

ALASKA

The governor seat is open this election cycle following Governor Mike Dunleavy (R) reaching his term limit. Republicans will be defending the seat. Half of Alaska's 20 state senate seats and all 40 state house seats are up for election in 2026. While Republican lawmakers outnumber Democrats in both chambers, each is organized by multiparty coalitions rather than party lines.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins finished the state's ranked choice primary rounds with 21.7% of vote, earning him first place out of the four candidates who advanced to the general election. Kreiss-Tomkins (D) served in the Alaska House of Representatives from 2013 to 2023, first winning in 2012 by unseating a Republican incumbent by just 32 votes.

His campaign [priorities](#) include **supporting schools, lowering energy costs, increasing health care access, protecting fisheries, and regulating AI and data centers.**

On **education**, he has pledged to pass a constitutional amendment to "forward fund" education and ensure funding for schools to offer sports, electives, and extracurriculars. He supports banning cell phones in classrooms and creating a defined benefit retirement system to improve educator retention.

In the energy space, Kreiss-Tomkins has pledged support for **development of all energy sources**, including renewables, hydro, and natural gas. He has vowed to support the development of an economically-viable Alaskan natural gas pipeline and the Alaska Energy Authority's Renewable Energy Fund.

He has touted his position as the only candidate in the race to **support a moratorium on all new data centers** until the legislature can pass comprehensive regulations. He would also require local approval before data centers can be built.

On **healthcare**, he supports Medicaid expansion, promoting **telehealth**, expanding access to in-home care for seniors and people with disabilities, strengthening safety standards in healthcare facilities, and partnering with tribal health organizations.

Sabato's Crystal Ball and the Cook Political Report updated ratings on this race to a Toss-Up after former Democratic nominee Tom Begich dropped out in late August with a goal of consolidating support around Kreiss-Tomkins who is now the lone Democrat remaining on November's ranked choice ticket featuring three other Republican candidates.

Trivia: The Washington Post named him one of its "40 Under 40" of American politicians.