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Voters in Maine will head to the polls to select a new governor as Governor Janet Mills (D) is term-limited and is ineligible for reelection. The state treasurer and attorney general are selected by the house and senate via a secret ballot at the start of the legislative session. All 35 state senate seats and all 151 state house seats are also up for election. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the governor's office and the state legislature.

Governor

Democrat

Hannah Pingree

Hannah Pingree advanced to the general election after a contentious Democratic primary that went through four rounds of ranked-choice vote tabulation. Pingree previously served in the Maine House from 2002 to 2010 and was elected Speaker of the House in 2008. After serving in the legislature, Pingree ran a small business and local housing organization. In 2019, she was appointed to the Office of Policy Innovation and Future by Governor Janet Mills (D) and led the Children's Cabinet and the Cabinet on Aging.

Pingree's campaign centers an affordability agenda that specifically targets housing, healthcare, energy, and property taxes.

On housing, Pingree plans to invest \$100 million per year to support **housing development**, first-time **homebuyer programs**, and redevelopment. She also states that she will simplify and accelerate **permit approvals** for construction projects.

On energy, Pingree pledges to **require the Public Utilities Commission to penalize poor service, limit rate hikes**, and hold corporations accountable for their energy consumption. She will also expand heat pump, energy efficiency, and local solar projects to assist households in lowering the costs of utilities.

On healthcare, Pingree wants to create a new **state-backed health plan** that provides an additional healthcare source for residents. She supports expanding state authority over drug costs to **limit price increases** on medications. She hopes to **expand access to primary care** by extending programs to train, recruit, and retain additional health providers.

On property taxes, Pingree stated that she would expand eligibility for the Property Tax Fairness Credit and would double the state homestead exemption. She will also expand local revenue options for municipalities, so they are less reliant on property taxes to fund services.

Pingree's campaign is also prioritizing **economic development**. She supports increasing partnerships with employers, unions, and higher education institutions to expand paid internships, apprenticeships, and workforce training programs. Addressing AI in the workplace,

Pingree has proposed giving **tax credits to businesses** that invest in technology **to upskill** their employees rather than automate them out of a job. She wants to position the state as a **clean tech and energy leader** and reinvigorate the **state's forestry industry** with a focus on accelerating commercialization of 3D-printed and prefab construction solutions.

Pingree will face Republican nominee Bobby Charles in the general election. [The Cook Political Report](#) labels this race as Solid Democrat and [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) labels this race as Leans Democrat.

Trivia: Hannah Pingree's mother is Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D), who has represented Maine's 1st Congressional District since 2009.