

OKLAHOMA

Voters in the Sooner State will head to the polls to select a new governor as Governor Kevin Stitt (R) is term limited. Voters will also select their picks for attorney general and treasurer.

Twenty-four (24) out of 48 senate seats and all 101 house seats are also up for election. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive branch and state legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Mike Mazzei

Mike Mazzei defeated Attorney General Gentner Drummond by approximately 2,000 votes in the Republican primary runoff on August 25. Mazzei was endorsed in the race by President Trump. He represented Oklahoma Senate District 25 from 2004 to 2016 and served multiple sessions as chair of the Finance Committee. Following his time in the legislature, he served two years as Oklahoma Secretary of Budget. Mazzei is currently the chairman and CEO of Trinity Strategic Wealth.

Increasing **government accountability** and efficiency is a key priority for Mazzei. He will create a Department of Government Efficiency tasked with eliminating waste and promoting more efficient spending practices. This includes tying budgets to performance, requiring agencies to show measurable impacts on key priorities. He will also establish an independent review board made up of state residents.

Mazzei calls to eliminate state **property tax** for seniors and veterans, citing that over 30 percent of seniors report property taxes as a top financial concern.

His **education** agenda centers on parental transparency in their child's education, emphasizing their involvement in education decisions. He wants all school board elections to occur on the November statewide election date and require a partisan designation for candidates.

He supports **eliminating the state income tax** and streamlining state **licensing** and **permitting** processes.

Mazzei calls to ban foreign governments and foreign-controlled companies from owning **land** in Oklahoma and will return this land to local communities. He would strengthen protections against forced sales and improper eminent domain practices and expand economic incentives for local producers, farmers, and businesses.

The Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball label this race as **Safe Republican**.

Trivia: Mike Mazzei served on the Board of Directors for The Salvation Army from 2003 to 2015.