

## ARKANSAS

Voters in Arkansas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all half (18) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the legislature.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

[Chris Jones \(D\)](#)

Chris Jones is competing in an uphill battle for the Governor's seat in Arkansas, looking to turn the seat blue after seven years of Republican rule. In what he's calling his "PB&J" agenda—preschool, broadband and jobs—Jones is placing infrastructure and broadband front and center on the campaign trail, hoping to connect to many voters in rural areas who do not have access to internet or quality roads.

Jones, the underdog in the race, has approached his campaign by using a door-to-door public outreach formula. In what he has coined [as Jones' Walk A Mile In Your Shoes](#) tour, the Democratic candidate will be taking one mile walks throughout all of the states' 75 counties in an effort to connect more directly with the community. Jones says that this type of campaigning is what he [believes](#) what can help him win over his Republican opponent, who enjoys name recognition and the support of former President Donald Trump.

He is focused in on extending access to broadband in rural areas in his campaign platform, with the [promise](#) to incentivize service providers to expand broadband access. Arkansas is set to receive \$100 million from the infrastructure bill towards broad infrastructure improvement process. Jones [emphasizes](#) this funding as an opportunity to rise above partisan politics.

Jones has focused on the education in Arkansas throughout his campaign and plans to aim for higher access to affordable preschool to increase education levels in the state. His [plans](#) include reallocating funding to preschool subsidy programs and extend the reach of federal grant dollars in early childcare.

Jones [raised](#) \$1.915 million in contributions and spent \$1.911 million in the primary election, including a transfer of \$69,431 to his general election account, according to his latest campaign finance report.

*Trivia: Chris Jones wears many different hats, which include a nuclear engineer, a Ph.D. in urban planning, and an ordained minister.*