

NORTH DAKOTA

Voters in North Dakota will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor this cycle. Forty-six (46) House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (23) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Shelley Lenz \(D\)](#)

Shelley Lenz (D) is a veterinarian and businesswoman running to unseat Republican Governor Doug Burgum. She has released a platform entitled [Homegrown Prosperity](#) and has been highly critical of the Governor's limited-government response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Lenz is advocating for public-private partnerships in the state to generate economic security. She supports decarbonizing electricity production. Lenz wants to see the state invest more in infrastructure including a significant increase in funding for highways and roads.

She supports Country of Origin Labeling for meat products and Truth in Labeling for all food. She also supports establishing additional state support for crop and pasture enhancement, promoting soil health, and conservation.

Lenz would like to develop a North Dakota Health Insurance Co-op as an option for all North Dakotans to be able to access health insurance and decrease health costs.

She believes the state's teachers should be paid competitively compared to other states in the Midwest. She supports expanding the Head Start program.

According to the most recent campaign finance filings, Lenz had [raised](#) north of \$296,000. She is scheduled to [debate](#) Governor Burgum and the state's third party candidate on October 21.

***Trivia:** Lenz lives on land that her great-grandparents homesteaded.*