



## DELAWARE

Voters in the blue hen state will select a new governor in 2024. All 41 seats in the state house and 10 of the 21 seats in the state senate will also be on the ballot. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the governor's office and the legislature.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### State Representative Michael Ramone

Michael Ramone (R) has served in the Delaware House of Representatives since 2008. He is currently the House Minority Leader. Outside of the legislature, Ramone is a businessman and entrepreneur. Ramone has served as co-chair of The Small Business Caucus and The Kid's Caucus.

Ramone plans to address **education** by increasing performance-based incentives for teachers; re-establishing enhanced educational environments for challenged students; expanding access to **voucher** programs for all families; eliminating Common Core Curriculum; protecting teacher retirement benefits; and reconfiguring schools to ensure more money flows into the classroom. Ramone plans to incentivize **higher education** to expand into fields like BioTech and FinTech.

His plans for Delaware's **economy** include expanding **tax** credits for minority entrepreneurs; eliminating the gross receipts tax over a five-year period; simplifying the state tax code by reducing seven tax brackets to three; implementing zero-based budgeting requirements for government agencies; increasing the senior property tax credit; and rolling the real estate transfer tax from 4% back to 3%.

To improve **public safety**, Ramone plans to create a violent crime task force; increase the resources available to police; promote rehabilitative justice to address the opioid crisis; and improve highway safety.

Ramone's **healthcare** plans include expanding benefits for veterans; increasing access to mental health resources; protecting women's reproductive health; educating Delawareans on healthy living; and encouraging healthcare professionals to stay in Delaware.

He intends to address **housing affordability** by reducing regulatory hurdles; expediting the construction of affordable housing; coordinating between the state, counties, and municipalities to create equity through a consistent regulatory framework; streamlining the development of new homes and apartments through initiatives such as smart growth and Ready in 6; and partnering with nonprofits to address homelessness.

*Trivia: Ramone began his career as a flower shop owner at 20.*