

## Rhode Island

Voters in Rhode Island will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 75 seats are up in the state House and all 38 seats are up in the state Senate. Democrats are likely to maintain the governorship, Office of the Attorney General, and both chambers.

### Governor

#### Independent Party Nominee

#### [Joe Trillo](#)

Joe Trillo served in the state House for 16 years as a Republican and worked his way up to become the Minority Leader. Trillo also served as President Trump's Campaign Chair in the state. In 2017, he switched political parties.

Trillo is proposing a 2% cap on property taxes levied by localities. He favors implementing a sales tax holiday to match Massachusetts. He also wants to reduce taxes to try to keep folks from leaving Rhode Island.

Trillo is pledging to shrink state government and fight fraud in the state's Health and Human Services Department. He favors deregulation and is focused on helping small business flourish within the state.

He also favors eliminating state-mandated car inspections.

Trillo opposes sanctuary localities.

Trillo calls himself a "huge animal lover" and is also pledging to strengthen penalties for animal abuse.

**Trivia:** Trillo is a musician and plays the drums, saxophone, bass, keyboard, and piano.