

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota voters will head to the polls in 2026 to elect a governor, attorney general, and state treasurer. All 70 seats in the state house of representatives and 35 seats in the state senate are up for election. Republicans are expected to easily retain control of the governorship and other statewide offices as well as the legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Lance Russell

Lance Russell is an attorney from Hot Springs and a longtime Republican public official who served in the South Dakota Legislature for more than a decade. He represented District 30 in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 2009 to 2017 before serving in the State Senate from 2017 to 2021. Before and after his legislative service, Russell worked as the state's attorney for Fall River County and later also served Oglala Lakota County.

Throughout his legislative career, Russell championed **conservative policies**, particularly on gun rights, property rights, and limiting government regulation. He previously sought the Republican nomination for South Dakota attorney general in 2018, finishing second at the state convention.

Russell does not have a challenger in the general election, effectively securing his inauguration as the state's next attorney general.