



STC Contract Terms and Conditions

Sample Question: Will [Party] hold at least [##] [chamber] seats following the [date] election?

Product Code: STC[one letter party code][one letter chamber code]

Instructions: The United States Congress consists of a 100-member Senate and a 435-member House. Federal general elections for both are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of evennumbered years (with special elections as applicable). The new Congress convenes on January 3 (unless another date is set by law), at which point members are seated and organization is determined. This contract is subject to early Resolution.

Underlying: The Congress Seat Count is resolved based upon the number of seats held by the specified party in the specified chamber following the election detailed in the contract. The underlying can be accessed [here](#). Seat counts are determined from the current-members listings on Congress.gov as they appear on the first business day after January 3 of the year following the election (or the statutory convening date, if changed). For resolution, the seat count for each party is the sum of its listed members in the relevant chamber on that date; the contract uses the specified party's total. Seats held by Independents and vacant seats are not included in the totals for any party. This contract will resolve prior to official certification if all of the following reputable news organizations, The Associated Press, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal, have each formally called each House and Senate race for the same candidate, and there is no ongoing or formally announced recount, legal challenge, or other official proceeding that could reasonably affect the outcome. If these conditions are not met, the contract will remain open until they are satisfied or until official certification by the relevant authority. Links are provided for informational purposes only and the source agency may decide to publish the data at a different location at any time.

Source Agency: United States Congress

Minimum Tick: The Minimum Tick size for the referred Contract shall be \$0.01.

Listing Cycle: ForecastEx will list Contract expirations at its discretion.

Thresholds: For each Contract expiration, thresholds will be listed at ForecastEx's discretion.

Position Accountability: The position accountability level is 250,000 Contracts in any one Forecast Market.

Last Trading Time: Same as Resolution Time.

Payout Criteria: The Settlement Value of each Contract is \$1.00 or \$0.00 depending on the Outcome of the Contract. If the Outcome of the Contract is "Yes", then holders of the "Yes" Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the "No" Position will receive \$0.00. If the Outcome of the Contract is "No", then holders of the "No" Position will be entitled to receive the Settlement Value of \$1.00 per contract and holders of the "Yes" Position will receive \$0.00.

Resolution Time: 7:00AM CT on the convening date the year following the general election when the list of Senators and Representatives is published by the US Congress.

Changes in Resolution Time: The Resolution Time of a Forecast Contract is dependent on the time that the Source Agency releases the Underlying data. There are circumstances in which ForecastEx will change the Resolution Time of a Contract as described below:

1. **Delay by Source Agency:** If the Source Agency delays the release of the underlying data required for Resolution, ForecastEx will delay the Resolution Time of the Contract until such data is released. In these circumstances, ForecastEx will release a public notice to its website informing Market Participants that the Resolution of the Contract has been delayed and release a second notice to its website informing Market Participants when the Contract is resolved.
2. **Change in Release Schedule:** ForecastEx sets the Resolution Time of each Contract based on either the published or anticipated release schedule of the Source Agency for the underlying data. If the Source Agency amends its release schedule or announces that it will publish the underlying data at a different time than anticipated, ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, amend the Resolution Time of the Contract to match the updated release schedule when doing so is necessary to ensure the accurate and fair resolution of the contract. In these circumstances, ForecastEx will publish a public notice to its website informing Market Participants of the revised Resolution Time.
3. **Event Review Process:** In accordance with ForecastEx Rule 415, ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, initiate the event review process prior to Settlement which may delay the Resolution of a Contract. In these cases, ForecastEx will publish a public notice to its website informing Market Participants that the Contract's Outcome is under review.
4. **Early Resolution:** If a Forecast Contract Resolves based on whether a specific event occurs before a defined point in time, it will be subject to early resolution. For these Contracts, if the Outcome of the contract becomes determinable prior to the scheduled Resolution Time – either because the event has occurred (resolving “Yes”) or because it can no longer occur (resolving “No”) – ForecastEx may, at its sole discretion, accelerate the Resolution Time of the Contract in accordance with ForecastEx Rule 413. Whether or not this Contract is subject to early resolution is specified in the Instructions section.

Expiration Time: Same as Resolution time.

Settlement Date: Unless the Outcome of the Contract is under review in accordance with ForecastEx Rule 415, Settlement of the Contract will occur no later than the day following Expiration Time.

Trading Restrictions: In Accordance with ForecastEx Rule 509(h), the following Persons are prohibited from entering Bids or executing Pairs in Congress Seat Count Forecast Contracts:

- Persons who are not either U.S. citizens or U.S. residents within the meaning of IRC § 7701(b)(1)(A).
- Candidates and paid campaign staff for U.S. Congress (House or Senate).
- Candidates for any other elected federal or statewide public office (and their paid campaign staff).
- The sitting U.S. President (including a President not running for re-election) and paid White House staff.
- Current Members of Congress (House or Senate) and their paid staff.
- Paid employees of national party organizations, including, for example, the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC). • Paid employees of Political Action Committees (PACs) and “Super PACs.”
- Paid employees of major polling organizations.
- Any other person with material non-public information about an election that is the subject of a STC contract.
- Immediate family members of the above.
- Any of the above-listed institutions themselves.