

SOUTH DAKOTA

Voters in South Dakota will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor this cycle. All 70 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 35 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office as well as the Legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

[Marty J. Jackley](#)

Marty Jackley (R) was the Attorney General of South Dakota from 2009-2019. He was initially appointed to the position by former Governor Mike Rounds (R) and was elected to a full term in 2010 and again in 2014. He ran for Governor of South Dakota in 2018 but lost in the primary to Governor Kristi Noem (R). This year he is running unopposed to occupy the Attorney General's office.

In addition to serving as South Dakota's Attorney General, he was a U.S. Attorney for South Dakota, Jones County State's Attorney, and a Special prosecutor for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. He was also the Chairman of the National Association of Attorneys General.

Jackley was one of 13 Attorneys General who initiated a [lawsuit](#) that challenged the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010. Their lawsuit argued that the law exceeded the power of Congress to regulate commerce in its individual healthcare mandate and violated state sovereignty through its provision for Medicaid expansion. The lawsuit was heard before the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld the individual mandate but struck down the Medicaid expansion.

He has been [endorsed](#) by 63 out of the 66 sheriffs in South Dakota, as well as by 59 county state's attorneys.

Trivia: Jackley holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.