

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.

Attorney General Democratic Nominee

Jesse Gibson

Jesse Gibson (D) is an attorney and President of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association. He announced his candidacy for Attorney General in May of 2021, and ran opposed this May's primary. Running on a <u>platform</u> of anti-corruption, Gibson has repeatedly declared himself as a small-town candidate, and not a "creature of Washington" or career politician.

When asked what the most pressing issue facing his constituents was, Gibson <u>answered</u> that Arkansans have watched crime skyrocket, and that if elected, would be an attorney general who's hard on crime.

Another big-ticket item for Gibson in his campaign is voting rights. He has been critical of social media companies stating that misinformation has been harmful to the citizens of Arkansas, and has <u>promised</u> to hold those companies accountable for the spread of misinformation about COVID-19.

Other items on his <u>platform</u> include fighting human trafficking, curtailing recidivism in prison, and reform sentencing and the parole system. Gibson, who is in support of the construction of a new prison, wants to take a closer look at the educational and assimilation programs that are currently in place, to avoid the further expansions of prisons as a solution.

Trivia: Gibson owns a cat named Charley, who recently celebrated his 18th birthday.