

ARKANSAS

Voters in Arkansas will select a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 100 state house seats and 17 out of 35 senate seats are also up for election. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all executive offices and the state legislature.

Treasurer

Republican Nominee

Treasurer John Thurston

John Thurston was first elected in 2024 as a result of a special election after Larry Walther left office. Thurston is running unopposed in the general election and will secure his first full term in office.

Before his time as treasurer, he served as secretary of state from 2019 to 2025 and as commissioner of state lands. He previously served as chair of the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council and president of the Western States Land Commissioners Association.

Financial literacy has been a centerpiece of his work in office. In August 2025, he secured a \$15,000 grant from Walmart for the Arkansas Financial Education Commission to launch a free online financial wellness platforms. He shepherded the passage of a state house resolution creating the Teach Children to Save Day which promotes financial literacy among youth.

He touts the **Arkansas Brighter Future 529** and **Arkansas ABLE** programs, working to help residents strengthen their savings. Brighter Future 529 is an education savings plan that allows individuals to grow tax-deferred through a variety of investment options. ABLE helps residents with disabilities save and gain financial independence.

Trivia: Thurston served as chair of the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission and the State Board of Election Commissioners during his time as secretary of state.