



## 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

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Governor Asa Hutchinson](#)

Governor Asa Hutchinson was elected in 2014 pledging to be the “Jobs Governor.” He was a three term Congressman and served as the Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration and as the first Undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security. According to [Morning Consult](#), the Governor is relatively popular with a 57% approval rating.

Governor Hutchinson and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R) announced that the state would file a lawsuit against specific opioid manufacturers in March 2018. In April 2018, the Governor launched a free weekly education and consultation service for Arkansas healthcare providers focused on aiding the fight in the state’s opioid epidemic.

Since taking office, Hutchinson has overseen the state’s largest tax cut in the state’s history – and he’s not done with cuts yet. In early 2018, he stated that he wants to see the Legislature cut the top individual income tax rate from 6.9% to 6%. He is also on record opposing any potential increase in the state’s grocery tax.

The state has signed agreements with over 300 new companies. Hutchinson has implemented a computer science education initiative that has garnered national recognition. Hutchinson has also rebranded Medicaid expansion into a program called Arkansas Works.

In addition, he is campaigning on defending religious freedom, bucking President Obama’s “Bathroom Guidance,” and supporting anti-abortion bills.

*Trivia: In 1982, Asa was appointed by President Reagan (R) as U.S. Attorney in the Western District in Arkansas. He was the youngest U.S. Attorney in the nation at 31 years old.*