

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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While attention was focused on the national conventions the last two weeks, state level politics continued apace.

Candidate Tim Barnes is challenging incumbent Rosalind Kurita's 19-vote win in State Senate District 22. The contest was filed with the Democratic Executive Committee (sitting as the State Democratic Primary Board) on August 25th. Because many of the executive committee members were at the Democratic National Convention, the members are scheduled to meet on September 13th to resolve the issue.

Two key states with significant changes in the polling numbers are North Carolina and New Hampshire, in which Elizabeth Dole and John Sununu, respectively, are seeking reelection. In North Carolina, Dole's challenger, Kay Hagan, appears to be in a statistical tie with Dole; whereas, New Hampshire's Jeanne Shaheen lead over Sununu has increased.

Tennessee State Senate

State	Candidate	Articles of Interest/ Polling Information	Tidbits
TN	Kurita (D) (Incumbent)	Barnes challenges election results; asks to be named the winner or hold a new primary... http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/aug/30/party-to-decide-election/	The Democratic Executive Committee will meet on September 13 th to consider course of action.
	Tim Barnes (D)		

U.S. Senate

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AK	Mark Begich (D)	Stevens survives primary beating six other candidates...	
	Ted Stevens (R) (Incumbent)	http://www.politico.com/blogs/scorecard/0808/Stevens_survives_primary.html	Steven's request to move corruption trial from Washington to Alaska was denied.
CO	Mark Udall (D)	Contentious U.S. senate race still up for grabs...	
	Bob Schaffer (R)		http://suffolk.edu/30478.html
LA	Mary Landrieu (D) (Incumbent)	Kennedy's recent change in party affiliation adversely impacts campaign as Landrieu opens 16 point lead...	
	John Kennedy (R)	http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/louisiana/election_2008_louisiana_senate	
ME	Tom Allen (D)	Collins opens up lead...	
	Susan Collins (R) (Incumbent)		http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/maine/election_2008_maine_senate
MN	Norm Coleman (R) (Incumbent)	http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2008/senate/mn/minnesota_senate-257.html	Monthly polling average places Coleman 6 points ahead.
	Al Franken (D)		
NC	Elizabeth Dole (R) (Incumbent)	Polls are fluctuating, but Hagan's media blitz tightens senate race... http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/PPP_Release_NC_826.pdf	Monthly average indicates Dole ahead by 1.3.
	Kay Hagan (D)		
NH	Jeanne Shaheen (D)	Political climate change provides new opportunity for Shaheen... http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_2008/2008_senate_elections/new_hampshire/election_2008_new_hampshire_senate	
	John Sununu (R) (Incumbent)		
NM	Tom Udall (D)	Pearce closes Udall's lead... http://kob.com/article/stories/S552982.shtml?cat=519	
	Steve Pearce (R)		
OR	Jeff Merkley (D)	Smith entices 28% of democrats in reelection bid... http://www.katu.com/news/26319879.html	
	Gordon Smith (R) (Incumbent)		
VA	Mark Warner (D)	Warner continues to dominate race for open seat... http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?q=c19bd7f6-56b0-4953-ab19-f073992ddede	As of 6/30, cash on hand totaled \$5,107,379
	Jim Gilmore (R)		As of 6/30, cash on hand was \$116,769

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