

Iowa

Voters in Iowa 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 25 of the 50 seats in the State Senate. Iowa is a battleground state this cycle with Republicans on defense and Democrats hoping to pick up 10 seats in the House and six in the Senate to flip both chambers.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Fred Hubbell](#)

Fred Hubbell is a businessman and self-funded his campaign through the primary. Hubbell is campaign on education issues, economic development, healthcare, and protecting Iowa's environment.

Hubbell is campaigning on better access to public education. He wants to see more funding for Pre-K and K-12 as well as more affordability at the college level. He wants to create public/private partnerships at high schools and community colleges to increase the state's hard-skilled workforce.

He [opposes](#) the Trump Administration's proposed tariffs acknowledging that it will hurt Iowa farmers. Hubbell is opposed to the recent tax reform package and would like to roll back a majority of current tax credits. He supports renewable energy and believes Iowa could create thousands of jobs in the sector.

Hubbell is opposed to the state's privatized Medicaid system. He is in favor of fully funding women's reproductive healthcare centers. Hubbell has produced a mental healthcare plan that includes tele-psych services, more coordination with state government, and more beds for in-patient treatment through a public/private partnership.

He wants to do more to protect Iowa's soil and water and plans to pursue permanent and dedicated funding for detailed nutrient reduction implementation plans. He also believes that the current protections for neighbors of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) are failing. Hubbell also would like to see local energy districts created statewide.

***Trivia:** Hubbell and his wife were two of the three Americans onboard a hijacked Pakistani International Airlines flight in 1981. He was held captive for 13 days.*