

## Mississippi

Voters in Mississippi will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 122 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 52 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of both chambers. Republicans will be defending the Governor's Office while Democrats will be defending the Office of the Attorney General.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Attorney General Jim Hood](#)

Attorney General Jim Hood (D) was first elected attorney general in 2003 and won every subsequent re-election campaign. During his tenure, he has served as president of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and led several NAAG Committees.

The Hood campaign has set forth an agenda – [Pledge to Mississippi Families](#) – that focuses on education, healthcare, government reform, tax reform, and economic policies. The Hood campaign is also touting his experience as attorney general.

Attorney General Hood supports raising teacher salaries. He has pledged to invest more funds into pre-K programs over a period of four years. He has also [suggested](#) re-evaluation of some requirements for the state's teachers, such as ACT test scores. He is also in favor of expanding job training and apprenticeships. In addition, he favors tuition-free community college for qualifying students.

Attorney General Hood pledged to expand Medicaid and to keep rural hospitals afloat.

Attorney General Hood favors banning fundraising for state legislators while in session. He favors requiring all state legislators and state officials to allow the public to have access to all of their email and other correspondence under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

He is proposing a tax cut on the state's grocery tax. He also is proposing a "claw back provision" in state law – if an out of state corporation receives a tax break for promising local job creation, it can lose that tax break if those jobs are not created.

While he rarely mentions party politics, Attorney General Hood is a moderate member of the Democratic Party. He is pro-life which draws ire from the left but he is also the only Democrat who is in statewide office in Mississippi and he has won easily.

He is married with three children.

***Trivia:** During his first term, Hood prosecuted klansman Edgar Ray Killen for the infamous murders of three civil rights workers during Freedom Summer.*