

SOUTH CAROLINA

This cycle, South Carolina's governor and attorney general seats are both open for the first time in years, alongside the state treasurer's race and all 124 state house seats. The state senate is not up for election this year. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all executive offices and the legislature.

Treasurer

Republican Nominee

Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Jr.

South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Jr. is seeking a fifth term in office this cycle, having first assumed the role in 2011. He ran unopposed in the Republican primary. Prior to entering public service, Loftis founded the Saluda Charitable Foundation, which funds housing, medical care, education, and other social services for the elderly and orphans.

His campaign centers on his [accomplishments](#) in office, such as returning more than \$300 million in **unclaimed funds** to South Carolinians, more than all previous state treasurers combined. He also guided the **Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan** to more than quadruple in size, growing to more than 200,000 accounts with nearly \$6 billion in assets under management.

Loftis describes himself as an advocate for greater **accountability**, transparency, and **fiscal responsibility** in state government. He has prioritized reducing costs and eliminating waste and fraud, including adopting new technologies for more secure electronic fund transfers and directing the renegotiation of the state's merchant card contract to reduce transaction fees paid by state agencies.

Loftis [serves](#) as Chairman of the State Board of Financial Institutions, Vice Chairman of the State Budget and Control Board, Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Tobacco Authority, Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Education Authority, and a member of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission.

Trivia: Loftis has been a political volunteer since age 16.