

WEST VIRGINIA

Voters in West Virginia will elect a Governor and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (17) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Governor Jim Justice \(R\)](#)

Governor Jim Justice (R) is seeking his second term while running as a Republican for the first time. The Governor famously switched parties months into his first term. During the Republican primary, he often highlighted his endorsement from President Trump and features him prominently on his website. He is a successful businessman and the wealthiest person in West Virginia.

Governor Justice, like most of his fellow executives on the ballot, was focused on his state's response and recovery to COVID-19 rather than his re-election campaign for most of this year. He has issued a statewide facemask mandate.

The Governor's campaign message is based on a foundation of strong, conservative leadership while focusing on economic recovery and job growth. The Governor is also campaigning on his achievements in his first term including [signing](#) legislation to give teachers a 10% raise and cutting state income tax on military retirement tax and social security. He has touted his Roads to Prosperity Program which has invested nearly \$2 billion for construction and maintenance of highways and roads.

His campaign material describes the Governor as "staunchly pro-life" while holding other traditional conservative values. He also pledges to prevent the establishment of sanctuary cities in West Virginia.

The Justice campaign has [already invested](#) over \$1 million in television ads while spending over \$2.4 million this cycle. He will [debate](#) his opponent, Democrat Ben Salango, on October 13.

Trivia: *The Greenbrier – a luxury resort – is owned by a subsidiary of Governor Justice's company and has a massive underground bunker that was built during the Cold War to be used as emergency shelter for the United States Congress.*