

## 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

## **Republican Nominee**

Lt. Governor Tate Reeves

Lt. Governor Tate Reeves was first elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2015. His campaign in the primary, and in the general, is built on a foundation of social conservatism. His central message in the race is Mississippi values are conservative values. He is pro-life, pro-religious freedom, and pro-second amendment rights.

Lt. Governor Reeves is anti-tax and anti-big government. He has been pushing tax cuts in the Legislature over the past eight years and is touting his reputation as a fiscal hawk citing the state's largest tax cuts in 2016.

The campaign has released a <u>Ready To Work</u> plan focusing on modernizing the state's workforce. In this plan, he pledges a \$75 million investment in technical training courses and credentialing programs at community colleges.

On education policy, he supports school vouchers. His Ready To Work plan outlines a \$1.5 million investment in software development and coding classes in public K-12 schools. It also advocates a tuition cap for undergraduate students that qualify.

Lt. Governor Reeves opposes Medicaid expansion. He has pledged to keep rural hospital afloat and to fund more rural <u>physician</u> scholarships.

His campaign has also focused on federal issues and national political figures. Lt. Governor Reeves is a fervent supporter of the Trump Administration and incites the president on the trail often. He has attempted to tie his Democratic opponent to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Attorney General Eric Holder, and other prominent Democratic politicians that are not held in high esteem in the Magnolia State. His primary campaign <u>attempted</u> to tie his Republican opponent to Senator Bernie Sanders, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, and Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Lt. Governor Reeves is married with three children.

*Trivia:* At 29, Reeves was the youngest elected state Treasurer in 2003. He was also the first Republican to hold the position in Mississippi.