

## WISCONSIN

Voters in Wisconsin this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 33 seats in the State Senate and all 99 seats in the State House will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial and attorney general contests are expected to be competitive. Republicans anticipate maintaining control of the legislature.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Tim Michels](#)

Tim Michels (R) spent 12 years in the U.S. Army and is co-owner of the Michels Corporation, a construction company. He messages himself as an outsider—a businessman, not a politician.

Michels has pledged that if he is elected, his focus will be on the state's economy and job creation. He has issued a [plan](#) aiming to improve Wisconsin's economy by reducing corporate and individual income taxes, eliminating the personal property tax, incentivizing students to pursue opportunities in high-demand fields, and increasing investments in vocational technical training. He'd also like to overhaul and streamline the state's occupational licensing laws.

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Michels [hopes](#) to put measures in place to impose greater transparency and reporting requirements for political campaigns. He would establish a 2-year lobbying ban for all former state legislators and cabinet officials.

He [proposes](#) education reforms that include a Parents' Bill of Rights, setting higher standards for literacy, promoting career technical education, expanding apprenticeship opportunities, and moving schoolboard elections to align with other state elections in the fall.

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He calls for criminal justice [reform](#) that includes harsher sentencing and more police presence in high-crime areas. Michels [hopes](#) to incentivize the hiring of more officers and to create new mandatory minimum penalties for felons possessing firearms. He additionally supports creating a special counsel with authorization to bring personal civil actions against those who have participated in riot activity.

*Trivia: Michels and his wife Barbara are active philanthropists and have [donated](#) \$15 million to cancer research at the Medical College of Wisconsin.*