

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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Last Saturday, September 13th, the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee acting in its statutory capacity as the Democratic Primary Board declared the outcome of the State Senate District 22 primary between Senator Rosalind Kurita and Tim Barnes “incurably uncertain” and voided the election. Kurita’s margin had been 19 votes.

By statute, the Democratic nomination fell to a Joint Convention made up of the Democratic Executive Committees of each of the three counties within the 22nd Senate District. The Joint Convention met on Wednesday, September 17th, and nominated Barnes by a vote of 61-4.

There is no Republican nominee in the 22nd Senate District. When questioned whether she will pursue the matter in Federal Court, the senator replied that she preferred not to but that the matter is being documented should that course become necessary.

TENNESSEE STATE SENATE

State	Candidate	Articles of Interest/ Polling Information	Tidbits
TN	Kurita (D) (Incumbent)	Barnes chosen to represent Democrats in Senate race...	
	Tim Barnes (D)	http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080918/NEWS0206/809180373	

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AK	Mark Begich (D)	Stevens loses final attempt to have indictments thrown out...	
	Ted Stevens (R) (Incumbent)	http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hKRLMJ5kALpJyP4o6IvHjkrA3vowD9382VCG0	
CO	Mark Udall (D)		
	Bob Schaffer (R)		
LA	Mary Landrieu (D) (Incumbent)		
	John Kennedy (R)		

ME	Tom Allen (D)	Third-party ads inundate airwaves...	
	Susan Collins (R) (Incumbent)		http://www.bangornews.com/detail/50548.html
MN	Norm Coleman (R) (Incumbent)	Coleman's and Franken's bickering leads to slip in polls for both...	
	Al Franken (D)		http://www.startribune.com/templates/Print_This_Story?sid=2837836 9
NC	Elizabeth Dole (R) (Incumbent)	Dole on the defensive...	
	Kay Hagan (D)		http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=news-000002951060
NH	Jeanne Shaheen (D)		
	John Sununu (R) (Incumbent)		
NM	Tom Udall (D)	Udall has 15 point lead...	
	Steve Pearce (R)		http://www.surveyyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=3fb02455-c05b-442a-bc28-c351e77ec14a
OR	Jeff Merkley (D)	Gordon and Merkley in dead heat...	
	Gordon Smith (R) (Incumbent)		http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/oregon/election_2008_oregon_senate
VA	Mark Warner (D)	Warner has a 23.7% advantage over Gilmore...	
	Jim Gilmore (R)		http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2008/senate/va/virginia_senate-537.html

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