

Louisiana

Voters in Louisiana will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 105 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 39 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of both chambers. Democrats will be defending the Governor's Office while Republicans will be defending the Office of the Attorney General.

Governor

[Eddie Rispone \(R\)](#)

Eddie Rispone is a businessman making his first run for public office. He will take on incumbent Governor John Bel Edwards (D), Congressman Ralph Abraham (R), and six other candidates in the state's jungle primary October 12.

Rispone is a self-made businessman. He and his brother founded ISC Constructors which became one of the largest contractors in the country with annual revenues of approximately \$350 million. According to campaign finance [reporting](#), Rispone has used millions of his fortune to fund this gubernatorial campaign.

Rispone is a strong supporter of the Trump Administration. He has [hit](#) his closest Republican rival in the primary – Abraham – for missing Congressional votes and for criticizing the president during the 2016 post-Access Hollywood tape campaign.

His campaign is built on a message similar to President Trump's: a political outsider with business acumen. His [campaign ads](#) are focusing on the fact that this is his first run for office; similar to President Trump, Rispone himself has stated that he will not be beholden to special interest groups if elected.

Rispone's campaign is [ratcheting up](#) rhetoric on immigration issues. He is a staunch supporter of the border wall, and vigorously opposes amnesty for undocumented immigrants and sanctuary localities.

Rispone is against early release of prisoners and has been hitting Governor Edwards on what he categorizes as dangerous criminal justice reform policies.

Rispone checks all of the conservative values boxes. He is pro-life, pro-second amendment rights, anti-tax, and anti-government.

Rispone is married with seven children and 24 grandchildren.

***Trivia:** In 2011, Rispone became chairman of the Louisiana Federation for Children, a project of the American Federation for Children whose main purpose is to improve publicly-funded education.*