

ALABAMA

Voters in Alabama will select a new governor this year following term-limited Governor Kay Ivey's (R) exit from office. Voters will also choose a lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 105 house seats will be on the ballot as well as all 35 senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Doug Jones

Former senator Doug Jones (D) represented Alabama in the U.S. Senate from 2018 to 2021, having won a special election on December 12, 2017, against former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore (R). Earlier in his career, President Bill Clinton (D) appointed him U.S. Attorney, a role he held from 1997 to 2001. He also practiced law in the private sector. Jones is now running for governor on a platform centered on **affordability**, job creation, health care expansion, and housing.

Jones has proposed **suspending the state gas tax** during price spikes, fully **eliminating the grocery tax**, **raising the minimum wage**, and **renewing the "no tax on overtime" law**.

Jones has vowed to enact a state **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, strengthen **apprenticeship** incentives, **reform occupational licensing rules**, and invest in workforce development through expanded health care access.

Jones has identified **healthcare** as a top priority, outlining plans to expand Medicaid, strengthen mental health and addiction treatment, reduce uncompensated care, and protect rural health services.

Jones has also made the **creation of a state lottery** a central campaign issue, arguing that Alabama's lack of one sends revenue to neighboring states such as Georgia and Florida. He contends that lottery proceeds could help close funding gaps in education and infrastructure and has said he would put the measure before voters, including decisions about how the revenue would be allocated.

Jones faces a difficult path to victory. A poll conducted in November 2025 showed him trailing Republican incumbent U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville by 19 points; Tuberville previously defeated Jones in the 2020 Senate race. Jones is also at a substantial fundraising disadvantage, with Tuberville reporting over \$9.3 million cash on hand compared to Jones' \$1.2 million at the end of May.

Both the Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball rate the race as solid Republican.

Trivia: Doug Jones was the first Democrat to win a U.S. Senate seat in Alabama since 1992.