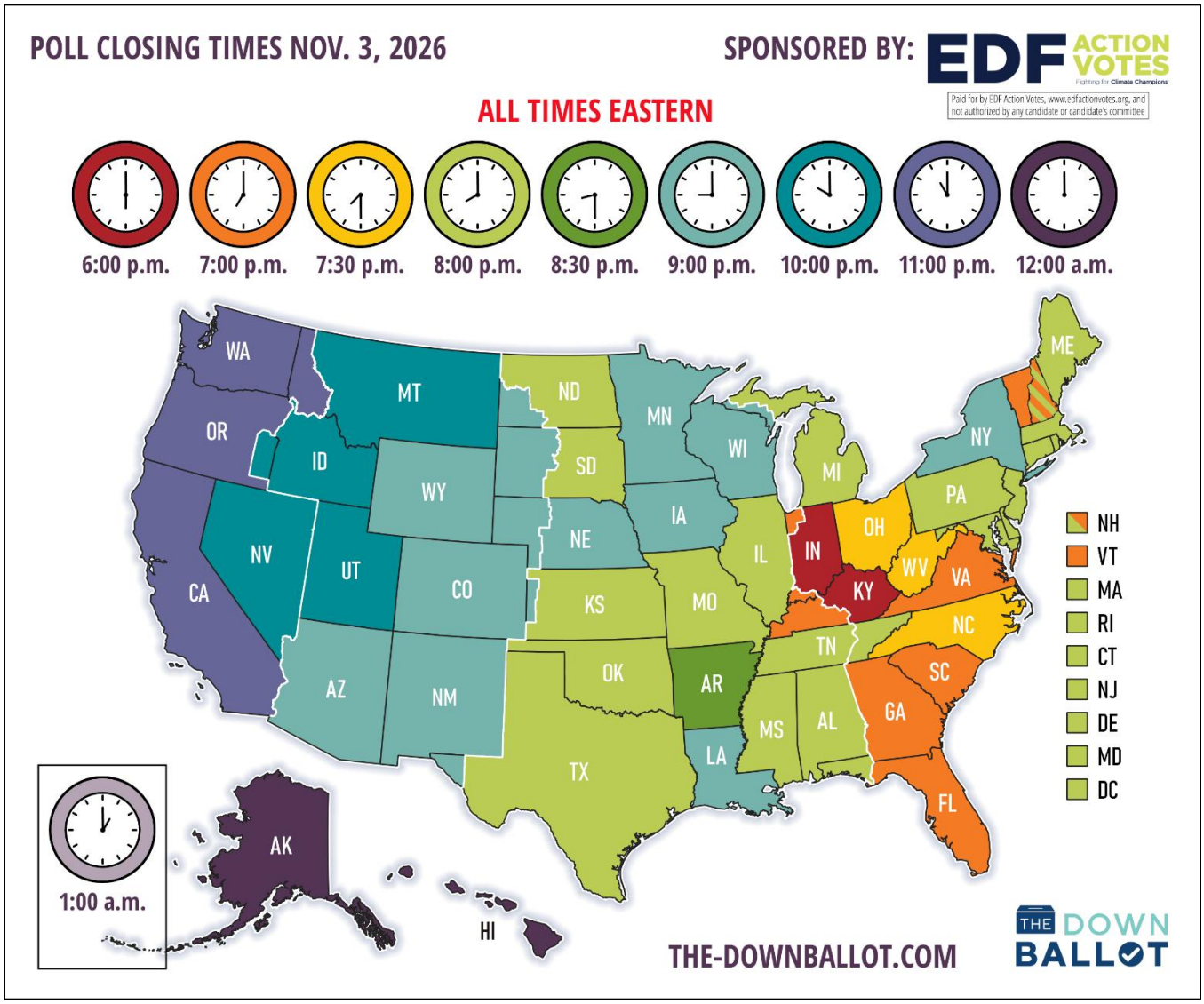
How We are Watching Election Night

EDF Action, EDF Action Votes, and our partners have been engaged in dozens of races up and down the ballot. But here are a few of the key races we'll be paying particularly close attention to on election night.

First off, our friends at The Downballot newsletter always produce a great map of poll closing times. This year, EDF Action Votes sponsored the map, which provides a useful guide to poll closing times, all in the same time zone. That helps take us through Tuesday night.

However, as the chart on the next page shows, poll closing times are only part of the picture. Some states are much faster at counting their votes, while others typically take until the next day—or longer—before calling close elections.



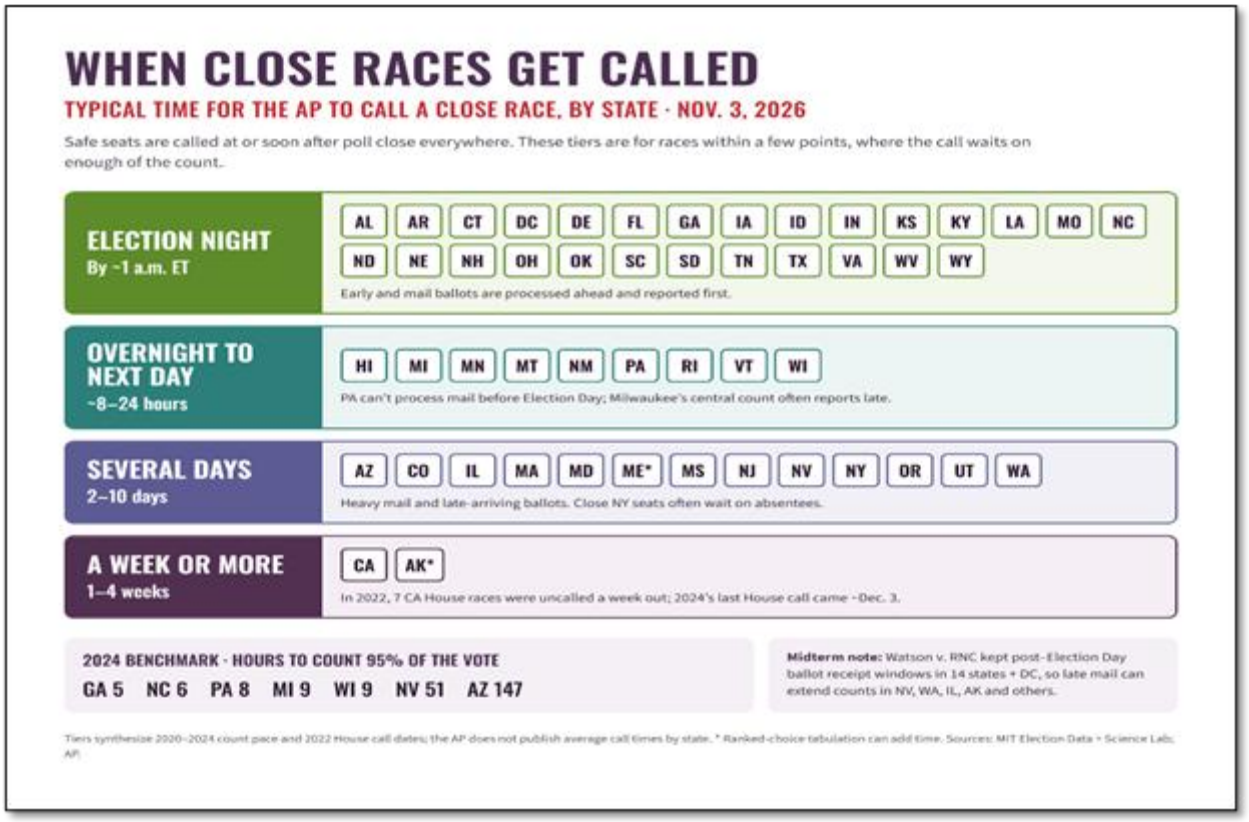
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A Pro-Climate Guide to Watching Election Night

6 P.M. ET
Polls close in in Parts of Kentucky and Indiana.

As early as 6 P.M. we'll start getting our first indications of how the 2026 midterms are going overall with polls closing in Kentucky and Indiana. Kentucky's 6th Congressional District, based in Lexington, is an open seat contest, as current Rep. Andy Barr is running for U.S. Senate. Though Donald Trump carried the district with 57% of the vote, polls favor the Democratic candidate Zach Dembo over Republican Ralph Alvarado. If Dembo wins, concerns about the polling accuracy should fall quickly.

In Indiana, Rep. Victoria Spartz faces a challenge from state Senator J.D. Ford in a district that Trump won with 57% of the vote. Here, polls show a close race, but it would take a very bad environment to dislodge an incumbent member of Congress from a district that red. If that race looks close, Republicans are likely to be in for a very tough night across the country.



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7 P.M. ET
Polls close in most of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Vermont.

KEY CLIMATE RACES

Florida U.S. House District 14 — Rep. Kathy Castor (D) v. Mike Beltran (R)
Georgia Public Service Commission District 3 — Peter Hubbard (D) v. fmr. Commissioner Fitz Johnson (R)
Georgia Public Service Commission District 5 — Shelia Edwards (D) and Republican Josh Tolbert (R)

At 7 P.M. we'll start to see races more directly relevant to EDF Action. In Florida, EDF Action Votes spent heavily to support longtime ally Kathy Castor, the former chair of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, who was thrust into a heavily gerrymandered district this year. Now a district that supported Trump at 55%, the president's Super PAC spent nearly $10 million trying to defeat Rep. Castor. On a very bad night for Trump's allies, statewide contests including the races for governor and attorney general could be in play.

Two Georgia Public Service Commission seats, Districts 3 and 5, are on the ballot. In an unusual system, both are elected statewide, despite representing geographic districts. In District 3, Democratic Commissioner Peter Hubbard faces former Commissioner Fitz Johnson. District 5 is an open seat contest between Democrat Shelia Edwards and moderate Republican Josh Tolbert. The Commission currently has two Democrats and three Republicans, so these elections will determine the partisan balance going forward.

7:30 P.M. ET
Polls close in North Carolina and Ohio.

KEY CLIMATE RACES

North Carolina Senate — fmr. Gov. Roy Cooper (D) v. Michael Whatley (R)
North Carolina U.S. House District 11 — Jamie Ager (D) v. State Rep. Jennifer Balkcom (R)
Ohio Senate — Sen. Jon Husted (R) v. fmr. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D)

A number of our priority races fall in these two states. Longtime ally Gov. Roy Cooper is well-positioned to win this open Senate seat in a state Donald Trump won three times. Farmer Jamie Ager would bring an important perspective to Congress if he can flip his western North Carolina district. North Carolina has long been a priority state for us and, with the right environment, control of the state House might be in play, allowing Gov. Josh Stein to advance clean energy priorities. Meanwhile, EDF Action Votes invested heavily alongside other environmental partners in supporting former Sen. Sherrod Brown over Sen. Jon Husted in a race where utility issues were heavily featured thanks to a scandal over a coal plant bailout supported by Husted.

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8 P.M. ET
Polls close in Pennsylvania, Maine, most of Michigan, and 14 other states.

KEY CLIMATE RACES

Pennsylvania Governor — Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) v. Stacy Garrity (R)
Pennsylvania U.S. House District 1 — Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R) v. Bob Harvie (D)
Pennsylvania House District 10 — Rep. Scott Perry (R) v. Janelle Stelson (D)
Michigan U.S. House District 4 — Rep. Bill Huizenga (R) v. State Sen. Sean McCann (D)

At 8 P.M. the rubber really meets the road and polls in more than a dozen key states will close. Pennsylvania has a number of critical races including anti-environment congressman Scott Perry, who faces a tough challenge from Janelle Stelson. Longtime ally Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick has built a strong record on climate and the environment but could be swept out in a blue wave election, in spite of our support for him. Gubernatorial races in Michigan and Pennsylvania are important for our long-term work in both states, although Michigan's statewide races cannot be called until polls close in the western Upper Peninsula at 9 P.M. ET.

Close races in Pennsylvania and Michigan may take some time to be called, based on their history and vote by mail policies.

9 P.M. ET
Polls close in Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, New York, New Mexico, Texas, the rest of Michigan, and six other states.

KEY CLIMATE RACES

Texas U.S. Senate — AG Ken Paxton (R) v. State Rep. James Talarico (D)
Texas Railroad Commissioner — Bo French (R) v. State Rep. Jon Rosenthal (D)
New York U.S. House District 17 — Rep. Mike Lawler (R) v. Cait Conley (D)
Louisiana Public Service Commission District 1 — Stephanie Hilferty (R) v. Chris Justin (I) v. Connie Norris (D)
Louisiana Public Service Commission District 5 — John Atkins (R) v. James Green (D) Colorado Ballot Amendment 82 ("Right to Gas") and Initiative 137 (water & wildfire mitigation)
New Mexico Governor — Deb Haaland (D) v. Gregg Hull (R)
New Mexico U.S. House District 2 — Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D) v. Greg Cunningham (R)
Michigan U.S. Senate — Abdul El-Sayed (D) v. Mike Rogers (R)

In Texas, the Senate race is perhaps the most closely followed race of the night, but the Railroad Commission (RRC) race is also important. The RRC oversees oil and gas production, pipelines, and natural gas utilities across the state, and far-right candidate Bo French could be defeated by state Rep. Jon Rosenthal in an unusually challenging year for Republicans. Note that while Texas statewide races will not be fully counted until El Paso polls close at 9 P.M. ET, most of the state will finish voting an hour

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earlier. As a result, we are likely to have an early picture of the races as results begin coming in at 8 P.M., including those for Bobby Pulido, who is running for Congress in the Rio Grande Valley with strong support from EDF Action Votes.

Michigan's last polls also close at 9 P.M., allowing the closely watched Senate and other statewide contests to be called once sufficient votes have been counted.

The second-largest oil-producing state in the country, New Mexico plays a critical role in reducing methane emissions from oil and gas activity. Former Interior Secretary Deb Haaland is running for the open governor's seat and should be a key ally on our issues. EDF Action Votes was proud to lend support to Haaland in her primary contest. Rep. Gabe Vasquez is a longtime ally who always faces a tough task in his rural (and oil-and-gas-rich) district in southern New Mexico.



In Arizona, a critical state on issues including clean electricity and western water, Gov. Katie Hobbs and Attorney General Kris Mayes have been strong partners to EDF Action. Gov. Hobbs faces a challenge from conservative Republican congressman Andy Biggs, while several key congressional seats are in play, including the open 1st District, where EDF Action ally Dr. Amish Shah (D) faces Jay Feely (R), and the 2nd District, where Jonathan Nez (D) faces far-right congressman Eli Crane (R). Democrats have not held a legislative chamber in Arizona since 1992 and have not had full control of the state capital in 60 years, dating back to Gov. Samuel Goddard. Arizona is another rare state, like Georgia, Texas and Louisiana, where voters have a direct say in who oversees the state's utility regulation. We are excited to be partnering with supporters of two strong candidates for Arizona's Corporation Commission, Clara Pratte and Jonathan Hill, as well as with partners engaged in the state legislative elections. With both legislative chambers, the governorship, and seats on the Corporation Commission in play, 2026 could mark a historic shift in Arizona politics—and open new opportunities for progress on energy and water policy. Elections in close Arizona races may not be called for another week.

10 P.M. ET
Polls close in Nevada, Utah, Montana, and Idaho.

Nevada is always a key state for EDF Action and we'll be watching to see if former state Assembly majority leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson (D) can score an upset against David Flippo (R) in Nevada's 2nd Congressional District—a district Donald Trump carried with 56%, but one where moderate incumbent Mark Amodei (R) refused to endorse the eccentric nominee to replace him. In the Attorney General's race, we'll also be watching Nicole Cannizarro, who as state senate president in 2023 was recipient of EDF Action's inaugural Nevada Climate Leadership Award. The Nevada attorney general,

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like all AGs across the country, can provide a critical check on federal environmental rollbacks by challenging unlawful regulatory repeals and helping enforce state environmental protections.

11 P.M. ET
Polls close in California, Washington, and Oregon.

These states are unlikely to count their votes with any hurry, but Xavier Becerra (D) is heavily favored to win the open California governor's race, so we may know the result of that vital contest on election night.

1 A.M. ET
Final polls close in Alaska.

KEY CLIMATE RACES

Alaska U.S. Senate — Sen. Dan Sullivan (R) v. fmr. Rep. Mary Peltola (D)

Alaska uses a ranked choice ballot and accepts mail ballots up to 15 days after November 3, so expect this close race to take weeks to be called. But Rep. Mary Peltola has been a powerful advocate for healthy fisheries and oceans and would be an important voice in the U.S. Senate, so we'll be watching this race closely.

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