

Winner of Zopp v. Duckworth Primary May Help Democrats Gain Illinois Senate Seat

U.S. Senate Primary - Illinois



Current Senator – Mark Kirk (R)

- First term, Elected 2010
- Previously served as congressman for IL-10 (2000-2010)
- Not expected to experience trouble in primary, but general election is expected to be a toss-up.

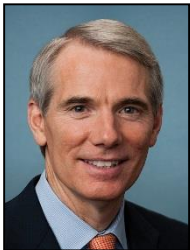
**Expected Party Frontrunner*

Party	Candidate	Previous Public Office Held
Democratic	L. Tammy Duckworth*	Congressman, IL-8
Democratic	Napoleon Harris	N/A
Democratic	Andrea Zopp	Chicago School Board Member
Republican	Mark Kirk*	Incumbent, Congressman
Republican	James Marter	N/A
Constitution	Chad Koppie	Kane County Regional Board of School Trustees
Veterans Party of America	Chris Aguayo	N/A
Independent	James P. “Jim” Brown	N/A

Sources: Rich Pearson, “Kirk Holds Big Lead Over Little-Known Republican Senate Challenger,” Chicago Tribune, March 9, 2016; Mike Riopell, “Illinois’ Senate Primaries Crucial to Each Side,” Chicago Daily Herald, March 14, 2016; Illinois State Board of Elections, “Candidate List – President and Senators,” March 14, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2016.

Sittenfeld Challenges Former Governor, Portman Ready to Battle Winner in November

U.S. Senate Primary - Ohio



Current Senator – Rob Portman (R)

- First term, Elected 2010
- Previously served as congressman for OH-02 (1993-2005)
- Primaries are expected to yield a hard-fought battle between Portman and former Ohio governor Ted Strickland, assuming the governor can fend off his progressive rival, Sittenfeld.

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Party	Candidate	Previous Public Office Held
Democratic	Kelli Prather	N/A
Democratic	P.G. Sittenfeld	Cincinnati City Council Member
Democratic	Ted Strickland*	Governor, Congressman
Republican	Robert Portman*	Incumbent, Congressman
Republican	Don Eckhart	N/A
Green	Joseph DeMare	Kane County Regional Board of School Trustees
Independent	Thomas Connors	N/A
Independent	Scott Rupert	N/A

Sources: Nathan L. Gonzales, "Republican Senator Shifts to More Vulnerable Rating," Roll Call, March 13, 2016; Deirdre Shesgreen, "Poll: Portman, Strickland in Dead heat, Sittenfeld Lags," USA Today, February 24, 2016; Ohio Secretary of State, "Candidate List for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election," March 14, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2016.

Republicans Expected to Retain NC Seat, But Change Could Come Thanks to Changing Electorate

U.S. Senate Primary - North Carolina



Current Senator – Richard Burr (R)

- Second term, First elected in 2004
- Previously served as congressman for NC-05 (1995-2005)
- As of now, an underwhelming group of Democratic candidates is expected to lead to Burr’s re-election in November

**Expected Party Frontrunner*

Party	Candidate	Previous Public Office Held
Democratic	Kevin Griffin	N/A
Democratic	Ernest Reeves	N/A
Democratic	Christia Rey	Mayor
Democratic	Deborah Ross*	NC General Assembly Member
Republican	Richard Burr*	Incumbent, Congressman
Republican	Gregory Brannon	N/A
Republican	Larry Holmquist	N/A
Republican	Paul Wright	Former Supreme Court Judge
Libertarian	Sean Haugh	N/A

Sources: Gary D. Robertson, “Burr, Ross Keep Lead in US Senate Fundraising Chase,” WSOC.TV, March 7, 2016; North Carolina State Board of Elections, “Candidate Listing by Election,” March 14, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2016.