



Maryland

Voters in Maryland will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 141 seats in the State House are up as well as all 47 seats in the State Senate. The state house is a Democratic stronghold while Republicans are expected to retain the Governors Mansion.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Larry Hogan](#)

Governor Larry Hogan is remarkably popular in the deep blue state. His campaign is featuring his successes as head of state. Governor Hogan is running on his transportation record citing the groundbreaking for a new metro line and the funding of the state's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). His administration has outlined a statewide Traffic Relief Plan that includes major widening and targeted technological improvements.

He is focusing on education. He is in favor of voucher programs and P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) Schools. He has proposed the creation of an Office of the State Education Investigator General to investigate complaints of unethical, unprofessional, or illegal conduct in public schools.

He is also running on public safety focusing on bills he's signed on criminal justice reform. Governor Hogan favors a "truth-in-sentencing" initiative to ensure that repeat violent offenders serve their full sentences by making them ineligible for parole.

Governor Hogan has been vocal on healthcare issues as Congress looks to repeal the ACA. He has stated that [repealing](#) the ACA will jeopardize Maryland residents. He has also declared a State of Emergency and asked Congress to allocate more funds towards the opioid fight.

A major priority of the Hogan Administration has been protecting the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund was fully funded for the first time in state history, and his most recent budget marks the third straight year of achieving that goal, bringing total investment in this environmental effort to nearly \$200 million.

He signed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2016 to reduce greenhouse gases 40% by 2030. Governor Hogan opposes fracking and offshore drilling off the coast of his state.

Trivia: Governor Hogan is just the second Republican since 1969 to be elected governor.