

Georgia

Voters in Georgia will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 180 seats are up in the House and all 56 seats are up in the State Senate. They are expected to maintain control of the legislature. This state is a Republican trifecta.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Stacey Abrams

Stacey Abrams served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2007 to 2017 and served as Minority Leader from 2011 to 2017. She is not running a traditional Democratic campaign in Georgia. Just as in the primary, she is running on more progressive issues and causes and is banking on new and infrequent voters to take her to the Governor's Mansion.

Abrams supports universal pre-K and tax credits and subsidies to working parents for day care. She also wants to create a Child Care Worker Tax Credit. She opposes vouchers. She wants to pass a Student Loan Bill of Rights and to increase support to historically black colleges and universities.

She wants to establish an Earned Income Tax Credit. She wants to establish a Cradle to Career Savings Program for families. Encourage savings and credit-building through the Georgia FinLit Initiative.

When asked about opioid manufacturers in an NPR interview, she <u>stated</u> that Georgia "should pursue every legal remedy to limit access to drugs that should not be coming in simply because it's for profit motive."

She is in favor of eliminating cash bail, decriminalizing traffic offenses and possession of small amounts of marijuana, and increasing training that recognizes implicit bias.

She supports Medicaid expansion and through it she wants to fund more rural healthcare centers, mental health services, and assisted living facilities.

Abrams supports comprehensive workplace protections for sexual orientation and gender discrimination and has been critical of religious freedom laws citing that they are bad for business the economy of the state.

Trivia: Abrams received one of 81 endorsements handed out by President Barack Obama this election cycle.

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