

Florida

Voters in Florida will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 120 seats are up in the state Assembly and 20 seats are up in the state Senate. This is a battleground state for all three offices. Republicans are playing defense in the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum](#)

Andrew Gillum has served as mayor of Tallahassee since 2014. He, like his opponent, defeated more established candidates in the primary pulling off an upset with an upstart campaign. He is unapologetically progressive and has not moderated his platform in the general campaign.

As part of his economic platform, Mayor Gillum wants to raise the state corporate tax level to 7.75%. The profits will go towards increasing teacher salaries to \$50,000, early childhood education programs, and vocational training. He also supports legalizing marijuana and using those tax dollars for education as well.

Mayor Gillum supports criminal justice reform including bail and minimum sentencing reforms. He has pledged to appoint three new Supreme Court justices who share these values. He supports restoring voting rights to felons who have served their time.

Mayor Gillum strongly supports gun control legislation including assault weapons and large capacity magazines bans, closing the “Boyfriend Loophole” and prohibiting gun possession for those with felony and misdemeanor domestic violence and stalking convictions; and armor piercing bullets bans.

He is a proponent of the Medicare-For-All system and has pledged to expand Medicaid and pass laws that will strengthen the ACA within Florida.

He has released an environmental protection [proposal](#) that includes establishing a renewable energy portfolio standard and prioritizing clean energy jobs. He pledged to upgrade wastewater treatment systems and wastewater infrastructure. He is also opposed to off-shore drilling.

Trivia: Mayor Gillum was the youngest member at age 23 to be elected to the Tallahassee City Commission.