D), the Vice President's son, and the winner of the Republican primary between **Mike Castle** (R) and **Christine O'Donnell** (R). *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

## FLORIDA

Senator **George LeMieux** (R) is not running for re-election. LeMieux was appointed to the seat as a caretaker after Mel Martinez (R) resigned. The race to fill this open seat will likely be a contest between **Kendrick Meek** (D) and the winner of the Republican primary between Florida Governor **Charlie Crist** (R) and **Marco Rubio** (R), the Former Speaker of the Florida House. The Republican primary is August 24, 2010. [SCF endorses Marco Rubio.](#)

## GEORGIA

Senator **Johnny Isakson** (R) is running unopposed. Isakson scored a 77% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## HAWAII

Senator **Daniel Inouye** (D) is running unopposed. Inouye scored a 2% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## IDAHO

Senator **Mike Crapo** (R) is running unopposed. Crapo scored a 83% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## ILLINOIS

Senator **Roland Burris** (D) is not running for re-election. The race to fill this open seat will likely be a contest between **Alexi Giannoulias** (D) and the winner of the Republican primary. The Republican primary is a contest between U.S. Rep. **Mark Kirk** (R) and businessman **Patrick Hughes** (R). The Republican primary is February 2, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

## INDIANA

Senator **Evan Bayh** (D) scored a 24% on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Bayh has a large campaign war chest but he's a liberal running in a red state. There are a number of Republicans running to challenge Bayh, including **Marlin Stutzman** (R) and **John Hostettler** (R). The Republican primary is May 4, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

## IOWA

Senator **Chuck Grassley** (R) scored a 77% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. There are several Democrats running to challenge Grassley but they are not serious challengers.

## **KANSAS**

Senator **Sam Brownback** (R) is retiring. This open seat will likely be filled by the winner of the Republican primary between U.S. Rep. **Todd Tiahrt** (R) or U.S. Rep. **Jerry Moran** (R).

## **KENTUCKY**

Senator **Jim Bunning** (R) is retiring. There are several Democrats running for the seat, including **Dan Mongiardo** (D) and **Jack Conway** (D). There are also several Republicans running, including **Trey Grayson** (R) and **Rand Paul** (R). The Republican primary is May 18, 2010.

## **LOUISIANA**

Senator **David Vitter** (R) scored a 91% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Vitter is being challenged by U.S. Rep. **Charlie Melancon** (D).

## **MARYLAND**

Senator **Barbara Mikulski** (D) is running unopposed. Mikulski scored a 2% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

Senator **Paul Kirk** (D) is retiring. Kirk was appointed as a caretaker for the seat following the death of former Senator **Ted Kennedy** (D). There special election will be held on January 19, 2010, and it's a contest between Attorney General **Martha Coakley** (D) and State Senator **Scott Brown** (R).

## **MISSOURI**

Senator **Kit Bond** (R) is retiring. This open seat will be filled by either U.S. Rep. **Roy Blunt** (R) or Secretary of State **Robin Carnahan** (D).

## **NEVADA**

Senator **Harry Reid** (D) scored a 4% rating in the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Reid has several Republican challengers, including **Danny Tarkanian** (R), **Sue Lowden** (R), and **Sharron Angle** (R). The Republican primary is June 8, 2010. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.*

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Senator **Judd Gregg** (R) is retiring. The race to fill this open seat will likely be between U.S. Rep. **Paul Hodes** (D) and the winner of the Republican primary. **Kelly Ayotte** (R) is the only announced candidate but several other Republicans who may enter the race, including **Kelly Ayotte** (R) and **Ovide Lamontagne**. The Republican primary is September 14, 2010.

## **NEW YORK - A**

Senator **Chuck Schumer** (D) is running unopposed. Schumer scored a 2% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **NEW YORK - B**

Senator **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D) is running for election. Gillibrand was appointed to the seat after Hillary Clinton became Secretary of State and vacated the seat. Gillibrand has a couple Democrat primary opponents but she is expected to win the nomination. She does not have any Republican challengers.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Senator **Richard Burr** (R) scored an 89% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. There are several Democrats challenging Burr, including attorney **Kenneth Lewis** (D) and Secretary of State **Elaine Marshall** (D).

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

Senator **Byron Dorgan** (D) scored an 8% on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Dorgan faces a challenge from architect **Paul Sorum** (R).

## **OHIO**

Senator **George Voinovich** (R) is retiring. There are several Democrats and two Republicans running to fill this open seat. The Republican candidates are former Congressman **Rob Portman** (R) and car dealer **Tom Ganley** (R). The Republican primary is May 4, 2010.

## **OKLAHOMA**

Senator **Tom Coburn** (R) is running unopposed. Coburn scored a 96% on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard, and is one of the strongest conservatives in the U.S. Senate.

## **OREGON**

Senator **Ron Wyden** (D) is running unopposed. Wyden scored a 6% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator **Arlen Specter** (D) scored a 44% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Specter is being challenged by U.S. Rep. **Joe Sestak** (D) in the Democratic primary. The winner will face former Congressman **Pat Toomey** (R) in the general election. *This race presents a potential pick-up opportunity for conservatives.* **SCF endorses Pat Toomey.**

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Senator **Jim DeMint** (R) scored a 100% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. DeMint is being challenged by a couple Democrats but none are serious challengers.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Senator **John Thune** (R) is running unopposed. Thune scored an 85% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **TEXAS**

Senator **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R) has committed to resign next year. At that point, Governor Rick Perry (R) will appoint a replacement. Texas will then hold a special

election on November 2, 2010 to permanently fill the seat. There are a few Republican candidates running for the seat, but Texas Railroad Commissioner **Michael Williams** is the conservative standout. [SCF endorses Michael Williams.](#)

## **UTAH**

Senator **Bob Bennett** (R) scored a 60% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Bennett faces several Republican primary challengers, including **Cherilyn Eager** (R) and **Tim Bridgewater** (R). Balloting will be held at the state Republican convention May 8, 2010, with the last-place finisher on each ballot eliminated until there are two competitors left. If a candidate receives 60 percent of the delegate votes on any ballot, he or she would be deemed nominated and there would be no primary contest. But if that should not occur, there will be a primary between the two finalist candidates June 22, 2010. Whoever wins the Republican primary will likely win the general election.

## **VERMONT**

Senator **Pat Leahy** (D) is running unopposed. Leahy scored a 4% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **WASHINGTON**

Senator **Patty Murray** (D) is running unopposed. Murray scored a 0% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard.

## **WISCONSIN**

Senator **Russ Feingold** (D) scored a 21% rating on the 2008 SCF Senate scorecard. Feingold is being challenged by **Dave Westlake** (R).