

Massachusetts

Voters in Massachusetts will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 160 seats are up in the state Assembly and all 40 seats are up in the state Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the governorship while Democrats are expected to maintain control of legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

[James McMahon III](#)

James McMahon III is an attorney a veteran of the Army National Guard. His campaign has stated that fighting the opioid epidemic and creating a comprehensive plan will be his first priority.

McMahon proposes cooperation with Federal authorities such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the FBI to help tackle illicit opiate trafficking. He also wants to strengthen sentencing for dealers.

McMahon also supports more long-term programs for recovering opioid addicts. He has [stated](#) that needle exchanges and “safe shoot-up rooms” are not helping recovery.

McMahon is a staunch supporter of the second amendment and believes gun control measures rarely have an effect on violence. He has been critical of the current Attorney General’s decision to apply the state’s assault rifle ban to firearms that operate similarly.

He supports the Trump Administration’s immigration policies and has been critical of the current Attorney General’s opposition to the “travel ban.”

Trivia: He is a lifelong resident of Cape Cod.