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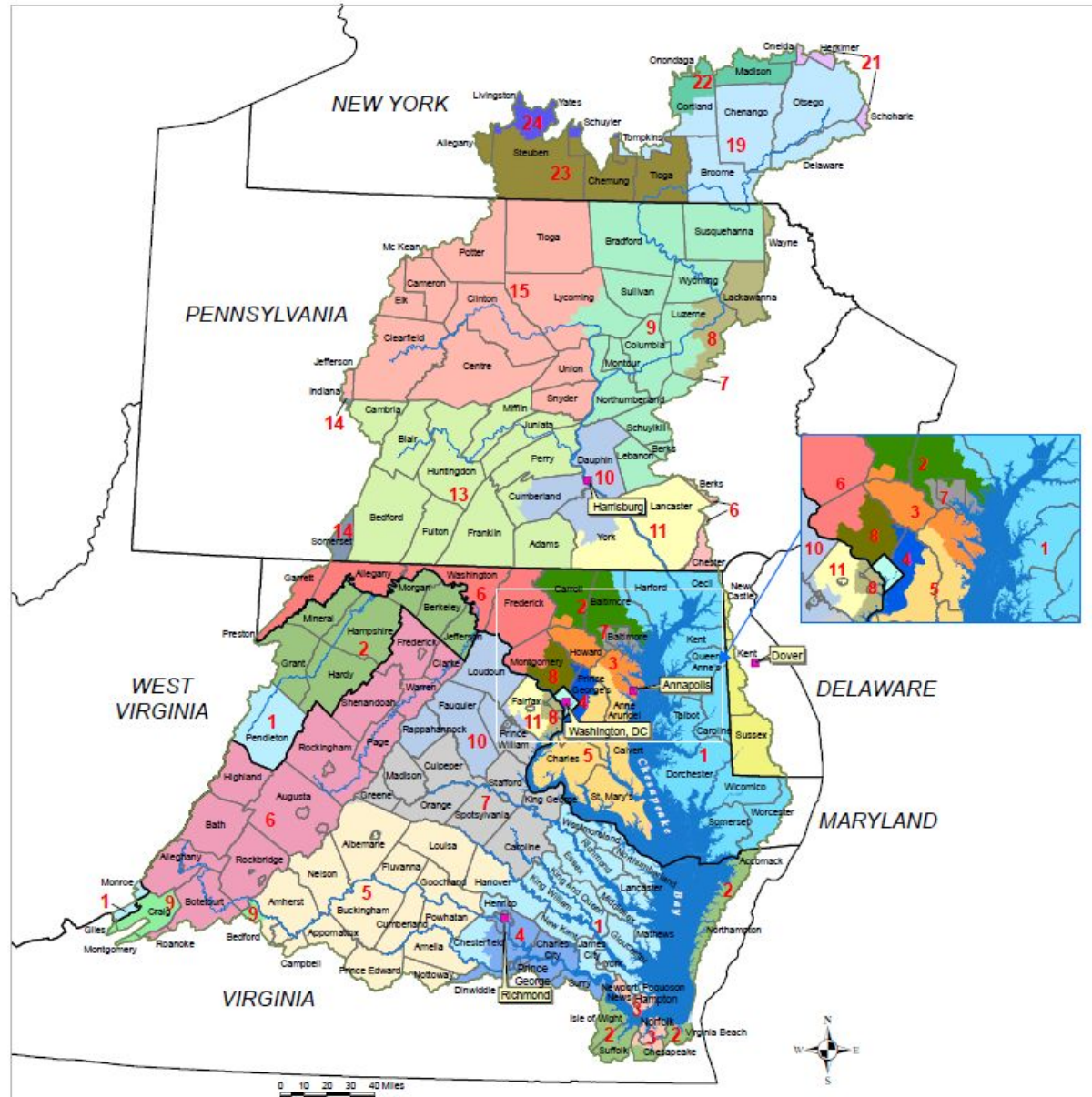
119th Congress

- Senate – 53 Republicans/47 Democrats
- House – 220 Republicans/215 Democrats

Chesapeake Bay Watershed:

- Senate: was 11D/1R – will be 9D/3R
- House: was 19R/18D – will be same ratio
- Congressional Review Act (60 days – roughly)
- Reconciliation

Congressional Districts in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



U.S. Senators and Representatives

119th Congress - DRAFT

New York

Senator Charles Schumer (D)
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D)

19 Josh Riley (D)
21 Elise Stefanik (R)
22 John Mannion (D)
23 Nick Langworthy (R)
24 Claudia Tenney (R)

Pennsylvania

Senator John Fetterman (D)
Senator Dave McCormick (R)

6 Chrissy Houlahan (D)
7 Ryan Mackenzie (R)
8 Robert Bresnahan (R)
9 Dan Meuser (R)
10 Scott Perry (R)
11 Lloyd Smucker (R)
13 John Joyce (R)
14 Guy Reschenthaler (R)
15 Glenn Thompson (R)

Maryland

Senator Chris Van Hollen (D)
Senator Angela Alsobrooks (D)

1 Andy Harris (R)
2 John Olszewski (D)
3 Sarah Elfreth (D)
4 Glenn Ivey (D)
5 Steny H. Hoyer (D)
6 April McClain Delaney (D)
7 Kweisi Mfume (D)
8 Jamie Raskin (D)

West Virginia

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R)
Senator Jim Justice (R)

1 Carol D. Miller (R)
2 Riley Moore (R)

Delaware

Senator Christopher Coons (D)
Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)

At Large Sarah McBride (D)

Virginia

Senator Mark R. Warner (D)
Senator Tim Kaine (D)

1 Robert J. Wittman (R)
2 Jen A. Kiggans (R)
3 Robert C. Scott (D)
4 Jennifer L. McClellan (D)
5 John McGuire (R)
6 Ben Cline (R)
7 Eugene Vindman (D)
8 Don Beyer (D)
9 Morgan Griffith (R)
10 Suhas Subramanyam (D)
11 Gerald E. Connolly (D)

District of Columbia

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)

Senate Leadership Changes

John Thune (R-SD) – Majority Leader

- EPW Chair– Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and likely Sheldon Whitehouse(D-RI), Ranking
- Energy & Natural Resources Chair– Mike Lee (R-UT) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Ranking
- Agriculture Chair – John Boozman (R-AR) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) is likely Ranking member
- Appropriations Chair – Susan Collins (R-ME)

House Leadership Changes

- Cong. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) will likely be the new Ranking Minority Member of Judiciary Committee
- Cong. Jared Huffman (D-CA) vying for Natural Resources Committee Chair
- Several Democrats vying to replace David Scott (D-GA) as Ranking on Agric Committee
- Cong. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) is vying for Ranking on Oversight & Accountability (w/Raskin leaving)

- ACE Act (S. 3791)
 - EPA Ches. Bay Program
 - FWS WILD
 - NPS Gateways
 - And non-Ches-specific bills



118th Congress – Legislation Not Likely to Pass

- Chesapeake National Recreational Area
 - S. 2620 reported out of ENR Committee on Nov. 19
- Chesapeake Bay Conservation Acceleration Act (Farm Bill)
 - The Farm Bill will very likely be extended through Sept. 30, 2025
- Ches. Bay Science, Educ. And Ecosystem (SEEE) Act (NOAA Ches. Bay reauthorization)
- Congress is very likely to extend Federal Farm Bill through Sept. 30, 2025, and to pass a Continuing Resolution (CR), rather than a final Omnibus bill) to temporarily fund the Federal gov't through March.

Current Funding – FY24 Appropriations

- EPA Ches. Bay Program - \$92m
 - At least \$10 million toward the Small Watershed Grant Program;
 - At least \$10 toward the Innovative Nutrient and Sediment grants; and
 - At least \$8 million to state-based implementation in the most effective basins.
 - FWS Ches. WILD - \$8m
 - NPS Ches. Gateways - \$3.027m
 - USGS Ches. Sci & Monitoring - \$17.485m
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- FY25 funding - Congress is also very likely to extend the Farm Bill through September 30, 2025, and to pass a Continuing Resolution (rather than a final Omnibus bill) to temporarily fund the Federal gov't through Feb or March - which will take us to Lobby Day on March 5.
 - FY26 President's Budget Request/FY26 Approps
 - CCWC Chesapeake Bay Day on Capitol Hill (aka "Lobby Day") – March 5