



South Dakota

Voters in South Dakota will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 70 seats are up in the House and all 35 seats are up in the State Senate. Republicans have a trifecta the state and should maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Congresswoman Kristi Noem](#)

Congresswoman Kristi Noem has served as the state's only Congressional representative since 2011. If she wins in November, she will become the state's first female governor.

Her campaign is focusing on "4 Pillars of Protection" in which she is promising to veto any efforts to increase taxes, to audit executive agencies and to never create new boards or commissions, to protect the state from federal intrusion, and to make government more transparent.

Noem supports reviewing state licensure requirements to eliminate unnecessary licensing and streamline processes for technical school grads, veterans, and military families. She supports expanding experience-driven technical training in high schools and expanding apprenticeship programs.

She supports more local control for public education and opposes Common Core standards. She favors school choice and was a vocal opponent of the Obama Administration's school nutrition reforms.

Trivia: Noem does not know how to swim, but she knows how to ride a horse.