

## TEXAS

Voters in Texas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (15) the Senate seats. The gubernatorial and attorney general races are expected to be competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

[Governor Greg Abbott](#)

Governor Greg Abbott (R) is seeking a third term as head of state. Prior to the governor's office, Abbott served as the attorney general from 2015 to 2011 and as a member of the Texas Supreme Court from 1996 to 2001.

He launched his campaign for re-election with a focus on support for law enforcement and border security. During his announcement [address](#), he highlighted his work along the southern border which included the deployment of thousands of National Guard troops to the border and the construction Texas' own border wall.

Abbott has released his "[We the People Plan](#)" which details 15 recommendations he would support as Governor, including passing a law to prohibit the enforcement of the Affordable Care Act in the state and allowing concealed handgun license holders to openly carry at institutions of higher education. The plan also calls for the prohibition of data resale and the passage of legislation to recognize individual's property right to DNA.

Abbott has released his "[Working Texans Plan](#)" which details additional policies he supports including amending the Texas Constitution to grant the governor line-item reduction veto authority in the budget.

The Governor faced off with the Biden administration frequently within his last term over environmental policies and immigration policy. More recently, Abbott [sent](#) busloads of migrants and asylum-seekers to Washington, D.C and temporarily held up trucking at the border in response to the administration's immigration policy. Abbott also [signed](#) an executive order in 2021 that directed state agencies to challenge any federal overreach in the gas and oil industry in Texas.

He has been enjoying the support from former President Donald Trump, who is hailing his policies towards border security and gun rights. The endorsement in 2021 gave him an early stamp of approval as Abbott faced a competitive primary with candidates who had been portrayed as close allies to Trump.

At the end of Q2, the Abbott campaign boasted nearly [\\$46 million](#) cash on hand after collecting more than \$24.9 million in the latest reporting period from February to June.

*Trivia: In his role as Texas Attorney General, Abbott sued the Obama Administration 27 times.*