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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

Republican Nominee

[Governor Brad Little \(R\)](#)

Governor Brad Little (R) is seeking a second term this fall. He started his political career as a state senator and was appointed to serve as Lieutenant Governor in 2009 by former Governor Butch Otter (R). He served two consecutive terms as Lieutenant Governor before launching his bid for Governor in the 2018 election, which he won by over 20 points.

Little is running on the promise to continue the work he started during his first term in office. He is leveraging his record of reducing regulation, providing tax relief, and pushing back on the Biden administration as a foundation to build credibility with his base. His primary campaign issues are public education, tax cuts, transportation and infrastructure investments, and the state's economy.

One of the biggest accomplishments Little is touting on the campaign trail is the \$1.38 billion budget surplus that was finalized at the end of the 2022 fiscal year. This was a [record](#) surplus for the state, and Little has pledged to provide additional tax relief, and invest the money in schools and infrastructure in the coming year.

Little [proposed](#) an 11% increase to the K-12 education budget in January, and it was approved by the legislature this session. He also signed a bill in March, which added over \$46 million to the state's literacy program. On the campaign trail, he promised to continue making investments in teacher salaries, and support behavioral health throughout the state which he believes will help special needs classrooms.

The [Cook Political Report](#) has rated Idaho as solidly Republican for the Governor's race this cycle.

Trivia: Brad Little is a third-generation rancher.