

Kansas

Voters in Kansas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 125 seats are up in the House. Republicans have a trifecta in the state and should maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Secretary of State Kris Kobach

Secretary Kris Kobach defeated incumbent Governor Jeff Colyer in the Republican primary runoff. He has built a national profile over the past two years thanks in large part to his voter ID and fraud policies. He also served as an advisor to President Trump's 2016 campaign and served as Vice Chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity. Secretary Kobach's campaign message is shaped around conservative values and rhetoric.

Kobach is a hardliner on immigration issues and it is a large part of his campaign. He co-authored Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 – a broad and strict immigration measure. An ad blaming "Topeka politicians" for giving instate tuition for undocumented students has been running for months. He touts that he advised President Trump on immigration policies, including the border wall.

He supports term limits for all legislative and statewide elected officials.

He pledges to cap property tax appraisals at 2 percent. He's also made promises to cut income taxes and state sales tax in addition to cutting spending in the budget.

Kobach wants to invest more in vocational education programs. He has pledged that as governor, 75 percent of education funding will be spent in the classroom.

Trivia: Secretary Kobach was a White House Fellow in the George W. Bush Administration.