

## Alaska

Voters in Alaska will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 40 seats are up in the state House and 10 seats are up in the state Senate. The gubernatorial race now will feature a more classic match-up as incumbent Governor Bill Walker (I) has suspended his re-election campaign. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Senate while the House will be closely watched.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Mike Dunleavy](#)

Mike Dunleavy served in the State Senate from 2013 to 2017. In the primary election, Dunleavy ran on a Make Alaska Safe Again platform. He is still focused on public safety in the general campaign.

Dunleavy pledges to crack down on record crime rates in the state by ending the “catch and release” of criminals. He wants to see improved response times for rural communities. He [opposes](#) the Adopt an Inmate Program.

Dunleavy is promising to protect the Permanent Fund Dividend program. He holds traditional conservative values favoring reducing the size of government and cutting spending. He supports eliminating regulations and streamlining the state’s permitting processes. He is opposed to the implementation of a state income tax.

He pledges to work with oil and gas and to support policies that encourage more investment. He fully supports expanding the state’s mining industry. He wants to see the timber industry expand.

Dunleavy wants to focus on getting equity fund and pension funds invested in the Port of Alaska.

Dunleavy [opposes](#) the “fish habitat” ballot initiative.

He [supports](#) cuts to Medicaid to make the program more efficient.

*Trivia: Dunleavy gained notoriety while in the State Senate when he left the Republican majority caucus citing disagreements in budget negotiations.*