

## **KANSAS**

Voters in Kansas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 125 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 100 Senate seats. The gubernatorial race is considered to be a toss-up. The Office of Attorney General is an open seat. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

## Attorney General Republican Nominee

Kris Kobach

Kris Kobach (R) is a former constitutional law professor and a former Kansas Secretary of State who served eight years in the position. Kobach was also a member of Donald Trump's presidential transition team, <u>serving</u> as an immigration advisor. Kobach was the Republican nominee in the 2018 gubernatorial race, eventually losing to current Governor Laura Kelly (D).

If elected, Kobach will create a special litigation unit within the Attorney General office. The unit will be tasked with suing the Biden administration to defend Kansans' constitutional rights. As a private attorney, Kobach has an <u>extensive history</u> of facing off with the Biden administration in court. He is currently engaged in three federal lawsuits against the administration related to vaccines, border security, and COVID-19 policies. In his campaign announcement in 2021, he <u>emphasized</u> that attorneys general are the last line of defense against unconstitutional overreach by the Biden administration.

He announced a 5-point plan which includes initiatives to restore Kansas's pro-life laws, strengthen Kansas's protections against consumer fraud, and eliminate conceal and carry registration fees.

At the end of July, Kobach <u>reported</u> over \$200,000 in contributions since the beginning of the year and \$255,000 cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.

Trivia: Kobach has published two books: The Referendum: Direct Democracy in Switzerland and Political Capital: The Motives, Tactics, and Goals of Politicized Businesses in South Africa.