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Iowans will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer in November. All 100 house seats and 25 out of the 50 senate seats will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial race is considered competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the AG office, treasurer's office, and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Zach Lahn

Zach Lahn is an Iowa farmer and businessman with a background in conservative political advocacy, having worked for Americans for Prosperity as well as on campaigns and for a member of the Colorado state senate. Earlier this year, Lahn emerged from a competitive Republican primary with approximately 37% of the vote. His victory was notable given that he ran against U.S. Congressman Randy Feenstra, who entered the race with President Trump's endorsement and a substantial fundraising advantage. **Lahn positioned himself throughout the primary as a challenger to Iowa's political establishment.** Lahn's [campaign](#) is built around the theme "**Iowa First**," with top priorities that include addressing the state's cancer crisis, supporting family farms, improving education, and keeping young people in Iowa.

A central focus of Lahn's platform is **tackling rising cancer rates**. He has proposed conducting independent state safety tests on products used in Iowa, redirecting medical research funding to the University of Iowa, and providing incentives for farmers to adopt solutions that reduce agricultural runoff and water contamination.

On **agriculture** more broadly, Lahn has called for **antitrust** action against agricultural monopolies, restrictions on **foreign and out-of-state land ownership**, prohibitions on the use of eminent domain for private gain, and economic development initiatives favoring Iowa-owned businesses.

On **education**, his proposals include **increasing enrollment quotas for Iowa residents** at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, eliminating or significantly reducing standardized **testing requirements**, and prioritizing **investment in public schools**.

Lahn's campaign has been endorsed by the **Make America Healthy Again PAC**, which is affiliated with the national MAHA movement led at the federal level by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. His "Make Iowa Healthy Again" platform emphasizes breaking up agricultural monopolies and defending independent family farms.

This gubernatorial race has attracted considerable national attention. **It was already rated a toss-up by the [Cook Political Report](#), and [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) has since moved it into the toss-up category as well, signaling a competitive contest this fall.**

Trivia: Lahn is a sixth generation Iowan, with roots tracing back to 1862.