

Rhode Island

Voters in Rhode Island will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 75 seats are up in the state House and all 38 seats are up in the state Senate. Democrats are likely to maintain the governorship, Office of the Attorney General, and both chambers.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

[Peter Neronha](#)

Peter Neronha served as the United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island from 2009 to 2017. He ran unopposed in the Democratic primary and has not garnered a significant challenger for the general.

Neronha is calling for a three-part approach to reducing violent crime: prevention, focused enforcement, and prisoner re-entry. He also pledges to prioritize consumer and worker protection.

Neronha favors closing the gun show loophole and implementing universal background checks for firearms. He supports limiting the number of rounds magazines can hold and banning bump stocks and semi-automatic weapons.

He wants to create an Environmental Protection Unit within the office. Neronha has pledged to take on an role in environmental protection both nationally and within the state. He has opposed our exit of the Paris Climate Agreement and has promised to fight the Trump Administration on lowering existing standards.

Neronha has also made fighting the opioid crisis a focus of his campaign. He favors rehabilitation over incarceration for addicts but pledges to prosecute those who illicitly manufacture and sell opiates.

***Trivia:** Neronha prosecuted various Rhode Island public officials including former Rhode Island House Speaker Gordon Fox.*