

## MONTANA

Voters in Montana this year will elect a governor, Lt. governor, and attorney general. Half (25) of 50 seats in the state senate will be up for reelection. All 100 seats in the state house will be up for reelection as well. Republicans are expected to maintain total control of the state.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Ryan Busse](#)

Ryan Busse (D) defeated Jim Hunt (D) in the primary election for the Democratic Party's nomination for governor. Busse, who is seeking his first position in public office, spent over 25 years as an firearms executive who helped build a renowned gun company.

Busse is an **environmental advocate** who served in many leadership roles for conservation organizations, including as an advisor for the United States Senate Sportsmen's Caucus and the Biden presidential campaign. If elected, Busse [pledges](#) to prioritize **climate**, environmental, **education** issues, and more.

Busse is **opposed to any effort to limit access, to privatize or sell public lands**, or to transfer management of federal public lands to states. Busse **supports organized labor** and opposes right to work policy.

The race is currently rated Safe Republican, with the GOP nearly certain to maintain control of the legislature and executive offices.

*Trivia: Busse was nominated multiple times by industry colleagues for the prestigious Shooting Industry Person of The Year Award.*