

## 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

### Republican Nominee

### Treg Taylor

Treg Taylor was certified as a final four candidate in Alaska's ranked choice general election for governor in early September weeks after the primary. Taylor is the state's former attorney general. When Taylor served as chairman of the Attorneys General Alliance, he launched a cybersecurity initiative focused on **consumer protection, critical infrastructure, data privacy, artificial intelligence, and emerging digital threats.**

Taylor's top campaign priorities include **economic development, energy, public safety, government operations, fishing and wildlife, education, and protection of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.**

On **energy**, Taylor wants to see streamlining of permitting for oil drilling and support development on the North Slope. On **data centers**, Taylor has stated that he believes data centers are the future and the state should embrace the development.

On **fishing** and **wildlife**, Taylor has pledged to not accept funds from any trawl fleet operations, and he wants to end practices that destroy ocean seabeds.

**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 the lone Democrat remaining on November's ranked choice ticket which will now feature three Republican candidates (including Taylor) and Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D).

*Trivia: Taylor attended the U.S. Air Force Academy before earning his bachelor's degree from BYU.*