

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Voters in New Hampshire will elect a governor this cycle. All 400 House seats are on the ballot as well as all 24 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office and the legislature. The attorney general is appointed by the governor.

## Governor

## **Democratic Nominee**

State Senator Tom Sherman

State Senator Tom Sherman (D) currently represents District 24, which includes Hampton, Rye, and Stratham. Sherman is a doctor: He founded a multi-physician medical practice and served as medical staff president at a hospital. Sherman has served in the State Senate for the last four years and is a former member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, representing Rockingham 24 from 2012 to 2016.

His campaign features a mix of accomplishments from his time in the State Senate as well as <u>priorities</u> for the Governor's Office, including lowering the cost of childcare, expanding access to mental health care, and investing in measures to lower long-term energy costs.

He has released a comprehensive <u>housing plan</u>, which lays out initiatives he would take on to address the state's housing crisis. He proposed doubling the funding for the Job Training Program to fill the shortage of contractors, plumbers, electricians, and carpenters, and doubling the \$5 million annual allocation for the Affordable Housing Fund to \$10 million.

Sherman has been critical of Governor Sununu's actions surrounding abortion access. The state recently enacted a ban on the procedure after 24 weeks of pregnancy. Sherman hopes to repeal this law if elected.

In the State Senate, Sherman led the efforts to increase access to telemedicine, helped to create the state's Prescription Drug Affordability Board, and was a negotiator for the bipartisan Medicaid expansion legislation. He has vowed to use this experience to provide leadership in addressing substance use disorders and the opioid crisis.

Although he has been trailing in the polls, Sherman has been able to keep up in terms of funding. Since the start of the campaign season, he has <u>raised</u> \$1.18 million.

While there is no debate scheduled between Sherman and Sununu, the two candidates have participated in town halls together to deliver their respective policy platforms.

Trivia: Sherman had his start in the medical world as an EMT in high school.