

South Carolina

Voters in South Carolina will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 124 seats are up in the House. Republicans have a trifecta the Palmetto State and should continue their dominance after the November elections.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[State Representative James Smith](#)

State Representative James Smith has been a member of the lower chamber since 1996. He is also a Major in the South Carolina Army National Guard and served in Afghanistan on a 12-month combat tour in the infantry.

He supports Medicaid expansion and reimbursement rates to access ABA therapy for those with disabilities. He wants to create a rural obstetrics and gynecology residency program and expand telemedicine.

Representative Smith is in favor of raising teacher salaries and is an advocate for more computer science and advanced courses in schools. He also wants to reform education funding and promotes equal funding for all districts.

He opposes off-shore drilling and has co-sponsored a bill that would tighten rules governing large water withdrawals by mega-farms. He wants to lift the cap on solar power and expand wind energy in the state.

Representative Smith is campaigning on progressive views for gun safety. He wants to pass universal background checks, close the Charleston loophole, ban bump stocks, and restrict retail sales of military-style assault weapons, including AR-15s.

Trivia: Smith resigned his Officer Commission so that he could enlist as an infantryman at age 37.