

Maine

Voters in Maine will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 151 seats in the State House are up as well as all 35 seats in the State Senate. Maine is a battleground state this cycle with Republicans on high-alert trying to defend a one seat majority in the Senate and Democrats hoping to maintain their four seat advantage in the House.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Shawn Moody](#)

Shawn Moody is a businessman and considers himself a “lifelong common-sense conservative.” He garnered over 50% of the vote in the Republican primary, avoiding ranked-choice rounds. He is running on the message of being a political outsider. He is pro-life, anti-tax, and pro-second amendment rights.

Moody wants to create a Governor’s Initiative on Regulatory Reform with existing staff to address red tape. He would also like to implement an income tax cut.

Moody is in favor of performance-based raises for teachers. He would like the state to fund more vocational and technical classes.

Moody is opposed to Maine’s Medicaid expansion. He wants those who receive government funded health care, if physically able; contribute something toward their own care. He favors welfare reform including work incentives and drug testing.

In the fight against the opioid epidemic, Moody would like more focus on peer-to-peer – similar to Alcoholic Anonymous – addiction services. He is in favor of strengthening the criminal code for addictive opioid drug trafficking. He also favors increasing the number of beds available for those struggling with mental illnesses.

Trivia: In 2010, Moody ran unsuccessfully for Governor as an Independent.