

## Idaho

Voters in Idaho will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 70 seats in the State House are up as well as all 35 seats in the State Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain their strongholds on both chambers as well as their trifecta of the branches of government.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Lt. Governor Brad Little](#)

Lt. Governor Little's roots run deep in Idaho; he comes from an established ranching family and has served in state government in some capacity for 17 years. During the primary, he campaigned as the more moderate choice for voters. He also had the backing of Governor Otter and other established politicians.

He is campaigning on improving education and continuing economic growth. Lt. Governor Little wants to raise the statewide starting salary for teachers. He is also in favor of signing bonuses for those who chose to teach in rural districts. He believes in local control and supports rural districts combining resources. He has stated that he opposes state funding for Pre-K.

Lt. Governor Little has signed a no tax pledge and he wants to cut income tax and unemployment tax as well eliminating the grocery tax. He wants to implement a pre-tax First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account. He believes regulations create burdens on the economy and would require all agencies to submit a business/competitiveness impact statement along with any newly proposed regulations. He also wants executive branch agencies to simplify or eliminate an existing regulation before implementing a new rule.

He opposes the Affordable Care Act and has worked with current Governor Butch Otter (R) on an [executive order](#) allowing insurance companies to offer plans to individuals that do not meet ACA coverage requirements. He also wants to rebuild the state's high-risk reinsurance fund pool but has stated that he would respect the will of the voters if the Medicaid expansion ballot measure passes.

*Trivia: Lt. Governor Little's grandfather grew an empire and became known as the "Idaho Sheep King."*