

PENNSYLVANIA

The governor's seat is the only state executive office up for election this fall. Twenty-five out of 50 state senate seats and all 203 house seats are also on the ballot. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the governor's office. Both chambers in the legislature will be competitive.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Treasurer Stacy Garrity

Stacy Garrity was elected state treasurer in 2024. The focus of her administration is on improving key state financing programs including PA 529 College and Career Savings Program and PA ABLE Savings Program for people with disabilities. Garrity is a retired US Army Reserve Colonel and was deployed to the Middle East three times, serving in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Garrity's campaign centers on her Turn Around PA platform that seeks to **expand energy generation capacity, lower the cost of living, reduce property taxes, and restore fairness and transparency to state government.**

Garrity plans to call a special legislative session on **energy** focused on fast tracking permit processes for natural gas production, pipelines, and power plants, establishing timelines for permit approvals, and revising regulations and renewable energy and efficiency mandates. She wants to **lift** the current state **ban on new drilling sites**. Garrity wants to work with the legislature to examine taxes and hidden costs on electric bills, seeking to limit taxes and additional costs stacked onto these bills. She feels that much of the state's issues are rooted in poor energy infrastructure and that increasing energy supply will assist in lowering the costs of living overall. In June 2026, Garrity stated that she supports a **moratorium on data center development** projects to provide local governments with time to assess the community impact of these centers.

On **housing**, Garrity plans to launch the Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere (HOPE for PA) initiative. The program is designed to redirect state spending, investment accounts, and interest earning towards property tax rebates for homeowners.

Garrity calls for the legislature to pass the Lifeline Scholarship Programs and opt into the Federal Education Tax Credit scholarship program to expand students' access to tutoring, **literacy**, and **STEM** programs as well as **school choice**.

The Cook Political Report has labeled this race as Solid Democrat and Sabato's Crystal Ball has labeled this race as Likely Democrat.

Trivia: Stacey Garrity was twice awarded the Bronze Star and received the Legion of Merit for her service.