

Pennsylvania

Voters in Pennsylvania will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 203 seats are up in the House and 25 out of 50 seats are up in the Senate. Republicans have control of the Legislature and are expected to maintain it in November.

Governor

Republican Nominee

State Senator Scott Wagner

State Senator Scott Wagner won his seat in 2013 with a write-in campaign. His campaign is focusing on job growth and economic development. Both Senator Wagner and Governor Wolf began negative ad blitzes in July.

Senator Wagner promises zero-based budgeting and is in favor of eliminating the property tax. He also has stated that he would begin deregulation by executive orders if the Legislature does not act.

He is in favor of eliminating legislators' per diem and reducing the size of the Legislature. In addition, he wants to ban former legislators from lobbying at the state level.

He has shown support of the Trump Administration's immigration policies and supports pre-emptive legislation on sanctuary cities. He has stated that if elected, he will work to <u>repeal</u> Philadelphia's soda tax.

He supports school choice and vouchers. He is in favor of teacher pension reform and implementing a retirement plan similar to a private sector's 401K for new teachers.

Senator Wagner has also <u>released</u> a proposal to tackle the opioid epidemic. He pledges to hold manufacturers accountable, implement educational prevention programs, and expand access to treatment for addicts.

Trivia: Senator Wagner started his first company at age 19.

^{*}Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.