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## Election Overview:

(South-eastern PA Counties)

## PA 2020 – U.S. House of Representatives

In an already contentious election season across the country, Pennsylvania is once again an election hotspot in 2020. The ads are on the airwaves, dozens of campaign stops have garnered national attention, and political pundits are polling the keystone state constantly; and it's just mid-September. It's clear that Pennsylvania is a political bellwether—from Presidential politics to state and local races across the Commonwealth. In the words of the legendary voice of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mike Lange, "Get in the fast-lane, Grandma! The bingo game is ready to roll!"

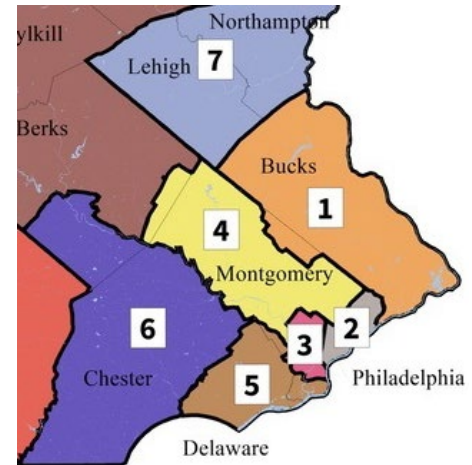
Along with the importance of PA's 20 electoral votes for the presidency, many of the U.S. Congressional races hold the key for both party's quest for a majority in the House of Representatives. The Democrats seek to hold or pick up more seats to solidify their current majority, while the Republicans look to flip several seats in an effort to either limit the size of the current majority, or possibly flip the House back to Republican control in 2021.

In 2018, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court unilaterally redrew the Congressional map for the Commonwealth, despite the Court lacking in any legal authority to do so, in an extra-constitutional process. Despite the legally dubious manner in which Pennsylvania had new Congressional districts, the 2018 midterm elections resulted in a realignment that saw an even split of nine Democrats and nine Republicans across Pennsylvania's 18 congressional seats.

The 2020 Election will feature the incumbent's first opportunity at re-election in these new districts, as well as the last opportunity before redistricting again takes place—this time following the completion of the 2020 census, where Pennsylvania is expected to lose one Congressional seat. The following is a quick glance at each of the Congressional races:

### **District 1 (Registration: 41-R/43-D/16-I – 2016: 49.1% Clinton)**

Pennsylvania's First Congressional District features incumbent Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R) seeking reelection in a tightly contested district. Rep. Fitzpatrick is the only Republican lawmaker whose current constituents voted in favor of Hillary Clinton in 2016. This election follows Fitzpatrick's 2018 election victory, where he was successful with a winning margin of 2.6 points (51.3-48.7). Fitzpatrick is opposed by Democrat Christina Finello, who currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Bucks County Division of Housing and Human Services and is a member of the Ivyland Borough Council. With both President Trump and Joe Biden making campaign pitches to suburban areas, PA-01 may be an early indicator on election night of what other white-collar suburban districts might look like across the country.



### **District 2 (Registration: 16.5-R/71.5-D/12-I – 2016: 72.9% Clinton)**

Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-Philadelphia) is seeking another term in PA's Second Congressional District. The district boasts a sizable Democratic advantage in Philadelphia County, evidenced by Secretary Clinton's carrying of the district by a 73-25 margin in 2016. Rep. Boyle is opposed by Republican David Torres, who ran against Boyle previously in 2018 for the PA-02 seat—an election Boyle won by a 79-21 margin.

### **District 3 (Registration: 6.5-R/82.5-D/11-I – 2016: 90.9% Clinton)**

Similar to PA-02, Pennsylvania's Third Congressional District also lies in Philadelphia County, where Rep. Dwight Evans (D-Philadelphia) is seeking re-election. PA-3 is a safe Democratic district, where Clinton won by a massive 91-7 margin over Donald Trump. Rep. Evans defeated his 2018 opponent by an even larger margin, 93-7. In this cycle, Evans is opposed by fellow Philadelphia native, Republican Michael Harvey.

### **District 4 (Registration: 37-R/48-D/15-I – 2016: 57.9% Clinton)**

Rep. Madeleine Dean (D) is seeking a second term in Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, after handily winning her first election in 2018 by a 27-point margin. Dean is opposed by Republican Kathy Barnette, a U.S. Army veteran and adjunct Professor of Corporate Finance.

### **District 5 (Registration: 35.5-R/52-D/12.5-I – 2016: 62.6% Clinton)**

Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District is another Democratic stronghold in southeastern PA. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D) looks to win re-election after a 30 point victory in 2018. Scanlon is challenged by Republican Dasha Pruett, a Russian immigrant who grew up in the former Soviet Union before moving to the United States at age 10, who handily won a contested primary by 20 points.

### **District 6 (Registration: 40.5-R/42.5-D/17-I – 2016: 52.6% Clinton)**

Pennsylvania's Sixth Congressional District continues to follow the pattern of Democrat controlled seats in southeastern PA. Rep. Christina Houlihan (D) is a first-term

congresswoman seeking a second term after winning the seat by 18 points in 2018. Houlahan is opposed by Republican John Emmons, a former chemical engineer who became active in politics by founding advocacy coalitions, serving in local party leadership, and volunteering for campaigns in this area.

For voter registration, candidate comparisons, and other important election information visit: [www.paprosperty.com](http://www.paprosperty.com). This is part-one of three upcoming publications, with analysis of the Pennsylvania row offices, State Senate, and House to come next.

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