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Iowans will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer in November. All 100 house seats and 25 out of the 50 senate seats will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial race is considered competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the AG office, treasurer's office, and the legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Brenna Bird

Attorney General Bird is seeking her second term in office after running unopposed in the Republican primary. Her name had been floated as a potential gubernatorial candidate following Governor Reynolds's announcement that she would not seek a third term, but Bird ultimately chose to run for reelection.

Bird's 2022 election marked the first time a Republican had held the office since 1979. Before taking office in January 2023, she served as a prosecutor for six years, first as Fremont County Attorney, then as Guthrie County Attorney beginning in 2018. She also previously served as counsel to former Governor Terry Branstad (R), where she worked to challenge EPA regulations she framed as harmful to Iowa farmers.

Her reelection campaign highlights a range of **accomplishments** from her first term, including efforts to defend state authority against federal overreach, support for state and local law enforcement, and measures to combat fentanyl trafficking through increased drug penalties. She has also emphasized work on human trafficking, child safety on social media platforms, and improvements to the criminal justice functions of the office.

Among the initiatives she has pointed to are securing additional funding to hire criminal prosecutors and establishing a **Cold Case Unit** in partnership with local law enforcement, both of which were campaign commitments from her 2022 run.

As of the end of May, Bird reported more than \$3.8 million cash on hand, including over \$1.4 million in contributions from the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) Action Fund. That represents a substantial financial advantage over Democratic opponent Nate Willems, who reported \$856,000 on hand over the same period.

Trivia: Bird was born and raised on an Iowa farm where she was homeschooled.