



Minnesota

Voters in Minnesota will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 134 seats are up in the state House. One State Senate special election will also take place. Democrats will be defending both the Governor's Mansion and Office of Attorney General. Republicans are defending both chambers of the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Jeff Johnson](#)

Jeff Johnson is currently serving as a Hennepin County Commissioner. He served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2000 to 2006. He was also the Republican nominee for governor in 2014. Johnson holds traditional conservative values. He has pledged to cut income taxes, the estate tax and license tab fees. He is strongly pro-life and has stated that he would sign a "heartbeat bill." He is pro-gun owners' rights and has pledged not to sign any legislation that would restrict those rights.

Johnson wants to "rein in" the Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He has also promised to dismantle the Metropolitan Council – the regional governing and policy making body of the Twin Cities Metro Area.

He has pledged to place a moratorium on light rail development to shift transit funds to developing a "first-class" bus system.

He supports federal waivers and has called MNSure, the state's exchange, a disaster. He favors creating an interstate compact to sell and buy insurance across state lines. He is proposing a tax exemption for contributions into healthcare benefit accounts and allowing pre-tax dollars to accumulate in accounts that can feed HSA's and similar vehicles to pay for care. He supports more pricing transparency by insurers and favors the implementation of independent third-party administrators whose fee schedules are public to replace the role traditionally held by insurance providers.

Johnson wants to invest more in the state's police force to tackle the opioid epidemic's illicit drug trafficking factor.

Johnson opposes sanctuary localities and has urged for the immediate stop of the state's refugee resettlement program.

Trivia: Johnson has coached 16 different youth football, baseball, and soccer teams.