

## 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.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

[Attorney General Derek Schmidt](#)

Attorney General Derek Schmidt (R) is running for Governor after a lengthy career in public office. Schmidt has served as Kansas' chief law enforcement officer since 2011. Prior to this position, he represented District 15 in the Kansas State Senate for a decade, serving as Senate Majority Leader for six of those years. Schmidt announced his "[First 100 days](#)" plan which includes specific actions he pledges to take if elected to the position. Key elements include affordability, education, public safety, and the economy.

Schmidt is proposing a Retire Tax Free plan that would encourage more Kansans to retire in the state by exempting pensions, Social Security, and dedicated retirement distributions from state income tax.

Education reforms in the plan consist of enacting the Fairness in Women's Sports Act prohibiting people assigned male at birth from competing against people assigned female at birth in school sports. He hopes to create a safety school plan that would increase the number of School Resource Officers and expand mental health intervention teams.

He [plans](#) to eliminate the sales tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products once in office and has cited inflation as the reason behind the launch of this plan.

In the primary election, Kansans voted to reject an amendment that would have removed the right to abortion from the state's constitution. Schmidt [has stated](#) that he would respect the vote and instead prioritize laws already on the books.

While Schmidt and Governor Laura Kelly (D) have agreed to two debates, Schmidt has [proposed](#) an additional three one-on-one debates with the governor. At this time Kelly has declined these debate offers.

Over a six-month period this year, Schmidt [brought](#) in \$700,000 and spent around \$500,000. Although he has spent less than his opponent, he has slightly more cash on hand with close to \$1.5 banked.

*Trivia: A Kansas University alum, Schmidt can often be found at the KU basketball games cheering on the Jayhawks.*