



Nebraska

Voters in Nebraska will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. Twenty-four (24) of the 49 seats are up in the State Senate. While party affiliation is not on the ballot, Republicans do control the unicameral legislature. Republicans are expected to retain the Governor's Mansion and Office of the Attorney General as well.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Pete Ricketts](#)

Governor Pete Ricketts has been in office since 2014. He defeated five primary challengers in 2014. He is a staunch conservative particularly on social issues.

Governor Ricketts is campaigning on economic growth and development. He is also a proponent for property tax relief. He wants to continue de-regulation including more audits to see if specific rules are still needed. Governor Ricketts believes occupational licensing rules are a competitive barrier and wants to free up some of those regulations. He also is running on the Transportation Innovation Act which increased transportation and infrastructure funding in the state.

He is a strong supporter of gun owners' rights but is on the record supporting stronger background checks. He also believes that mental healthcare is key to improving public and school safety.

Governor Ricketts opposes the potential Medicaid expansion ballot measure. He is pro-life and the campaign is touting the end of Title X money being used to fund abortions.

Governor Ricketts is a strong supporter of President Trump though he has admitted that the tariffs are a [concern](#).

Trivia: Governor Ricketts is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.