

ILLINOIS

Voters in Illinois will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 118 House seats will be on the ballot as well as Half (39) of the Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the legislature.

Attorney General Democratic Nominee

Attorney General Kwame Raoul (D)

Attorney General Kwame Raoul (D) is running for reelection this November. He is a former member of the Illinois State Senate, representing District 13 from 2004 to 2019 and a Chicago native.

Raoul is putting reproductive healthcare on the forefront of his campaign. Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn precent set by Roe v. Wade, Raoul joined a coalition of 22 attorneys general in a statement that reaffirmed the commitment to providing abortion access. Raoul has been <u>vocal</u> on his campaign social media platforms about his promise to keep the state's current protections for abortion rights. He also supports expanding Medicaid to cover birth control and mammograms.

Like many of his fellow candidates in Illinois, tackling gun violence and rising crime rates are high on the priority list for his office if reelected. While in office, Raoul created the Organized Retail Crime Task force to investigate and prosecute the criminal organizers behind smash-and-grab crimes. He supports stronger federal regulations of ghost guns and has sued to revoke the licenses of rogue gun makers.

At the end of Q2, Raoul reported having \$1.1 million left to spend for his campaign.

Trivia: Raoul was initially appointed to fill the seat in the Illinois Senate after the seat was vacated by Barack Obama when he was elected to the U.S. Senate.