

## IDAHO

Voters in Idaho will elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General this cycle. All 70 House seats will be on the ballot, as all 35 Senate seats. Republicans will maintain control of both executive offices and legislative chambers.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

[Stephen Heidt](#)

Stephen Heidt was an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher within the state's Department of Corrections: He recently resigned from this position to run for governor. He is a 4th generation Idahoan. Heidt [ran](#) for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate as a Republican in Utah and then Washington in 1986, 1990, and 1994. He was unsuccessful in these bids.

Heidt has pledged to strengthen the state's public education system and has committed to competitive compensation for teachers and their right to bargain and organize collectively.

He has proposed decriminalization of cannabis. Heidt believes the penalty for its improper use should be level equivalent to that of a traffic violation.

Heidt supports a property tax cut for every single Idaho residential homeowner and has critiqued the state's 2016 decision to shift property taxes from commercial landowners to Idaho homeowners.

He has opposed efforts to privatize the state's public lands. He believes they are a key economic driver of the state and has vowed to protect them if elected.

Over the last two months, Heidt has urged the Governor to delay implementation of the recently enacted "trigger law" and has [criticized](#) the state's decision to criminalize the act of performing an abortion.

*Trivia: Heidt and his family are all either bilingual or multilingual.*