

Warren Could Be VP Without Losing Her Senate Seat To A Republican Appointee

How Elizabeth Warren's Senate Seat Might Not Have Temporary Appointment



Governor Charlie Baker (R)

Replaces Warren's Open Senate Seat With Appointment

- As Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker **appoints a temporary replacement to fill a Senate vacancy until a special election can be held to permanently replace the Senate seat**
- Since Baker is Republican, the replacement would likely be conservative, which could undermine the Democrats' chances of regaining the Senate this fall

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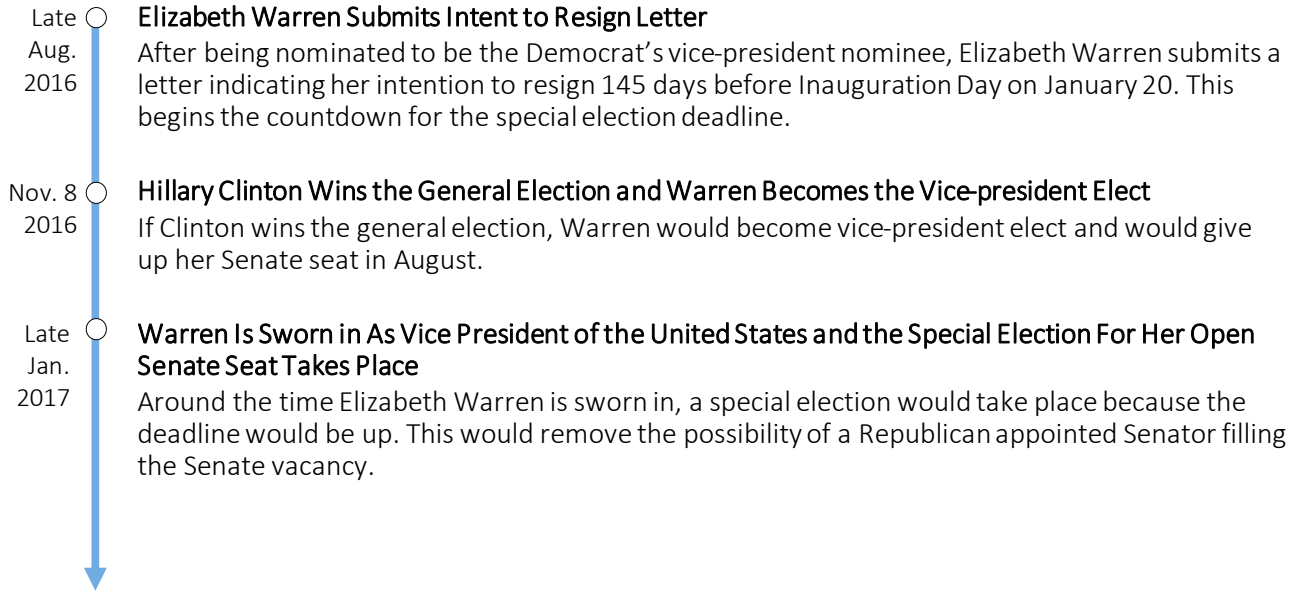
Senator Elizabeth Warren (D)

File Intention to Resign Early To Avoid Appointment

- Under Massachusetts election laws, a special election must be held **145-160 days after an intention to resign letter has been filed**
- Therefore, the countdown to a special election would not take place when Warren vacates her Senate seat, but when she files her intention to resign
- If Warren files her intention to resign while running for VP early, **the special election countdown could run out before Warren vacates her seat and Baker can make a temporary appointment to her Senate seat**

Elizabeth Warren Could File An Intention to Resign Letter Before the Election So There Is No Appointment

Timeline of Scenario If Warren Filed Intention to Resign Before Election



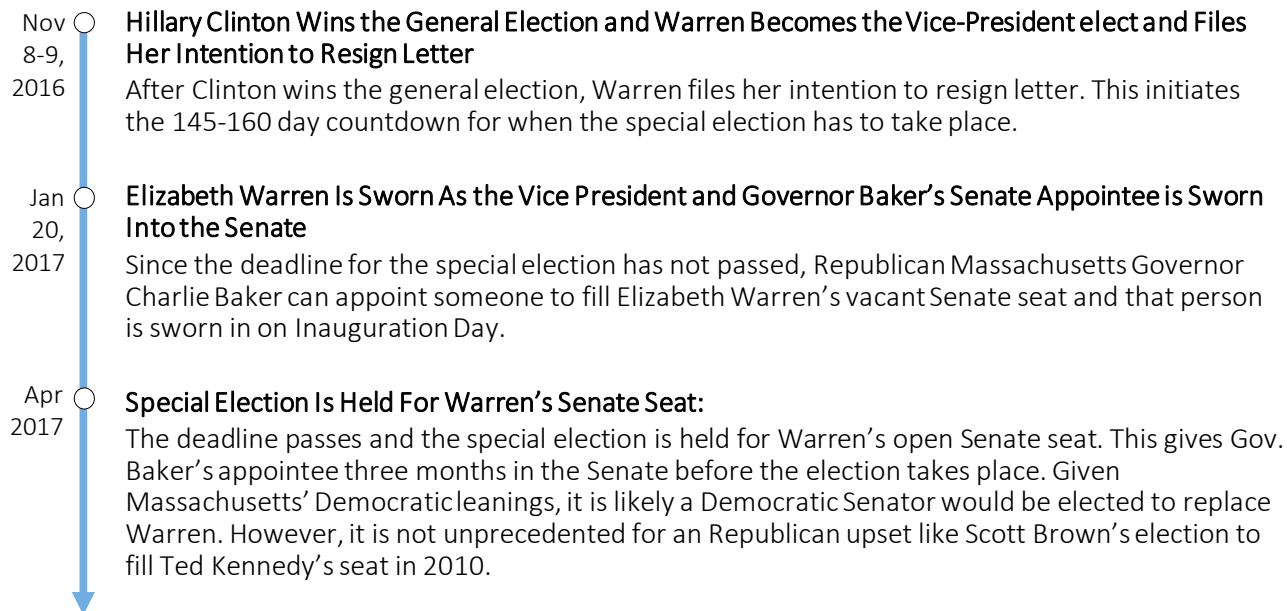
Risk If Clinton Loses Election

- If Clinton loses the general election, Senator Elizabeth Warren would have already filed her intention to resign
- Warren would either have to awkwardly withdraw her resignation and risk backlash or run for her open Senate

Source: Matt Viser, "Reid Reviews Scenarios For Filling Senate Seat If Warren is VP Pick," Boston Globe, June 3, 2016.

More Likely, Warren Submits Intention to Resign After Election, Limiting Appointment to Three Months

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