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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 governor's office and the state legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nomine

Terri Pickens

Terri Pickens is a seasoned attorney who earned her JD from the University of Idaho College of Law. She founded Pickens Law, P.A. in 2008 where she practices real estate litigation, construction litigation, and general commercial litigation. She has also served as a Public Defender for Nez Perce County and a trial attorney. She works with the Women's and Children's Alliance and volunteers with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Ada County.

Pickens campaign centers on strengthening **public education**, protecting **public lands**, fostering **economic growth**, and upholding **civil rights** and protecting **women's healthcare**.

She calls education "the foundation of Idaho's future" and vows to **expand access to pre-K** and full-time kindergarten across public schools in the state. Her plan for public education also calls for **higher teacher salaries**, increased **funding for rural school districts**, and **termination of the school voucher program**.

One of her top priorities as governor would be preserving open space and natural resources. She would ensure that public lands are not privatized, maintaining access to public lands for recreation, hunting, and fishing.

Pickens is **pro-union** and has pledged to promote **fair wages**, **safer workplaces**, and greater economic security.

She is campaigning to be "a voice for all Idahoans" protecting immigrant, reproductive, and civil rights. She has criticized Republicans for driving the **affordability** crisis across the state as they have held the supermajority and controlled state government for decades.

Pickens will face incumbent Governor Brad Little in a general election race **The Cook Political Report** and **Sabato's Crystal Ball** have both labeled as **Safe Republican**.

Trivia: Pickens is a fourth-generation Idahoan who was born and raised in Pocatello.