

PENNSYLVANIA

Voters in Pennsylvania will elect a Governor and Lieutenant Governor this cycle. All 203 House seats will be on the ballot, as well as half of the Senate seats (25). Democrats are likely to maintain control of the Governorship and Lieutenant Governorship this cycle. The gubernatorial race is expected to be competitive. Republicans are likely to maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[State Senator Doug Mastriano](#)

First-term state Senator Doug Mastriano (R) is seeking to replace term-limited Governor Tom Wolf (D) this cycle. Mastriano served in the United States Navy for 30 years, achieving the rank of Colonel. He defeated eight Republican challengers during the primary after securing a late endorsement from former President Donald Trump just days before the election.

Mastriano is touting his record of combating COVID-19 mitigation measures during the height of the pandemic. He, like many of his staunchly conservative counterparts across the country, has been highly [critical](#) of all local, state, and federal mandates: His top campaign issues are eliminating any remaining COVID-19 mitigation measures, increasing school choice, bolstering second amendment rights, cutting property taxes, and implementing a state abortion ban.

Education is another large tenant of Mastriano's campaign. In January, he introduced Pennsylvania SB 966, which outlines a Parental Bill of Rights. This bill would allow parents to review curriculum and opt their child out of curriculum that they find objectionable or harmful. He has pledged to make this bill of rights a priority should he be elected. He has also pledged to ban critical race and gender theories in schools across the state.

Mastriano continues to support disproven allegations of voter fraud during the 2020 Presidential election. If elected, he plans to end contracts with voting machine companies he deems "compromised," to work with the legislature to eliminate ballot drop boxes, and to appoint a Secretary of State that subscribes to similar ideology regarding election integrity.

Due to his involvement in the January 6 U.S. Capitol riot, Mastriano's campaign has been controversial among establishment Republicans – with many refusing to endorse him.

Mastriano's campaign is underfunded when compared to that of his opponent, Josh Shapiro who has raised [almost \\$20 million more](#). Despite this, Mastriano was only [eight points](#) behind Shapiro as of August 2.

Trivia: Mastriano has a Ph.D. in History and four master's degrees in Strategy, Strategic Intelligence, Military Operations, and Airpower.