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Voters will head to the polls to select a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and comptroller. Governor Greg Abbott (R) is expected to secure a historic fourth consecutive term in office. All 150 house seats and 16 out of 31 senate seats are also up for election. Republicans are expected to main control of all executive offices and the house and senate.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Greg Abbott

Governor Greg Abbott has been in office since 2015. Prior to his time in office, Abbott served as attorney general from 2002 to 2015. In 1996, he was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court by then Governor George W. Bush (R), serving in this role from 1996 to 2004. Abbott plans to build upon his record and frames himself as a strong conservative leader. He wants his fourth term focused on **job growth, economic opportunities, and protection of individual liberties**. Abbott touts that under his leadership, the state has added 2.5 million jobs. This past legislative session, he cites raising the business personal property tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$125,000. He also created the **Texas “DOGE,”** or Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office to increase efficiency in state government.

In office, Abbott has been vocal on **immigration** issues, working to secure state boarders and mandating that Texas counties fully cooperate with ICE. In 2021, he launched Operation Lone Star which invested \$11 billion in border security efforts. He stated that Texas is on track to receive a reimbursement from the federal government for these costs.

On **education**, Abbott has worked to expand career and technical education programs and increase teacher pay. In 2025, he signed legislation to provide an addition \$153 million to career and technical education programs. This same session, he expanded the merit program, stating that the program’s goal was to put teachers on the path of earning \$100,000 or more a year. Abbott has also been a strong proponent of school choice. In 2025, he signed legislation investing \$1 billion for “Education Freedom Accounts,” enacting the first universal school choice program in the state.

Abbott supports an **all-of-the-above energy approach**. In 2025, he signed legislation creating the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office and the nuclear energy workforce development program to advance Texas’ position in the US nuclear renaissance. Abbott stated he is working on “bottom-line expectations” to protect residents amid concerns over the impact of data center growth on water supply and electricity rates.

Abbott will face Democratic contender Gina Hinojosa in a general election race both the Cook Political Report and Sabato’s Crystal Ball have labeled as Safe Republican.

Trivia: Greg Abbott owns three golden retrievers named Peaches, Pancake, and Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit.