

## Vermont

Voters in Vermont will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 150 seats are up in the state House and all 30 seats are up in the state Senate. Split government control is expected to continue after the general.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Christine Hallquist](#)

Christine Hallquist is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Electric Coop. She is running on economic, education, and health care issues.

Hallquist has proposed laying fiber optic cable across the state to connect every residence and business to the same, high-speed internet. Her campaign is putting a focus on the 2/3rds of the state population that lives in rural areas.

She supports increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and paid family and medical leave. She calls for more investments in programs for displaced workers and job training.

She supports tuition-free public college and trade schools. Hallquist also wants to reform the education property tax. She does not want education to be funded by this tax.

Hallquist supports the Vermont Solar Pathways plan which aims to install enough solar panels to meet 20% of the state's electricity needs by 2025.

Hallquist supports a Medicare-For-All system and a universal primary care system.

She supports legalizing, taxing, and regulating recreational marijuana.

**Trivia:** *Christine Hallquist would become the nation's first transgender head of state.*