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**2018 FLORIDA SENATE ELECTIONS**  
(As of 11/18/18)

DISTRICT	CANDIDATES	PARTY	QUALIFYING RESULTS	PRIMARY RESULTS	GENERAL RESULTS	NOTES
2	George Gainer (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Mary Jeanne "Gigi" Gibson	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
4	Aaron Bean (I)	REP	Advances to Primary	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Billee Bussard	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
	Carlos Slay	REP	Advances to Primary			
	Joanna Liberty Tavares	LPF	Advances to General	Advances to General		
6	Audrey Gibson (I)	DEM	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>			
8	Kayser Enneking	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General		
	Charles Goston	NPA	Advances to General	Advances to General		
	Olysha Magruder	DEM	Advances to Primary			
	Keith Perry (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
10	Michael Cottrell	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
	Wilton Simpson (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
12	Dennis Baxley (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Keasha "Kay" Gray	WRI	Advances to General	Advances to General		
	Gary McKechnie	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		

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14	Tommy Wright	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Incumbent Dorothy Hukill (R) withdrew; replaced by Tommy Wright
	Melissa "Mel" Martin	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
16	Ed Hooper	REP	Advances to Primary	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Seat vacant due to resignation of Jack Latvala (R)
	Leo Karruli	REP	Advances to Primary			
	Amanda Murphy	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
18	Janet Cruz	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	
	Dana Young (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General		
20	Joy Gibson	DEM	Advances to Primary		<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	John Manners Houman	REP	Advances to Primary			
	Tom Lee (I)	REP	Advances to Primary	Advances to General		
	Kathy Lewis	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General		
22	Bob Doyel	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Ricardo Rangel	DEM	Advances to Primary			
	Kelli Stargel (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General		
23	Faith Olivia Babis	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Greg Steube (R) vacated seat; running for U.S. House; won
	Joe Gruters	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General		
24	Jeff Brandes (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Carrie Pilon	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
25	Gayle Harrell	REP	Advances to Primary	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Joe Negron (R) vacated seat
	Belinda Keiser	REP	Advances to Primary			
	Bob Levy	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		

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26	Ben Albritton	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Denise Grimsley (R) did not seek re-election; ran for Commissioner of Agriculture; lost
	Catherine Price	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		
28	Annisa Karim	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Kathleen Passidomo (I)	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General		
30	Rubin Anderson	DEM	Advances to Primary		<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Bobby Powell, Jr (I)	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General		
	Josh Santos	WRI	Advances to General	Advances to General		
32	Lauren Book (I)	DEM	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>			
34	Gary Farmer, Jr (I)	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Richard Hal Sturm	WRI	Advances to General	Advances to General		
	Jim Waldman	DEM	Advances to Primary			
36	Manny Diaz, Jr	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>ELECTED</b>	Rene Garcia (R) did not seek re-election due to term limit
	David Perez	DEM	Advances to Primary	Advances to General		
	Julian Santos	DEM	Advances to Primary			
38	Daphne Campbell (I)	DEM	Advances to Primary		<b>ELECTED</b>	
	Jason Pizzo	DEM	Advances to Primary			
40	Marili Cancio	REP	Advances to General	Advances to General	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	
	Annette Taddeo (I)	DEM	Advances to General	Advances to General		

Composition of the Florida Senate Prior to 2018 Elections: 23 Republicans; 16 Democrats; 1 Vacancy (District 16 - R)

Qualifying Results:

22 Seats open for election (16 REP, 6 DEM)

55 Qualified candidates

5 Incumbents did not seek re-election due to resignation/vacation and/or seeking a different office and/or term limit (5 REP)

Election Results:

2 Incumbents re-elected without opposition at qualifying (2 DEM)

0 Incumbents re-elected in the Primary Election

1 New Senator elected in the Primary Election (1 DEM)

12 Incumbents re-elected in the General Election (9 REP, 3 DEM)

7 New Senators elected in the General Election (6 REP, 1 DEM)

1 Incumbent Senator defeated in the General Election (1 REP)

Composition of the Florida Senate After the 2018 Elections: 23 Republicans; 17 Democrats