

ARIZONA

Voters in Arizona this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 30 seats in the State Senate are on the ballot as well as all 60 seats in the State House. All executive level races are expected to be competitive. Republicans have an edge in legislative contests.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Katie Hobbs](#)

Katie Hobbs (D) currently serves as the Arizona Secretary of State, a position she has held since 2019. Hobbs was the State Senate minority leader from 2015 to 2019 and served in the Arizona State House from 2011 to 2013. Prior to being elected to the state legislature, she [worked](#) in the areas of domestic violence, behavioral health, and homelessness. Hobbs is hoping to flip the governor's office in what is rated by the Cook Political Report as the only red-to-blue toss-up in the country.

If elected, she intends to roll out a [plan](#) to address the water crisis, preserve natural resources, and build a clean energy economy. Hobbs also [hopes](#) to pass comprehensive immigration reform that will secure the border while simultaneously giving DREAMers a path to citizenship.

She plans to [improve](#) Arizona's state government by cutting red tape, eliminating wasteful spending, and embracing long-term goals. Hobbs will push for more purchasing contracts to go to Arizona businesses. She also plans to improve the Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting which she believes has gone underutilized.

She [outlines](#) plans to making state government more inclusive by recruiting underrepresented community members. She pledges to ensure communities of color have access to economic opportunity by expanding access to capital for minority-owned businesses and building a pipeline to make STEM jobs more accessible.

She would also [aim](#) to increase educators' salaries, expand the number of school counselors and social workers, promote mentorship programs, and invest in STEM educators.

Hobbs [plans](#) to implement policies to address price gouging, regulate prescription drug prices, and prosecute fraud.

She additionally wants to work with the state legislature to allow [tribal](#) nations to keep a portion of state transaction privilege taxes generated on their land. Hobbs would also like to see increased access to capital for tribal communities to tap into for startups and minority-owned businesses.

She has declined to debate Kari Lake in the weeks leading up to the election. She has [reportedly](#) raised over \$5 million in funding for her campaign.

Trivia: Hobbs has been a professional social worker since 1992.