Texas

Voters in Texas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 150 seats are up in the House and 15 seats are up in the State Senate. Republicans have a trifecta the state and should continue their dominance after the November elections.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Greg Abbott

Governor Greg Abbott was first elected in 2014 after serving as the state's attorney general for over 12 years. Governor Abbott is running for re-election on property tax reform, public safety, and veterans' protection.

He wants to establish a property tax revenue growth cap of 2.5% per year and prohibit the Legislature from imposing unfunded mandates on its political subdivisions. He wants to enhance criminal penalties for multiple sex and human trafficking crimes, increase funding for crime lab testing of assault evidence, and expand GPS monitoring of high-risk domestic violence abusers. He is in favor of waiving occupational licensing fees and providing reciprocal licensing qualifications, providing tax relief from rendering and paying taxes on business income-producing personal property for first five years of operation of a veteran-owned business.

Governor Abbott, among other policies, favors improving infrastructure of Texas schools to reduce threats, strengthen the Safe Firearm Storage Law, and increase mental health training to help improve school safety.

Governor Abbott is a staunch states' rights conservative. In his first bid for governor, he campaigned on the amount of times he sued the Obama Administration over federal overreach. His office has created "The Texas Plan" outlining nine Constitutional amendments including prohibiting Congress from regulating activity that occurs wholly within one State; prohibiting administrative agencies from preempting state law; and, allow a two-thirds majority of the States to override a federal law or regulation.

Trivia: As attorney general, Governor Abbott sued the Obama Administration a record 31 times.

*Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.