



## Arkansas

Voters in Arkansas will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 100 seats in the State House are up as well as 18 seats in the State Senate. Republicans currently have a trifecta and should continue their dominance in November.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Jared Henderson](#)

Prior to his announcement to run for Governor, Jared Henderson (D) was the Arkansas State Director of Teach for America. Henderson is new to politics, has never held office or ran for one. He holds two Masters degree from Harvard.

Henderson is campaigning on public education issues, specifically raising teacher pay. He supports the state's Medicaid program – Arkansas Works. He also wants to work to reduce the state's poverty rate. Recently, he outlined an [ethics](#) reform plan that includes additional wait time for former legislators to register as lobbyists and banning corporations from donating to political action committees.

Thus far, his campaign has done its best to avoid discussion of social issues though it will be brought up in the general.

*Trivia: Before moving back home to Arkansas, Jared was a scientist at NASA.*