

A Game Changer?

The Supreme Court's decision last week to throw out the "Millionaires' Amendment" to the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 could change the dynamic in certain House races. Here is a look at some of the races where millionaire candidates have already seeded their campaigns or are poised to do so. The figures include what the candidates have already spent this cycle on primaries and, in the case of Jim Oberweis, a special election.

District	Millionaire	Self Contributions/ Loans	Opponent
Alabama's 2nd	Jay Love (R)	\$349,000	Harri Anne Smith (R)*
Colorado's 2nd	Jared Polis (D)	603,000	Two Democratic primary opponents
Connecticut's 4th	Jim Himes (D)	13,000	Rep. Christopher Shays (R)
Florida's 16th	Gayle Harrell (R)	30,000	Two Republican primary opponents
Florida's 16th	Tom Rooney (R)	25,000	Two Republican primary opponents
Florida's 16th	Hal Valeche (R)	250,000	Two Republican primary opponents
Florida's 18th	Annette Taddeo (D)	180,000	Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)
Idaho's 1st	Walt Minnick (D)	110,000	Rep. Bill Sali (R)
Illinois' 8th	Steve Greenberg (R)	89,000	Rep. Melissa Bean (D)
Illinois' 11th	Martin Ozinga (R)	0	Debbie Halvorson (D)
Illinois' 14th	Jim Oberweis (R)	4,620,000	Rep. Bill Foster (D)
Louisiana's 4th	Chris Gorman (R)	257,000	Three Republican primary opponents
Minnesota's 1st	Brian Davis (R)	83,000	Dick Day (R)**
Missouri's 9th	Blaine Luecktemeyer (R)	0	Several Republican primary opponents
Missouri's 9th	Bob Onder (R)	250,000	Several Republican primary opponents
New Mexico's 2nd	Harry Teague (D)	687,000	Ed Tinsley (R)
New Mexico's 2nd	Ed Tinsley (R)	235,000	Harry Teague (D)
New York's 20th	Sandy Treadwell (R)	949,000	Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand (D)
New York's 26th	Jack Davis (D)	0	Three Democratic primary opponents
Oregon's 5th	Mike Erickson (R)	591,000	Kurt Schrader (D)
Pennsylvania's 10th	Chris Hackett (R)	930,000	Rep. Christopher Carney (D)
South Carolina's 1st	Linda Ketner (D)	350,000	Rep. Henry Brown (R)
Texas' 7th	Michael Skelly (D)	40,000	Rep. John Culberson (R)
Texas' 10th	Larry Joe Doherty (D)	100,000	Rep. Michael McCaul (R)

** Republican runoff; ** Republican primary; Numbers are rounded. Source: Federal Election Commission*