

TENNESSEE

Voters in Tennessee will elect a Governor this cycle. The Lt. Governor will be selected by the Senate and the Attorney General is selected by the State Supreme Court. All 99 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (17) of the Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Bill Lee

Governor Bill Lee (R) is likely to secure a second term as head of state. Before his election as governor, Lee acted as a representative for the [7th Congressional District](#) to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and as a member of the Board of Trustees at Belmont University.

He is [running](#) on his first term achievements including the creation of an Education Savings Account and enhancing civics education. He recently released a set of key actions his administration has taken to [enhance school safety](#), including re-training for more than 600 school resource officers. Lee also says that he will continue to prioritize unannounced checks to schools to confirm doors are locked and precautions are in place.

Lee was joined by former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam (R) in campaign advertisements, where they [hailed](#) their support of passing Amendment 1 come November, which will enshrine right to work in the state constitution. This would make it illegal for workplaces to require mandatory labor union membership for employees as a condition for employment.

Lee navigated a first term marked by a global pandemic and drew some [backlash](#) from conservative circles for the early economic shutdowns. Ultimately, he opposed a statewide mask mandate and defended those who refuse the vaccine.

An endorsement by former President Donald Trump (R) helped to [ease](#) these attacks on Lee and gave a boost to the governor's re-election efforts.

At the end of the July reporting period, Lee had over [\\$4.3 million](#) left on hand.

Trivia: Lee is a seventh-generation Tennessean.