

ILLINOIS

Illinois voters will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, and state treasurer in 2026. Thirty-nine (39) of the 59 seats in the Illinois State Senate and all 118 seats in the Illinois House of Representatives are up for election. Democrats currently hold a strong advantage in both the executive and legislative branches and are expected to maintain control of state government following the 2026 elections.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Attorney General Kwame Raoul

Kwame Raoul has served as Illinois Attorney General since 2019. Born in Chicago to Haitian immigrant parents, Raoul built his career around criminal justice reform, consumer protection, voting rights, healthcare access, and civil rights.

During his **tenure**, Raoul has focused on combating violent crime and organized retail theft, prosecuting child predators, defending Illinois' assault weapons ban, protecting reproductive rights, and pursuing major settlements against opioid manufacturers.

Raoul frequently highlights **healthcare access** as a personal priority. He has emerged as a prominent national Democratic attorney general, **leading multistate legal challenges** on issues including voting rights, reproductive freedom, and federal policies he argues violate constitutional protections.

Raoul promotes **labor protections**, collective bargaining rights, and enforcement against wage theft and worker misclassification. He created a Worker Protection Unit within the Attorney General's Office and has pursued settlements against companies accused of harming workers and consumers.

Before becoming attorney general, he spent 14 years in the Illinois Senate, where he helped pass legislation on gun safety, voting rights, workers' rights, and the abolition of the death penalty.

Trivia: Raoul succeeded Barack Obama in the State Senate after Obama was elected to the U.S. Senate.