

## Illinois

Voters in Illinois will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 118 seats in the State House are up as well as 39 of the 59 seats in the State Senate. Democrats are likely to keep control of both houses of the legislature.

### Attorney General

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Erika Harold](#)

Erika Harold is a former Miss America and Harvard Law school graduate. She has represented businesses in commercial disputes and advised religious institutions in matters involving First Amendment protections. She also ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2014. Harold's campaign focuses on combatting public corruption, addressing the opioid epidemic, criminal justice reform, and protecting Illinoisans from harassment.

Harold is in favor of expanding the attorney general's investigative tools, such as enhanced subpoena and grand jury powers. Once in office, she would utilize the full measure of the Office's power to investigate allegations of public corruption—such as allegations of patronage hiring and improper awarding of government grants and contracts.

Harold has pledged investigations of the marketing and distribution of opioid painkillers to determine whether deceptive practices are being employed. She is in favor of treatment rather than prison sentences for opioid users.

Harold is on the board of directors of Prison Fellowship. On a recent survey, [she stated](#) that she is in favor of the expansion of drug courts and mental health courts, the streamlining and enhancement of reentry services, and greater access to expungement services. She is also in favor of legalization of marijuana to not only expand the state's revenue base but to decrease the number of inmates serving time for non-violent drug related offenses.

Since her year as Miss America, Harold has been an advocate for preventing harassment of all forms. She is in favor of strengthening sexual harassment policies in state government. She is in favor of complaints being resolved by an independent commission rather than legislators, and removing any legislator found guilty of harassment.

*Trivia: She used her Miss America money to attend Harvard Law and graduated debt-free.*