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Idaho residents will head to the polls in November to elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 35 state senate seats and all 70 state house seats are also on the ballot. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and the state legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Brad Little

Brad Little was first elected in 2018 and is seeking a third consecutive term in office. Little began his career in the Idaho Senate serving four consecutive terms eventually rising in Republican leadership to the Majority Caucus Chair. In 2008, he was elected lieutenant governor.

In early 2026, Little launched his ENDURING Idaho plan designed to further improve the state's financial position, increase funding for **public schools**, invest in **water** infrastructure, strengthen the **workforce**, and improve **rural healthcare** access. This plan will likely serve as a blueprint if elected to a third term.

Throughout his time in office, Little has prioritized **education** and **workforce development**. Little has touted historic investments in public education, citing increased teacher pay and literacy funding. He created the Idaho LAUNCH program to provide recent high school graduates seeking in-demand careers with grants that cover up to 80% of tuition or fees for universities, community colleges, career technical, and workforce training. The Trump administration has used the LAUNCH Program as a national model for establishing America's Talent Strategy Plan.

Little has also highlighted his efforts to eliminate the state's regulations stating that he has cut or simplified 95% of them. His five-year **Zero-Based Regulation initiative** resulted in the state's administrative code going from 736 chapters to 381 rule chapters. In 2023, the legislature voted to make the Zero-Based Regulation initiative permanent, requiring agencies to undergo a review of their chapters every eight years, beginning in 2026. Little has said he will continue to focus on streamlining opportunities in other listed rule chapters.

Little is a staunch supporter of President Trump. During Little's 2026 State of the State Address, Little praised Trump for bringing "a renewed focus on strength and accountability" back to the federal government.

The Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball rate this race as **Safe Republican**.

Trivia: After emigrating to Idaho in 1894, Little's grandfather started and grew the Little family ranch into one of the most well-known sheep operations in the country. Little grew up working and hunting on the ranch.