



ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE U.S. SENATE AND THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This publication has been prepared by the Federal Election Commission to provide the public with the results of elections held in the fifty states during 1998 for the office of United States Senator and United States Representative. Also, there are results for Delegate to Congress from American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands. There was no election for Resident Commissioner in Puerto Rico as their election is held every four years and coincides with the Presidential election. The Commission undertakes this project on a biennial basis in order to respond to public inquiries.

The elections for the office of United States Senator and United States Representative are administered by local election officials in towns, counties, municipalities, and other jurisdictions. The results of the elections are certified by the state government, which in most cases is the Secretary of State. While the full records are available for public inspection, most states prepare summary reports for public dissemination. These summary reports vary in form and content, and may be amended well after the election. There is no standard format that states use in reporting federal election results.

Recognizing a need to bring together in one place the federal election results, the Commission presents this publication as the ninth in a series designed to provide an accurate, historical record of federal election results.

Included in this publication are the official results of primary elections and run-off elections held in 1998. As in the case of the general elections, primary elections are not administered by the federal government. In some states (such as Connecticut, Utah, and Virginia), political party organizations control their nomination process by way of conventions. In other states, state law may regulate the primary and/or its administration.

Data is based on official figures provided by State election officials, and includes results amended through April 1999. The assistance provided by the State election officials and their staff in gathering this data is greatly appreciated. Special thanks is also given to R. Bryan Whitener in the Commission's Public Disclosure Division for the invaluable assistance he provided in compiling the data for this publication.

This publication has been prepared as a research tool for Commission staff and State election offices. Additional copies may be ordered from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. (1-800/553-6847 and 703/605-6000.) Online orders may be placed at <http://www.ntis.gov>.

The November 1998 general election resulted in the election of the 106th Congress. The following is the party composition of the 106th Congress, as it stood following that election:

U.S. Senate

Republicans: 55

Democrats: 45

U.S. House of Representatives

Republicans: 223

Democrats: 211

Independents: 1

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The candidate who was the winner of the general election is listed first in each state and district entry. After that, the candidates are arranged by party affiliation.
- Incumbent candidates facing re-election in 1998 are designated with an (I) to the left of the candidate's name. The lack of an (I) in a particular Senate race or U.S. House district indicates an open seat race.
- The party affiliation of the candidate has been abbreviated. A complete listing of party abbreviations appears at the end of this publication.
- Total for write-in votes are shown as disclosed by the state. Some states list the names of candidates who received write-in votes, while others provide a write-in vote total without the names of the candidates who received the votes. Still other states combine these two variations and provide the names of some candidates who received write-in votes and a total of write-in votes for all the other candidates.
- Convention votes, where shown, are as disclosed by the state parties.
- "Total Votes," "Total Party Votes" and "Total District Votes" represents all the valid votes cast for the candidates in the election.
- The percentage of votes received by each candidate is based on the figure of total votes. The percentage of votes received by each candidate in a primary or run-off election is based on the figure of total votes cast in that specific primary or run-off election.
- Due to the rounding of percentage numbers, some percentages may not total 100%.

Notes on Charts

- In Connecticut, Utah and Virginia, political parties may nominate general election candidates by party convention, rather than by primary election. Convention vote is not included in primary election vote totals.
- Runoff election vote totals have been included with the primary election totals. (For the U.S. Senate, runoff elections were held in Arkansas and Oklahoma. For the U.S. House of Representatives, runoff elections were held in Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas.)
- Blank spaces in the charts may indicate that there were unopposed candidates whose names did not appear on a ballot and therefore received no votes, or that there was not a particular primary or general election in that state or for that office. Please refer to the individual state pages for further explanation.