

Georgia

Voters in Georgia will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 180 seats are up in the House and all 56 seats are up in the State Senate. They are expected to maintain control of the legislature. This state is a Republican trifecta.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Secretary of State Brian Kemp

Secretary Brian Kemp has served as Secretary of State from 2010-2018. He ran far to the right in the Republican primary, calling himself a "politically incorrect conservative," featuring ads with guns and explosives.

He is running on a "Four Point Plan to Put Georgia First." Kemp wants to "take a chainsaw" to regulations and has stated that for every new regulation, two should be eliminated. He wants to put a cap on state spending. He wants to make Georgia the number one state for small businesses.

Kemp wants to expand high speed internet to rural counties. He wants to eliminate sales tax on high speed internet equipment for rural counties and state fees for use of right of way.

He supports virtual learning for rural students, allowing local school boards to create customized curriculums for students, and charter schools particularly in struggling communities. He has vowed to fully fund public education and give teachers a raise.

Kemp wants to eliminate state income tax on military retirement income. He wants to invest in Veterans Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR) satellite services at all 22 Technical College System of Georgia campuses.

Kemp supports the Georgia film tax credit and will work to preserve it. He has promised to de-fund sanctuary cities and campuses. He is in favor of <u>work requirements</u> for welfare. He opposes Medicaid expansion and the ACA.

Kemp wants to give pay increases to police and investing more in local law enforcement. He released a plan in March regarding gang activity in the state. The plan includes the creation of a Criminal Alien Database, empowering the Attorney General's office to prosecute gang cases multi-jurisdictionally, and the creation of a Gang Strike Team.

Trivia: Secretary Kemp received President Trump's endorsement in the Republican primary.

^{*}Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.