

Florida

Voters in Florida will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 120 seats are up in the state Assembly and 20 seats are up in the state Senate. This is a battleground state for all three offices. Republicans are playing defense in the legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Ashley Moody

Ashley Moody is a former circuit court judge. She previously served in the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. Her central campaign message rests on her experience as a prosecutor and judge.

Current Attorney General Pam Bondi (R) endorsed Moody in the primary. She also received endorsements from elected sheriffs.

Moody has stated that tackling the opioid crisis would be her first priority. She has also stated that the state cannot arrest its way out of the epidemic.

She will continue the litigation that current Attorney General Pam Bondi signed onto that would dismantle the ACA. If elected, she will also continue defending the state's most recent gun control legislation against the National Rifle Association (NRA) in court.

While Moody does not support a constitutional amendment, which is on the ballot this November, that would restore felons' voting rights, she wants to <u>implement reforms</u> to streamline the current process and to implement new policies for non-violent felons.

Trivia: In 2006, at the age of 31, she became the youngest elected judge in Florida.

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