



Nebraska

Voters in Nebraska will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. Twenty-four (24) of the 49 seats are up in the State Senate. While party affiliation is not on the ballot, Republicans do control the unicameral legislature. Republicans are expected to retain the Governor's Mansion and Office of the Attorney General as well.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[State Senator Bob Krist](#)

State Senator Bob Krist was appointed to his seat in 2009, when he was a member of the Republican Party, by Governor Dave Heineman (R). He was considered a moderate in the Legislature and criticized both Governor Heineman and his opponent, current Governor Ricketts (R). He formally switched to nonpartisan in late 2017 and registered as a Democrat in early 2018.

Senator Krist is making property tax relief a major focus in the campaign placing blame on the current administration for not tackling the issue. He and his running mate even embarked on a "property tax listening tour" this summer. Partly due to the state's constitution, the property tax funds public education. He wants to increase state aid in exchange for reducing property taxes used to fund education.

He is in favor of rural broadband expansion. He also pledges to promote alternative cash crops.

After the *Wayfair* decision, Senator Krist was stated his desire for the Legislature to pass a bill requiring online retailers start collecting the tax.

He has been [critical](#) of the Ricketts Administration's higher education policies and promises to provide a full investment in higher education. He also wants to fund more money into the University system's research programs.

Embracing the Democratic Party, he supports equal pay and has vowed to fight for Nebraska's most vulnerable citizens. He supports Medicaid expansion and Title X healthcare services. He also supports paid leave policies and pledges to advocate for gender parity issues.

Trivia: Krist served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and has flown over 30 different fixed and rotary wing aircraft.