



2018 Election Report

New England



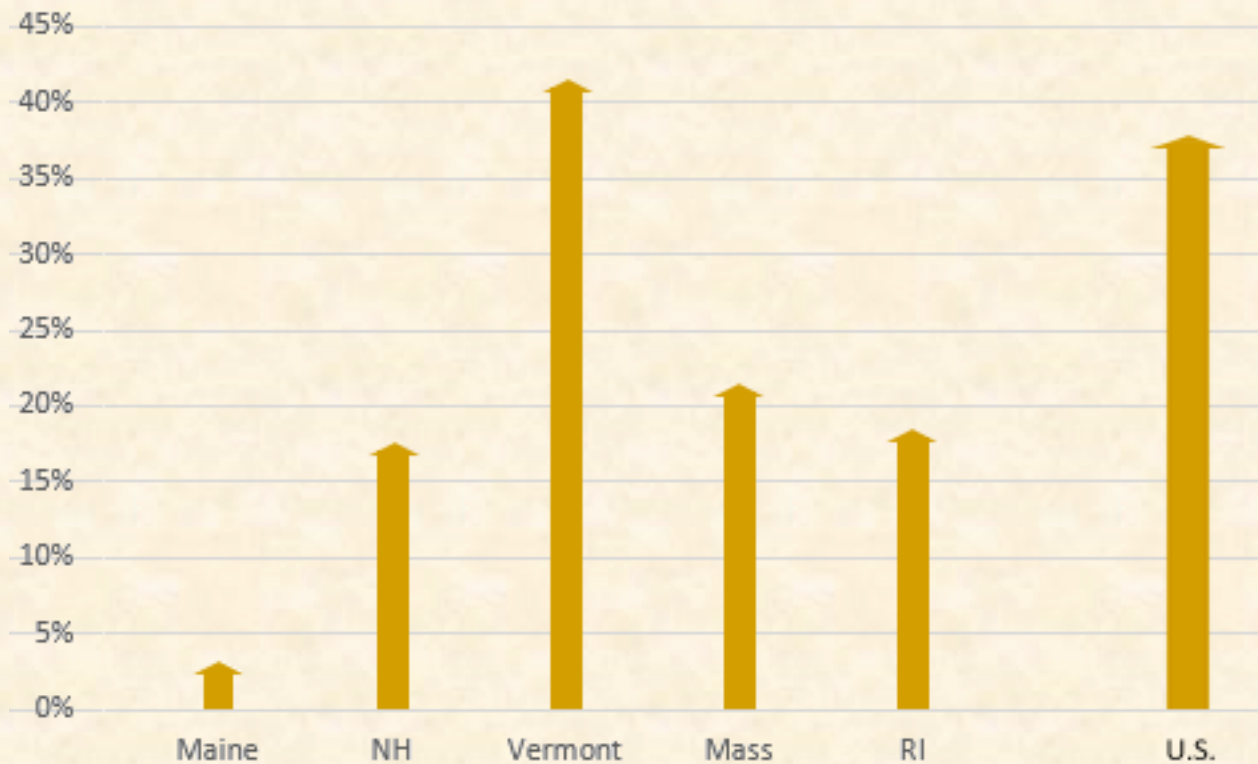
What just happened?

- ➔ **Already blue New England got bluer still**
- ➔ **High turnout, multi-candidate districts bolstered wave**
- ➔ **Three Republican governors withstood the tide**
- ➔ **No Republican-controlled chambers left standing in New England**

Bucking the Trend - Republican governors in “blue” states



Varied increases in turnout across the region





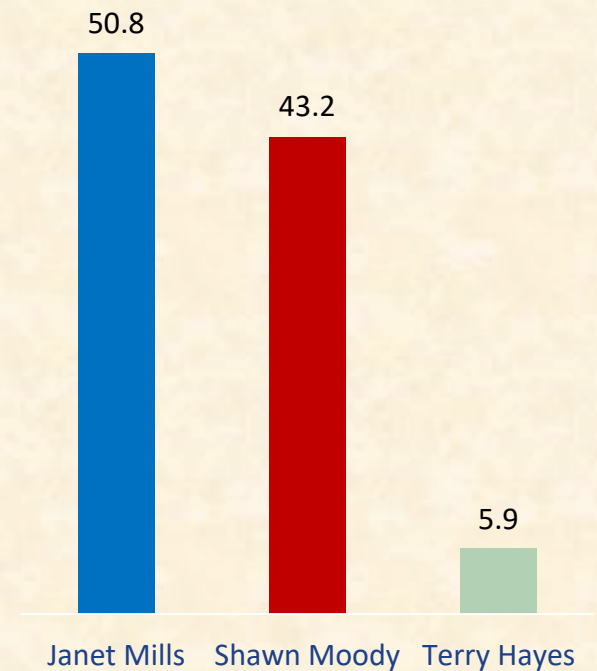
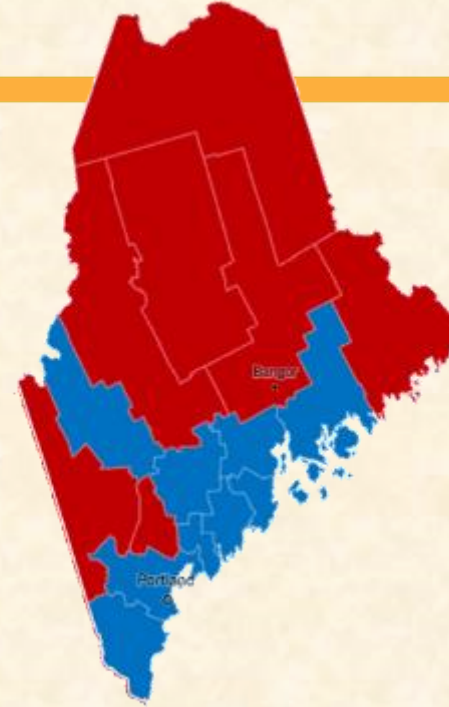
Maine

A True Blue Wave



Maine Gubernatorial Race

- Attorney General Janet Mills (D) will become Maine's first female governor, beating Shawn Moody (R)
- Third-party candidates, break "tie"
- Alan Caron drops out, endorses AG Janet Mills (D) and Terry Hayes (I) under performs history
- Increased Democratic turnout & Republicans lose Independents
- Not affected by ranked-choice recount



Maine State Senate

- Pre-elections 18 Republicans, 17 Democrats
- Post-election 21 Democrats, 14 Republicans
- New Senate President Troy Jackson
- Progressive Senate Leadership
- Diminished Republican Minority
- New Committees – 19 Joint Committees

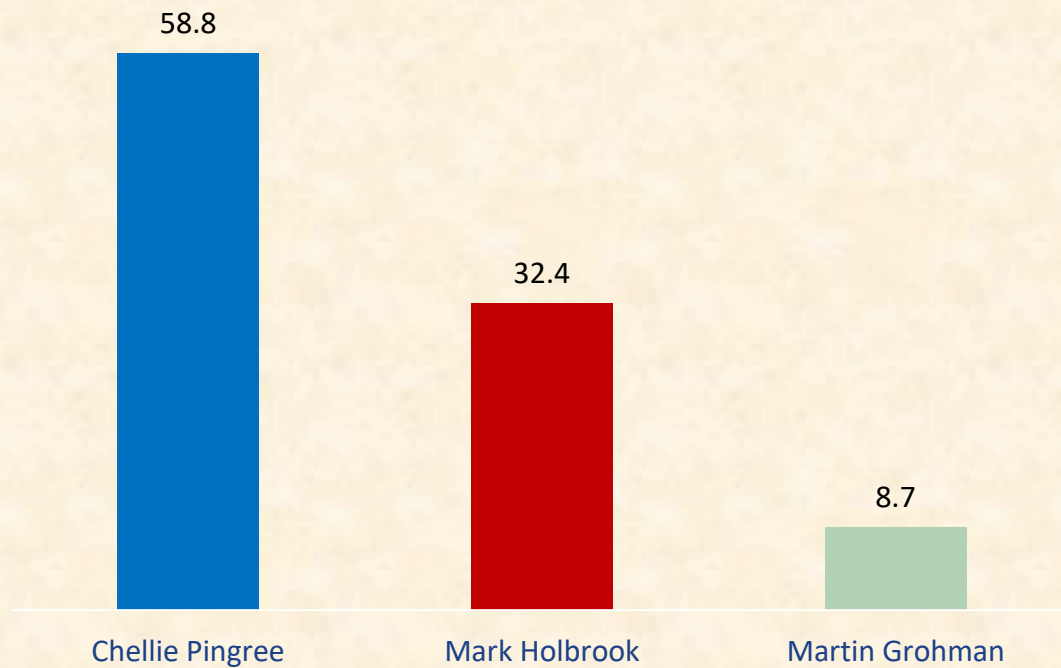


Maine State House

- Democrats increase advantage from 77 seats to 89 seats out of 151
- Speaker Sara Gideon (D) is the only returning leader in the House
- Republicans will have 57 seats
- 3 Independents, 1 Common Sense Independent, 1 Unenrolled
- Leadership elections on Nov. 14th

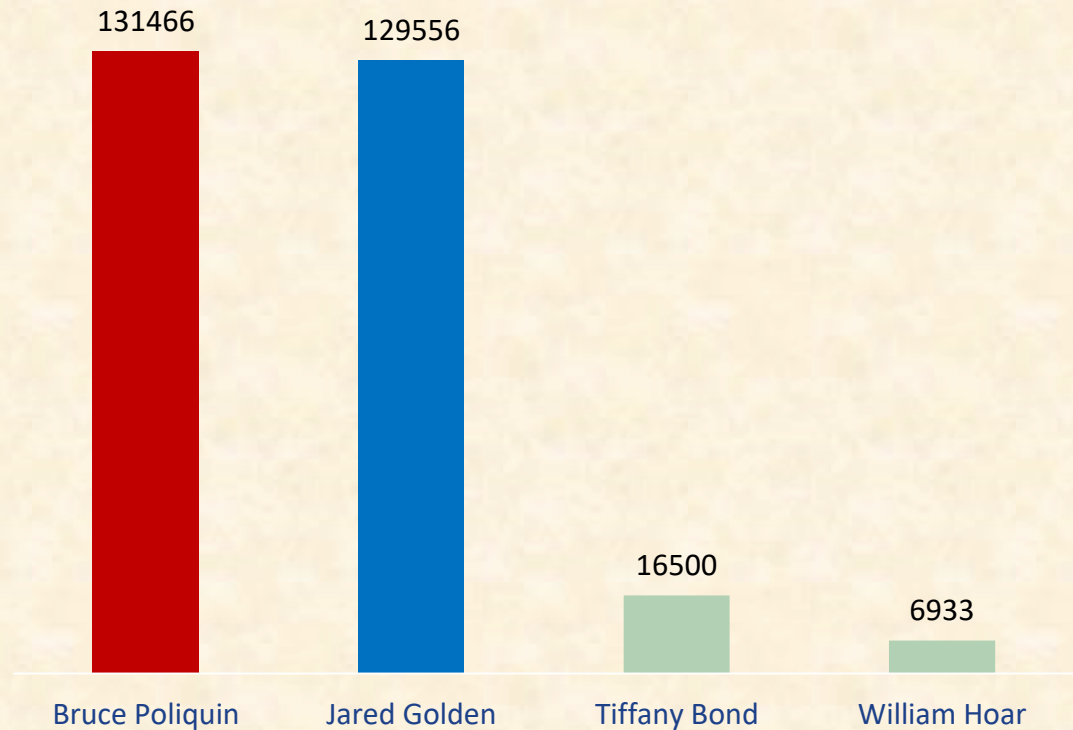


Maine's CD 1 re-elects Pingree



Maine's CD 2 goes to “ranked-choice” recount

- Poliquin (R) and Golden (D) tied at 46%
- First use of ranked-choice voting in a federal election
- Recount will be used to redistribute votes for the two other candidates
- Exit poll suggests that Golden should ultimately have enough votes to win via ranked-choice
- Will there be a lawsuit over ranked-choice?



Vermont and New Hampshire

- Both chambers in New Hampshire flip to Democrats
- Both Vermont and New Hampshire now have
 - **Democratic** legislatures (both House and Senate)
 - **Republican** governors
 - **Democratic** congressional delegations (except Sanders, an independent who caucuses with the Democrats)





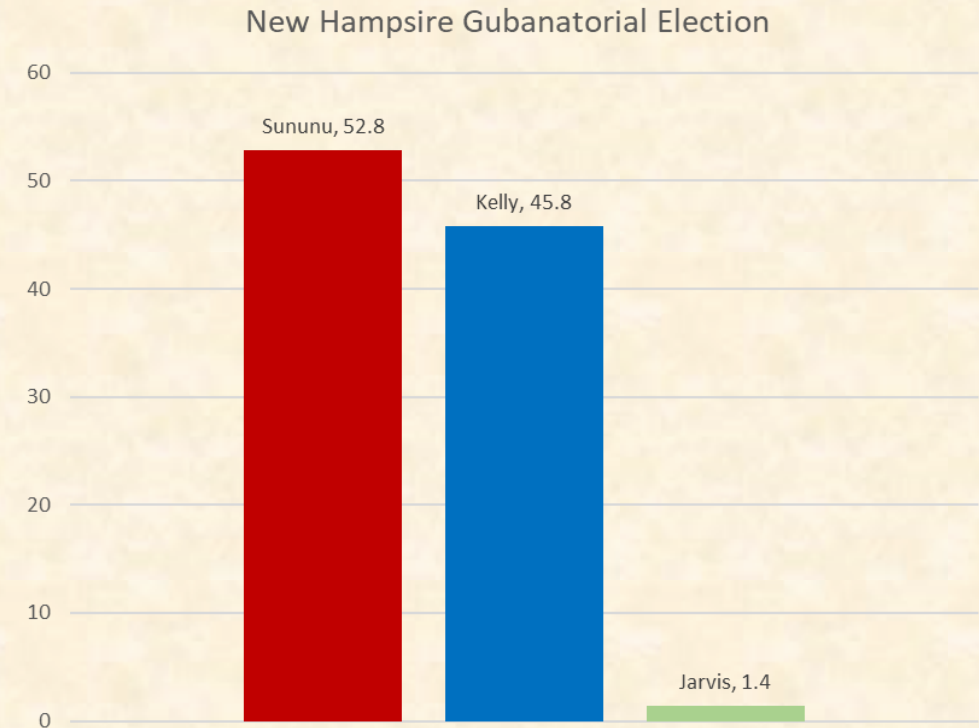
New Hampshire

Blue Legislative Wave



New Hampshire Executive Elections

- Sununu wins 2nd 2-year term by a closer than hoped margin
- Executive Council – 3 Democrats to 2 Republicans
 - Oversight on spending and fiscal issues
 - Approves Gubernatorial nominations
 - Oversees long-term planning



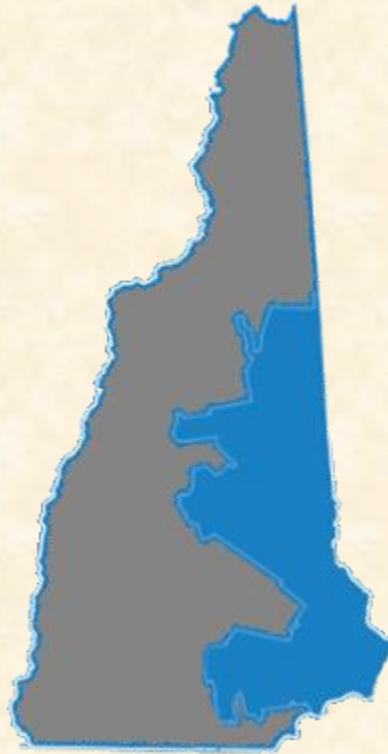
New Hampshire Legislature

- Both legislative chamber change control
 - House – 230/235 Democrats to 165/170 Republicans
 - Senate – 14 Democrats to 10 Republicans
- Democratic leader Steve Shurtleff of Penacook will take over as Speaker of the House
- Senator Donna Soucy of Manchester is likely to be elected Senate President

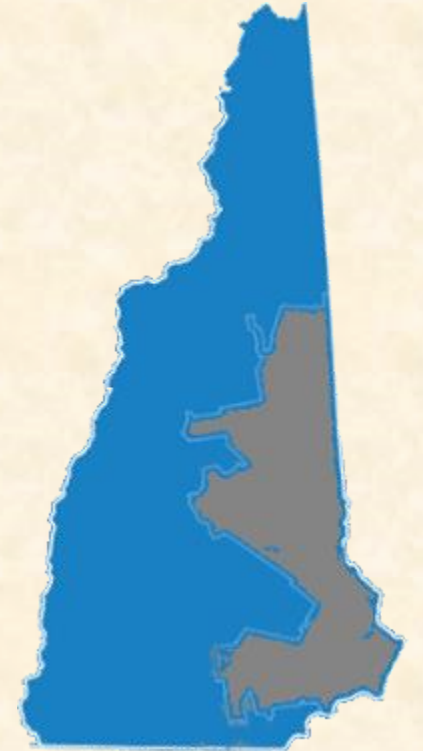


New Hampshire sends two Democrats back to Congress

- Chris Pappas (D, and openly gay) defeats Eddie Edwards (R, and African-American) in NH-01



- Incumbent Ann McLane Kuster (D) holds seat vs. Steve Negrón (R) in NH-02



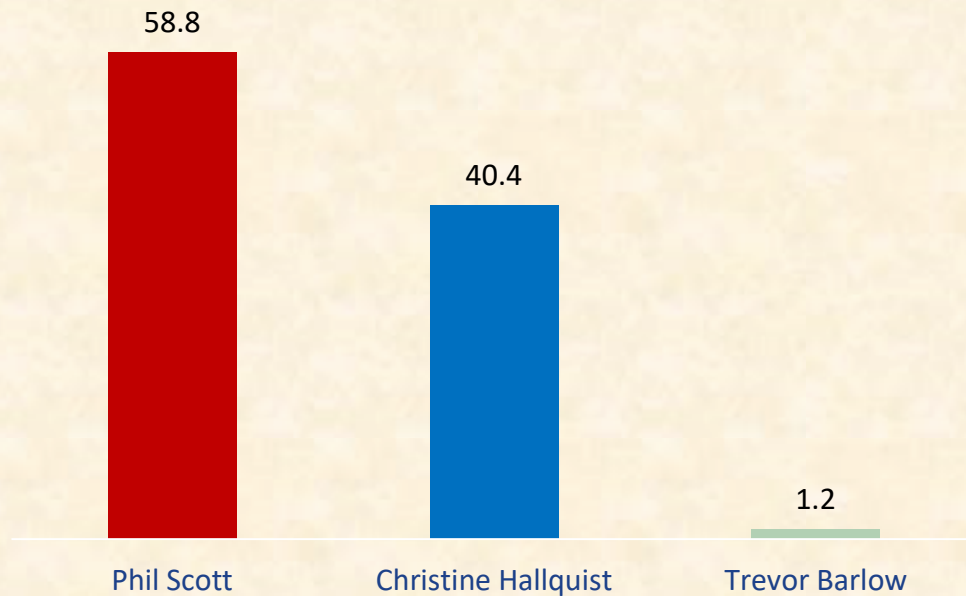


Vermont

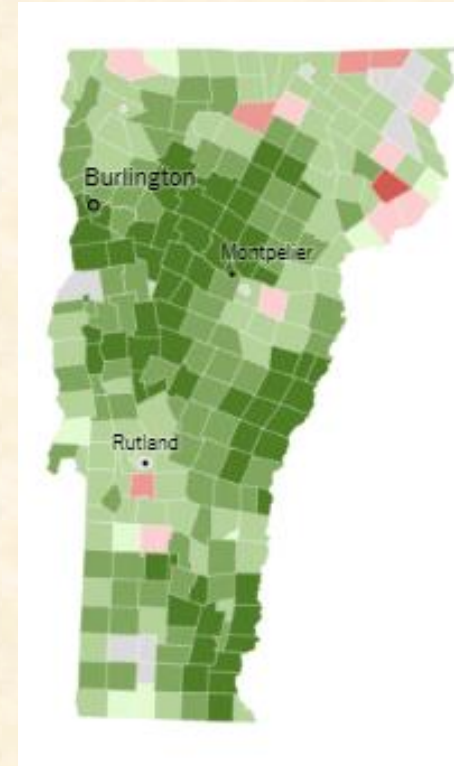
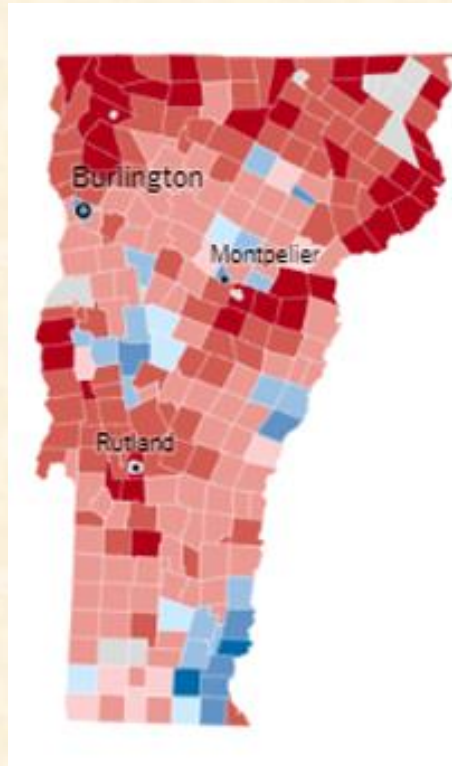
Blue Supermajorities



Vermont Gov. Scott defeats Democrat Christine Hallquist



Gov. Scott (R) and Sen. Sanders (I) easily win same state



Vermont Legislative Results

- Democrats gain a Supermajority with combined 100 seats won by Democrats and Progressives
- Ability to override Governor Scott vetoes
- Senate Democrats also maintain a supermajority with over 23 of 30 seats
- Strengthens Legislature's negotiating and veto override power with Governor



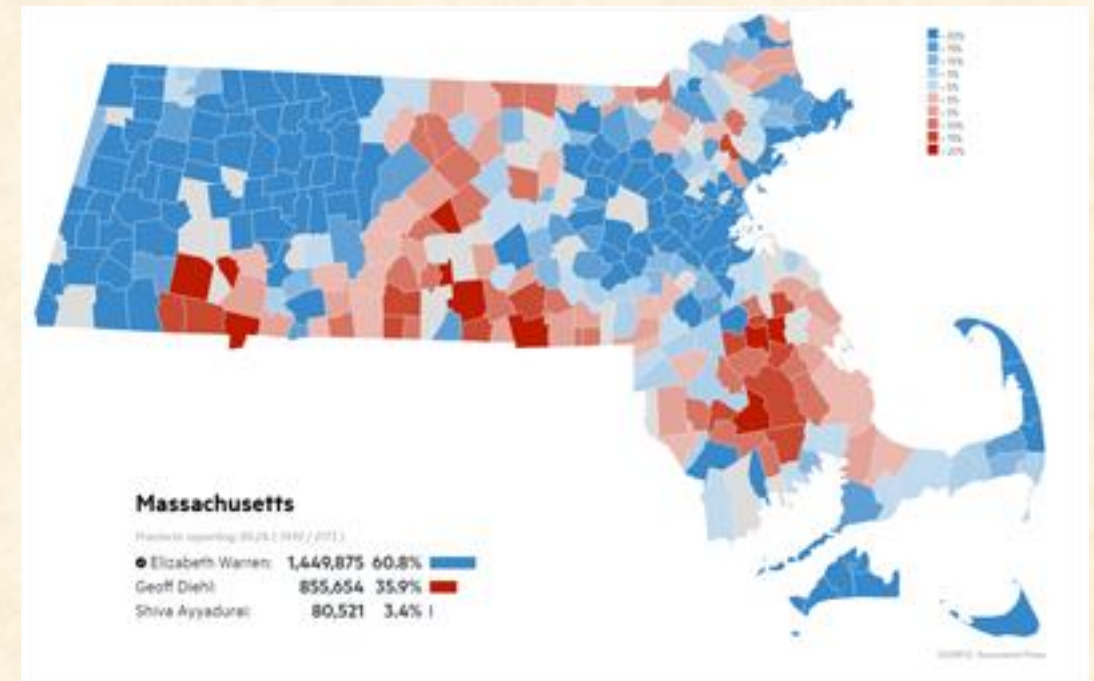
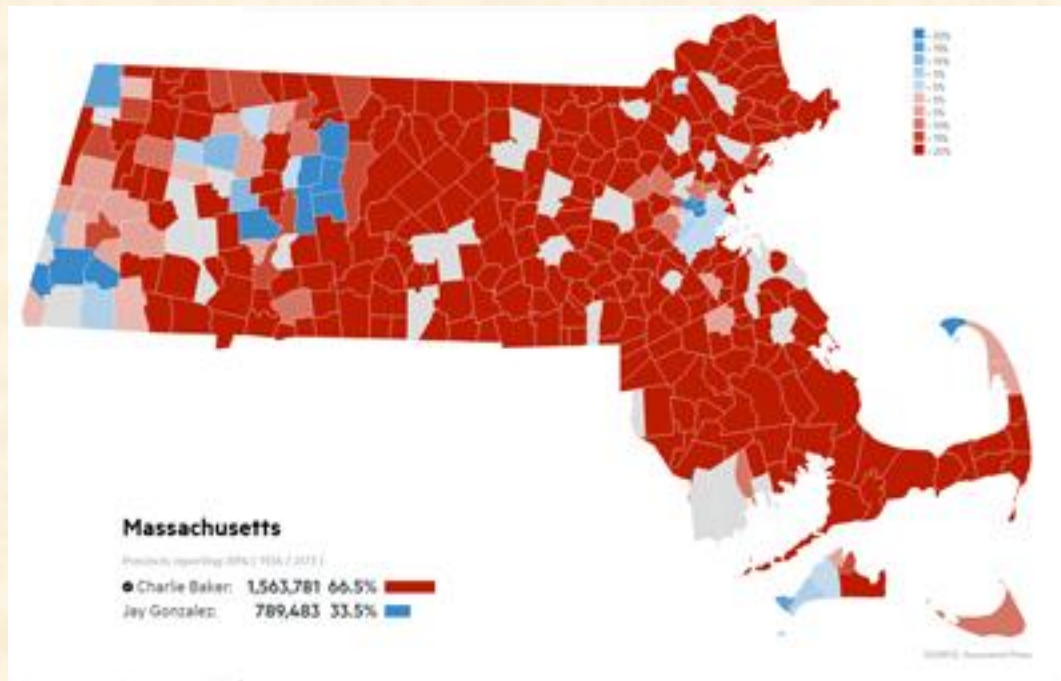


Massachusetts

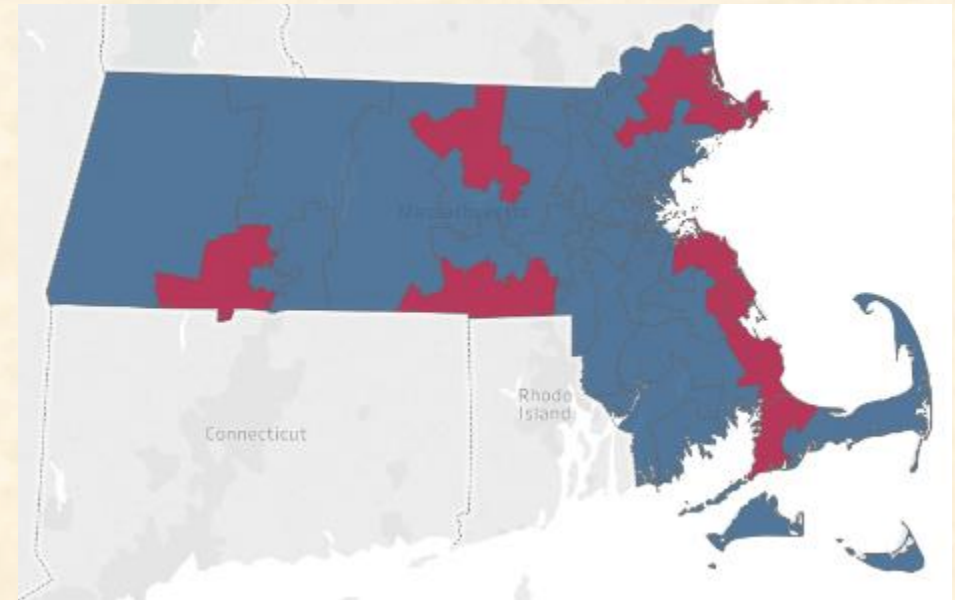
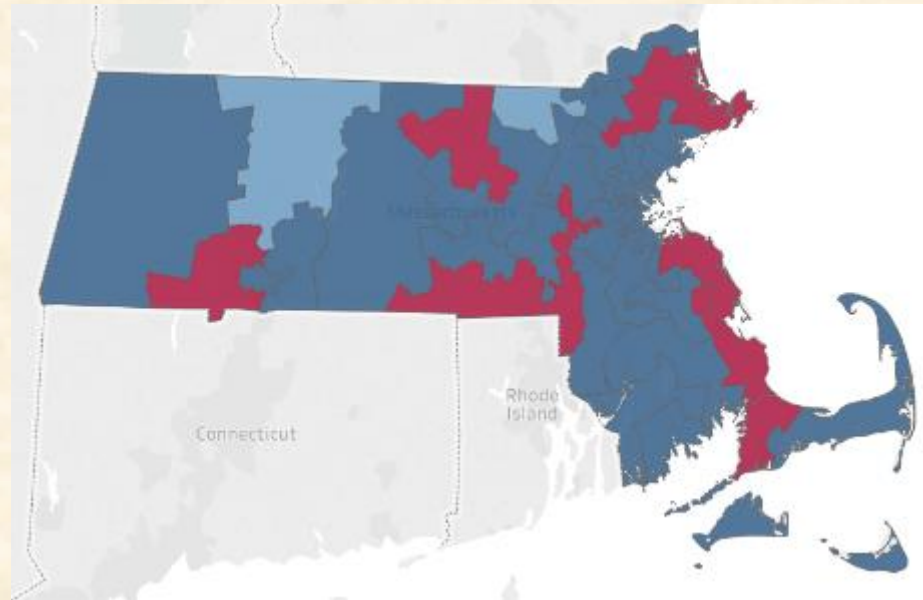
Ballot Measures & Status Quo



Gov. Baker (R) and Sen. Warren (D) easily win same state

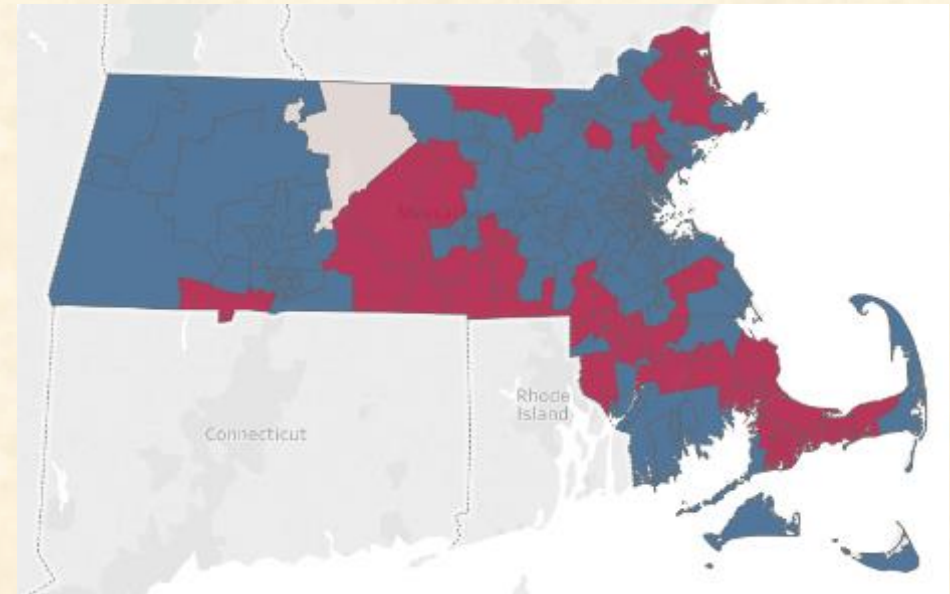
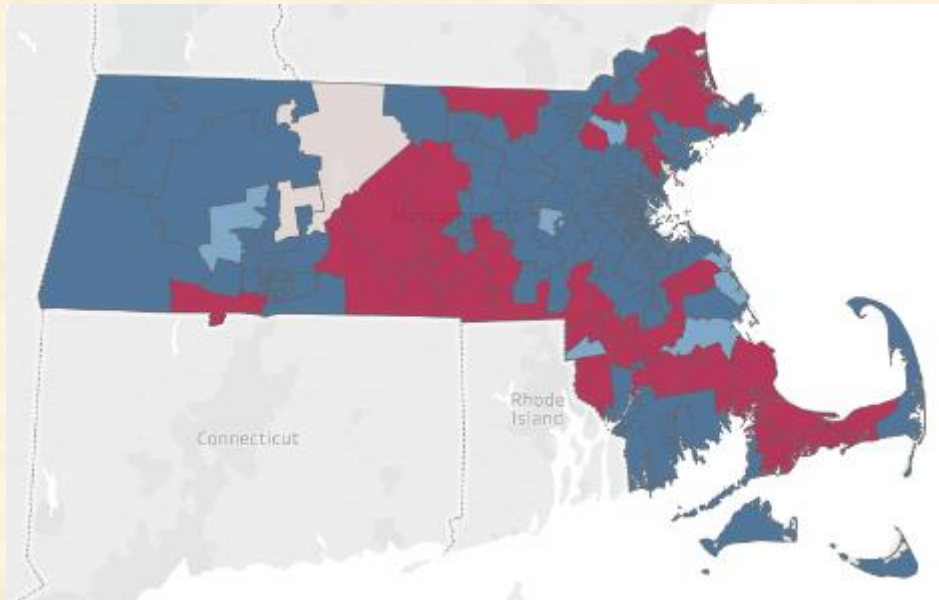


Despite “wave,” Mass. Democrats gain only 1 seat in Senate



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(but recover another)



Three Massachusetts ballot questions

- #1: Nurse staffing ratios: **DEFEATED**
- #2: Commission on money in politics: **APPROVED**
- #3: Discrimination by gender identity: **RATIFIED**
- “Grand Bargain” took other topics off the table:
 - Minimum wage
 - Paid sick leave
 - “Time-and-a-half” Sunday pay

	Yes	No
Question 1	29.6%	70.4%
Question 2	71.4%	28.6%
Question 3	67.8%	32.2%



Rhode Island

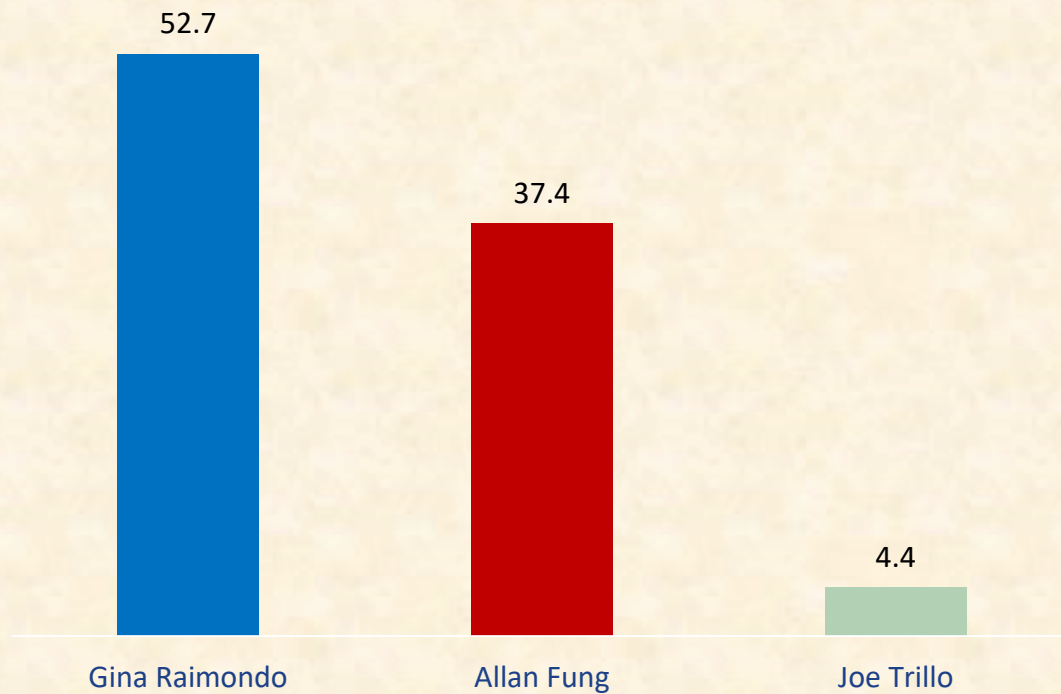
Status Quo for Now



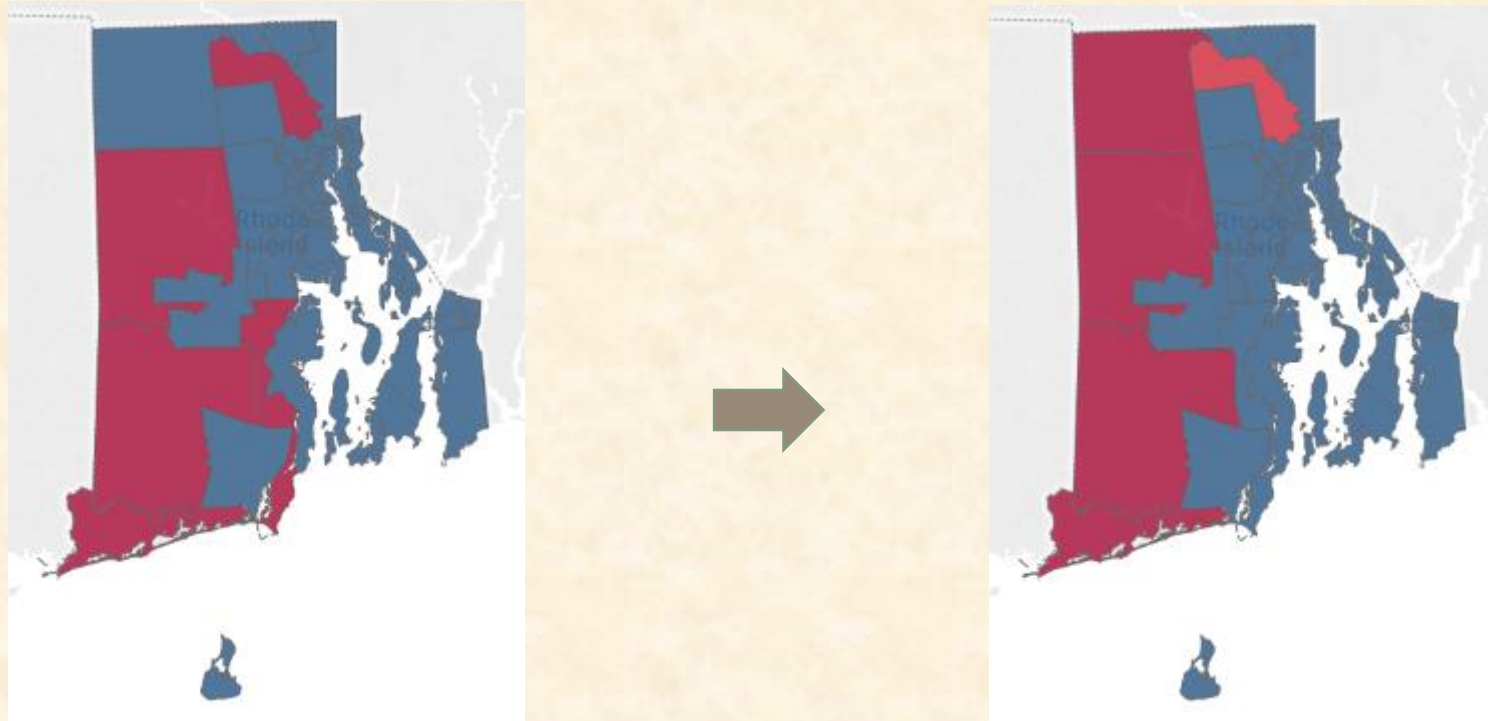
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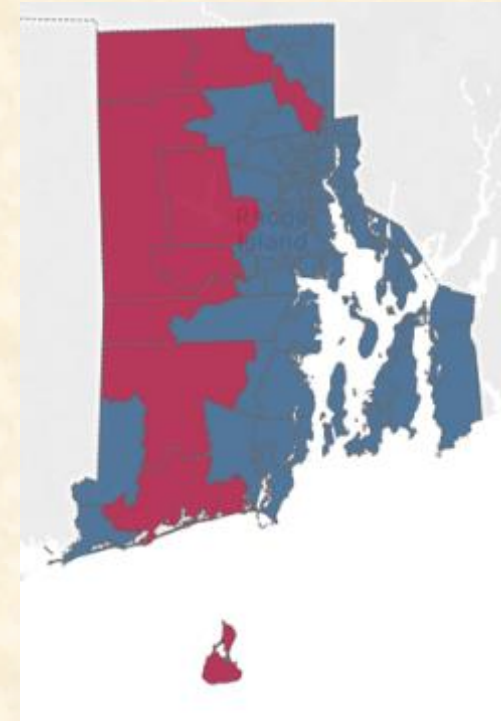
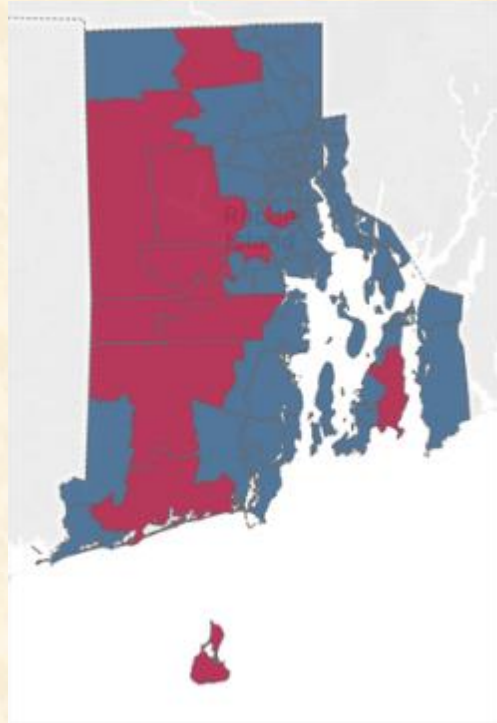
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RI Democrats maintain supermajority in Senate



RI Democrats expand supermajority in House



Intra-Party Leadership Struggles

- 75-seat Democratic House Majority
- House Speaker Mattiello won the informal support of his conference to continue as speaker in 2019 (the formal vote comes in January)
- But 21 current and new House D's voted to oust him as Speaker
- Progressives are pushing for more transparency and power at Mattiello's expense
- Committee Chair positions will be key



In Summary

➔ **Blue Wave was Real in New England**

➔ **Maine Will be a Whole New Ballgame**

➔ **Vermont & New Hampshire Republican Governors Face New Constraints**

➔ **Massachusetts & Rhode Island Will See Intraparty Issues Grow**



Thank You!



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