

## Connecticut

Voters in Connecticut will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 151 seats are up in the House and all 36 seats are up in the Senate. The governor's race and chamber outcomes are highly competitive while the Democrats are likely to maintain control of the Office of Attorney General.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Bob Stefanowski](#)

Businessman Bob Stefanowski was not considered to be the front-runner in the Republican gubernatorial primary but he defeated his four challengers with a plurality. He self-funded his primary campaign and was able to get on the airwaves first. His campaign is shaped around cutting taxes and rebuilding the state's economy.

Stefanowski has pledged to eliminate the corporate income tax and business use tax. His plan calls for phasing out the state income tax over the next eight years. He also pledged to eliminate the state's gift and estate taxes.

Stefanowski favors zero-based budgeting to identify savings and efficiencies. He has called for more public-private partnerships particularly for infrastructure financing. He also wants to reduce staff at the State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) and revisit overall contract extension.

He supports enacting a Taxpayer Bill of Rights which includes imposing term limits for state legislators, allowing recall elections, and imposing a constitutional amendment to require a supermajority to enact any tax increase.

*Trivia: Bob Stefanowski is a [former](#) registered Democrat.*