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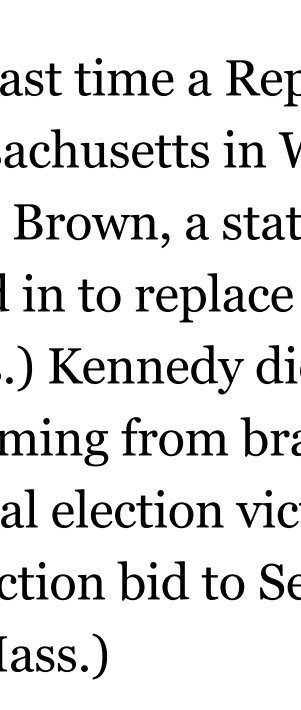
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Massachusetts Republicans See Path to Win House Seats in Blue State

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With contested Republican primaries for two of the nine U.S. House seats in [Massachusetts](#), state conservatives aren't feeling as blue as the Democrats have historically left them feeling.

The last time a Republican represented Massachusetts in Washington DC was Scott Brown, a state Senator who was voted in to replace Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) Kennedy died from complications stemming from brain cancer. After his special election victory, Brown lost his reelection bid to Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.)

The last Republican elected to the U.S. House from Massachusetts was Peter Blute in 1997.

But Massachusetts Republican candidates believe 2022 could be different. They point to the possibility that the same voters who put progressives like Frank in office are exhausted by an overly-woke Democratic party, have been turned party faithless by President Joe Biden's inflation-driving policies, and were "awakened" by a liberal government overreach during the COVID-19 shutdowns.

"This could be the year," Jim Lyons, chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Party, told The Epoch Times. "If there has ever been a time that Massachusetts Republicans have a chance of returning to Washington DC, it's this election."

Adding to increased confidence for the GOP is a whopping 77 percent of state voters who remain unenrolled with either party.

Dan Sullivan, who is running in two of the Bay State's contested Republican primaries for a congressional seat in Washington DC, says, "that's a lot of votes up for grabs."

In Massachusetts, unenrolled voters can still participate in the primaries. They are given a choice at the polls to cast their vote as either a Republican or a Democrat.

Sullivan, a surgical nurse at a community hospital, is hoping they will vote Republican in the state's 9th district, and he is hoping to be their choice to unseat longtime incumbent Bill Keating, a Democrat, in the Nov. 8 election.

But first, Sullivan, a pro-second-amendment, pro-life Republican who has run a dedicated grassroots door-to-door campaign, is hoping to garner some of those unenrolled votes come primary day on Sept. 6 to defeat fellow Republican Jesse Brown.

Gas prices top Sullivan's list of concerns, with parental rights a close second.

"I'm terrified what is going to happen to people here in a cold winter state like Massachusetts when we have a Democratic leadership who is more interested in the past president than present times and how people are going to stay warm in them," Sullivan told The Epoch Times.

Brown, a former U.S. Marine, did not respond to requests for an interview with The Epoch Times.

On his campaign website, he tells his story of being raised by a single mother and going from being a cell tower technician to a successful business owner.

He lists better health care for veterans, the economy, and alternative energy sources, including wind energy, as his priorities.

He, Sullivan, and Keating are competing for a section of an area known as the lower cape in a corner of southeastern Massachusetts. A surprising number of voters from this area chose Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

A more significant upset for Democrats came from central Massachusetts, where voters were nearly split between Clinton and Trump.

Add to that the new breeding ground created by the pandemic in Massachusetts for several conservative grassroots groups. A mix of state employees and health care workers started some groups to oppose employer-mandated vaccines. Meanwhile, some business owners and residents are rallying around opposition to newly-elected Boston mayor Michelle Wu's COVID-19 passport program.

In the 7th District, Donnie Dionicio Palmer, an African-American special ed teacher, is taking on Democrat Ayana Pressley, the first black woman to be elected to Congress by Massachusetts voters.

Palmer wants Pressley's District 7th district seat, which represents Boston, home to Harvard, MIT, Emerson College, and a slew of other universities that are proven breeding grounds for young social justice-minded liberals.

Pressley scored points with liked-minded politicians when she called Kyle Rittenhouse a white supremacist and backed student loan cancellation.

However, she was called out for raking in thousands of dollars in rental income as she urged other Massachusetts landlords to cancel rent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the state's other contested Republican primary for Congress, Hamilton Soares Rodrigues, who grew up in Boston's so-called "black neighborhood" of Roxbury, is running against Robert Burke, a Medford man who works for Doordash.

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