

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.

State Treasurer

Democratic Nominee

State Treasurer Mike Frerichs

Mike Frerichs is a longtime Illinois public servant who grew up in the small farming community of Gifford, Illinois. The son of a Teamster truck driver and a university secretary, he graduated from Yale University. After serving on the Champaign County Board, as Champaign County Auditor, and in the Illinois State Senate, Frerichs was elected Illinois State Treasurer in 2014 and subsequently reelected in 2018 and 2022.

As Treasurer, Frerichs has focused on **strengthening Illinois' finances and expanding economic opportunities for residents.**

He highlights generating billions in investment returns for taxpayers, returning record amounts of unclaimed property through the **I-Cash program**, improving Illinois' **529 college savings plans**, expanding retirement savings through Secure Choice, supporting farmers through Ag Invest loans, and helping people with disabilities save through the **ABLE program**. He frames his work as helping Illinois families build long-term financial security and achieve the American Dream.

Trivia: Before entering statewide politics, Frerichs spent two years teaching English in Taiwan and became fluent in Mandarin Chinese.