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Voters in Louisiana will elect a governor, Lt. governor, and attorney general this cycle. All 105 house seats will be on the ballot as well as all 39 senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature and the Office of the Attorney General. The open seat gubernatorial race is considered competitive as current Democratic Governor John Bel Edwards is termed out.

Governor

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Attorney General Jeff Landry (R) is running for governor at the conclusion of his second term as attorney general. Landry previously served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011 to 2012, but lost his reelection bid to fellow incumbent Charles Boustany Jr. (R).

During his tenure in Congress, Landry was known as a staunch supporter for the natural gas industry, making national headlines when he held up a sign saying “drilling = jobs” during President Obama’s national jobs plan speech in September 2011.

Since assuming the position of attorney general in 2016, Landry has clashed on several occasions with Governor Edwards. Soon after taking office, Landry became embroiled in a dispute with Edwards over a lawsuit regarding the Common Core State Standards Initiative. In 2017, Landry filed suit against Edwards disputing the freezing of \$4 million in an escrow fund obtained from a pharmaceutical settlement. Landry accused the governor of “playing petty politics” and “jeopardizing the operations of the Louisiana Department of Justice.”

In 2021, Landry sued the federal government for a requirement that health care workers be vaccinated against COVID-19, calling it an “unconstitutional and immoral attack”. A Louisiana U.S. district judge ruled in favor of Landry and blocked the vaccine mandate.

In 2018, Landry was elected for a one-year term as the president of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). During his tenure, members of NAAG urged Congress to support the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act, which would permit marijuana related businesses to make full use of the banking system.

Landry declined to attend several election events with other candidates over the summer, including the first debate, stating he was concerned Republican candidates would not be treated fairly.

Trivia: Landry earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisiana Fayetteville in environmental and sustainable resources with a minor in biology.