

MISSOURI

Voters in Missouri will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 163 seats in the House will be on the ballot as well as half (17) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature. This is one of three gubernatorial races that is competitive this cycle.

Governor

[State Auditor Nicole Galloway \(D\)](#)

State Auditor Nicole Galloway (D) is running to unseat Republican Governor Mike Parson. She has served as State Auditor since 2015 when she was appointed by then-Governor Jay Nixon (D). She then ran statewide and secured a full term in 2018.

Galloway is using the nature of that office as a key part of her campaign message – touting independence as her office has investigated members of both parties and uncovered more than \$350 million in wasted or stolen taxpayer money. Anti-corruption and anti-establishment themes are the bedrock of her campaign.

She has been highly critical of the Governor's response to the coronavirus pandemic. She supports a statewide mask mandate, wants to enter into a regional partnership to combine purchasing power to acquire more tests, and implement state guidelines for school reopenings.

She has released [proposals](#) to rebuild and recover including emergency relief funding for county governments, state-provided wage replacement for workers without paid leave coverage, and reorganizing the Department of Economic Development to include a Department of Minority Business.

Galloway has released multiple [healthcare](#) proposals. She wants to allow employers to pool together to negotiate with providers and establish an All-Payer Claims Database in attempts to reduce costs.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Galloway has raised a similar amount as the Governor – just over \$3.4 million. She and the Governor were scheduled to debate but as of this publication it has been postponed due to the Governor's COVID-19 diagnosis.

Trivia: Galloway is a self-described math nerd.