

## FLORIDA

Voters in Florida will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 120 state house seats and 20 of 40 state senate seats are up for election. Florida remains firmly Republican at the state level, but Democrats are looking to make legislative gains in select districts, particularly following the state's mid-decade redistricting.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### David Jolly

David Jolly is a former U.S. Representative, attorney, and political analyst. A fifth-generation Floridian and son of a minister, Jolly earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a J.D. cum laude from George Mason University. He represented Florida's 13th Congressional District from 2014 to 2017, initially winning the seat as a Republican in a nationally watched special election. Jolly left the Republican Party after leaving Congress.

Jolly has centered his gubernatorial [campaign](#) on **affordability, housing, property insurance, healthcare, education, and government reform**.

He has called for reducing insurance costs, expanding access to healthcare, strengthening public schools, and addressing the state's cost-of-living pressures.

His platform also includes campaign finance and ethics reform, climate resiliency and clean water, expanded services for veterans, and increased access to Florida's universities.

Jolly selected former U.S. Representative Gwen Graham as his running mate in June 2026. The pair previously served together in Congress and worked on issues including protecting Florida's coastline and opposing oil drilling in the Gulf of America.

**The Cook Political Report rates this race as Likely Republican while the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball rates it as Leans Republican.**

*Trivia: Jolly was a political analyst for NBC and MSNBC after leaving Congress.*