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Idaho residents will head to the polls in November to elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 35 state senate and all 70 state house seats are also on the ballot. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and the state legislature.

Treasurer

Republican Nominee

Julie Ellsworth

Julie Ellsworth has served as treasurer since 2019, seeking her third consecutive term in office. Prior to her time as treasurer, she served in the Idaho House from 1996 to 2006 and again from 2010 to 2012. During her time in the legislature, she worked closely with former state treasurers, helping to obtain the state's high bond rating. Outside of the legislature, she also worked as a civil mediator/facilitator and a business consultant.

Ellsworth's campaign centers her accomplishments, citing the **state's first AAA credit rating** from Fitch and Moody's and her success in reuniting residents with \$8.7 million in lost and unclaimed property in 2021.

Throughout her time as treasurer, Ellsworth created the annual **Treasurer's Office Transparency Report Card** which provides constituents with insights on state spending, savings, and investments. Ellsworth is also leading efforts to implement **public disclosure platforms** that would feature investment fund information and proxy vote data.

Ellsworth has vowed to continue reducing the state's property tax burden. She states that she has delivered \$13.5 million in property tax savings over the past two years. She will also use her position as chairman of the Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA) to **lower the cost of bonding for local property taxpayers**.

She has pushed back against **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)** standards in measuring investment options and creditworthiness of the state. In November 2021, she joined a coalition of 15 states speaking out against economic boycotts of traditional energy production by US financial institutions.

Ellsworth will face Democratic challenger Kevin Jones in the general election on November 3, 2026.

Trivia: Outside of her role as treasurer, Ellsworth helps to manage the Ellsworth Family farm and ranch.