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Voters in Texas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (15) the Senate seats. The gubernatorial and attorney general races are expected to be competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

[Attorney General Ken Paxton \(R\)](#)

Attorney General Ken Paxton (R) was first sworn in as attorney general in 2014, replacing now Governor Greg Abbot (R). Prior to his position as the chief law enforcement officer, he served in the Texas House of Representatives, representing District 70 for 10 years and was a member of the Texas State Senate for two years.

In his most recent term, he [focused](#) on opposing mask mandates in Texas schools and suing the Biden administration over immigration policy. To date, Paxton has filed 11 immigration-related lawsuits against the administration.

Paxton is [advertising](#) his conservative pro-life views on the campaign trail and has a lengthy resume of court cases related to the issue. In early July 2022, Paxton [sued](#) the Biden administration over the federal law that allows emergency rooms to perform an abortion to save a mother's life, stating that the law was an infringement on the tenth amendment.

Another achievement he highlights within his campaign was court cases in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. As attorney general, Paxton sued companies that engaged in price gouging in the state following the hurricane.

Paxton, on the cusp of winning reelection, is facing possible court battles in his personal and professional life. He has yet to receive a court date after being [indicted](#) on securities fraud charges in 2015 and it is unclear when a trial would occur. He is also facing accusations from his top deputies on bribery and other crimes, which launched an FBI investigation into his actions. The FBI has not announced any charges brought against Paxton at this time.

His campaign [registered](#) a fundraising sum of \$340,000 in the last reporting period, bringing his cash on hand up to \$3.4 million.

Trivia: Paxton is a Houston Astros fan and has even thrown out the first pitch at one of the games.