

Kentucky

Voters in Kentucky will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. Republicans will be defending the Governor's Office while Democrats will be defending the Office of the Attorney General.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Attorney General Andy Beshear](#)

Attorney General Andy Beshear (D) was first elected as the Commonwealth's Attorney General in 2015. He is the son of former Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (D). Since taking office as Kentucky's head lawyer, his office has focused on addressing the state's rape kit backlog, launching Scam Alerts (the state's first text scam warning system), arresting human traffickers, and suing opioid manufacturers and distributors.

While Attorney General Beshear is running on several core issues, he is also focusing the campaign on incumbent Governor Matt Bevin's turbulent first term that has been defined by fights with teachers and fights with the Legislature.

Attorney General Beshear [released](#) a health care plan early in the cycle and continues to campaign on protecting access while making health care in the state more affordable. He is pledging to [raise](#) teacher pay and to [eliminate](#) the gender pay gap in the state.

He is pledging to work to legalize sports betting and casinos and to use the revenue as a dedicated funding source for the state pension system.

Attorney General Beshear promises to sign an executive order that automatically restores voting rights for felons that have completed their sentences. He also believes that addicts should receive proper treatment instead of time in a jail cell.

Attorney General Beshear checks all of the Democratic Party boxes on social issues. He supports the right to unionize and opposes Right-To-Work laws. He is supportive of women's reproductive health care choices. He also supports marriage equality. Attorney General Beshear is in favor of legalizing medicinal marijuana and supports its use as an alternative to prescription opioids.

He is married with two children.

***Trivia:** He was once recognized as the nation's top consumer lawyer by Lawyer Monthly.*