

Michigan

Voters in Michigan will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 110 seats are up in the House and all 38 seats are up in the Senate. Republicans will be defending a trifecta while Democrats hope to pick up a Governor's Mansion and gain ground in the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Attorney General Bill Schuette](#)

Attorney General Bill Schuette has served as the state's top lawyer for the past eight years. He holds traditional conservative values. His gubernatorial central campaign message is built around job creation.

He pledges to cut income taxes and automobile insurance rates. He has been [tying](#) his opponent to former Governor Jennifer Granholm's (D) administration policies including the tax increases coupled with the jobs lost during the Great Recession.

Attorney General Schuette has announced a plan to revamp the state's literacy education policies which focuses on the third-grade reading performance. He wants to fund reading coaches for every elementary school and give more control to local school boards. He favors public-private partnerships in technical education during high school and wants the state to remove barriers to apprenticeship programs.

He has supported legislation to [limit](#) prescriptions and the recent increased federal funding to create education and treatment programs at the state level that have been lacking.

Attorney General Schuette wants to enact ethics reform including a five-year ban on lobbying by former legislators and executives and a ban on lobbyists gifts. He has also pledged to hold "Governor's Coffee Hours" with constituents.

He's also running on his achievements as attorney general highlighting his opposition to the Obama Administration, protecting families from crime, finding funding to test rape kits, and bringing 350 charges against former government officials. Attorney General Schuette is also running on immigration issues and has hit his opponent for being too extreme, claiming she wants to abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Trivia: Attorney General Schuette completed the ice bucket challenge in a Paul McCartney t-shirt.