



## Vermont

Voters in Vermont will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 150 seats are up in the state House and all 30 seats are up in the state Senate. Split government control is expected to continue after the general.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Governor Phil Scott](#)

Governor Phil Scott (R) was first elected in 2016 and previously served as Lt. Governor and in the state senate. Governor Scott signed a package of gun reform legislation that was likely the cause of his primary challenge – which he handily won. His campaign has been focusing on growing the economy and his record over the past two years as head of state.

Governor Scott is anti-tax and is vehemently opposed to raising property taxes – he was embroiled in a fight with the legislature over this issue this past session. He has stated that he will push next session to eliminate tax on military pensions.

Governor Scott supports the state's current goal of hitting 90% renewable energy by 2050. He does [oppose](#) a carbon tax and proposed wind energy projects.

He vetoed a bill this year that would have raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and still opposes the measure. Governor Scott also opposes the legalization of marijuana.

He favors [statewide](#) teacher contracts and wants to allocate more money toward early childhood education and higher ed. He supports more funding for technical courses and K-16 cybersecurity courses.

Governor Scott has publicly stated that he supports Attorney General T.J. Donovan's lawsuit against opioid manufacturers. He has touted his administration's response to the epidemic including expanded access to treatment and working to reduce the illicit supply and unused prescription supply.

Governor Scott has been [outspoken](#) in recent months about our current political climate and has penned several messages and letters the editor urging Vermonters to rise above volatile discourse. He has also [released](#) a firm statement condemning hateful comments about his Democratic competitor, Christine Hallquist.

*Trivia: Governor Scott is an avid stock car racer.*