

GEORGIA

Georgia has some of the most competitive executive races this year. The governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general seats are all open. All 56 senate seats are up for election along with all 180 house seats. Both chambers are expected to remain in Republican control.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Rick Jackson](#)

Healthcare executive Rick Jackson secured the Republican nomination for governor after defeating Trump-endorsed Lt. Governor Burt Jones (R) in the Republican primary runoff. Jones led the initial contest with 38% of the vote to Jackson's 33.9%, but Jackson overcame that deficit in the runoff, ultimately claiming the nomination with 52.6% of the vote. Jackson is the founder and CEO of Jackson Healthcare, one of Georgia's largest healthcare staffing firms, with over \$3 billion in annual revenue. He is positioning his business background as a central qualification for the office, describing himself as an outsider who "gets results" rather than a career politician. His campaign has also highlighted his role during COVID, when Governor Brian Kemp (R) called on him to help supply doctors and nurses to the state.

His [campaign platform](#) draws heavily on his personal story as a former **foster youth**. His stated top priority is passage of the Fostering Success Act, which would allow foster youth to attend Georgia's public colleges and universities tuition-free.

His broader policy agenda includes using artificial intelligence to identify and eliminate wasteful government spending, **freezing property taxes and tuition at public colleges and technical schools**, and **cutting the state income tax** in half within four years. He also supports term limits for all elected officials, strengthening **Georgia's Parents' Bill of Rights**, and expanding vocational pathways.

On **immigration**, Jackson has pledged to work closely with the Trump administration, vowing to make Georgia the top state in the nation for deporting undocumented immigrants with criminal records. He has also committed to prohibiting **DEI** programs in state government, public universities, and K-12 classrooms.

Jackson entered the gubernatorial race in February, immediately investing \$50 million of his own money in advertising. By the end of the primary, his campaign had spent more than \$100 million in total, much of it self-funded. Jackson will face former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms (D) in what is shaping up to be one of the most closely watched gubernatorial contests of the cycle. **Both the [Cook Political Report](#) and [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) rate the race as a toss-up.**

Trivia: Jackson's favorite restaurant is Golden Corral, where he ate three times a week on the campaign trail.