

2018 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS

QUICK FACTS

39 TOTAL ELECTIONS (9 D seats, 28 R seats, 2 I seats) – 21 Incumbent Races, 18 Open Races

36 STATE ELECTIONS (9 D seats, 26 R seats, 1 I seat) – 19 Incumbent Races, 17 Open Races

3 TERRITORIAL ELECTIONS (2 R seat, 1 I seat) – 2 Incumbent Races, 1 Open Race

21 INCUMBENT RACES

(Incumbents Eligible to Seek Reelection)

<i>State or jurisdiction</i>	<i>Governor</i>	<i>Present term began</i>	<i>Present term ends</i>	<i>Number of previous terms</i>	<i>Maximum consecutive terms</i>
Alabama	<i>Kay Ivey (R)</i>	4-17 (a)	1-19	—	2
Alaska	<i>Bill Walker (I)</i>	12-14	12-18	—	2
Arizona	<i>Doug Ducey (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2
Arkansas	<i>Asa Hutchinson (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2
Hawaii	<i>David Ige (D)</i>	12-14	12-18	—	2
Illinois	<i>Bruce Rauner (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	—
Iowa	<i>Kim Reynolds (R)</i>	5-17 (h)	1-19	—	—
Maryland	<i>Larry Hogan (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2
Massachusetts	<i>Charlie Baker (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	—
Nebraska	<i>Pete Ricketts (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2(b)
New Hampshire	<i>Chris Sununu (R)</i>	1-17	1-19 (c)	—	—
New York	<i>Andrew Cuomo (D)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	—
Northern Mariana Islands	<i>Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres (R)</i>	12-15 (d)	1-19	—	2 (e)
Oregon	<i>Kate Brown (D)</i>	1-17	1-19	1 (f)	2
Pennsylvania	<i>Tom Wolf (D)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2
Rhode Island	<i>Gina Raimondo (D)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2
South Carolina	<i>Henry McMaster (R)</i>	1-17 (g)	1-19	—	2
Texas	<i>Greg Abbott (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	—
Vermont	<i>Phil Scott (R)</i>	1-17	1-19 (c)	—	—
Virgin Islands	<i>Kenneth Mapp (I)</i>	1-15	1-19	—	2 (b)
Wisconsin	<i>Scott Walker (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	—

NOTES

- a) Alabama Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey became governor on April 10, 2017, following the resignation of Governor Robert Bentley. She is eligible to seek a full term in 2018.
- b) After two consecutive terms as governor, the candidate must wait four years before becoming eligible to run again.
- c) Two-year term.
- d) Northern Mariana Islands Lt. Gov. Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres became governor on December 29, 2015, completing the unexpired term of Gov. Eloy Inos following his death. He is eligible to seek a full term in 2018.
- e) Absolute two-term limitation.
- f) Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown became governor on February 18, 2015, following Governor John Kitzhaber's resignation. Governor Brown won a special gubernatorial election held in November 2016 to complete Gov. Kitzhaber's unexpired term. She is eligible to seek a full term in 2018.
- g) South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster became governor on January 24, 2017, following Gov. Nikki Haley's appointment as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He is eligible to seek a full term in 2018.
- h) Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds became governor on May 24, 2017, following Gov. Terry Branstad's appointment as U.S. ambassador to China. She is eligible to seek a full term in 2018.

5 D SEATS (5 states) – 14 R SEATS (13 states, 1 territory) – 2 I SEATS (1 state, 1 territory)

18 OPEN RACES

(Incumbents Not Eligible to Run or Not Seeking Reelection)

<i>State or jurisdiction</i>	<i>Governor</i>	<i>Present term began</i>	<i>Present term ends</i>	<i>Number of previous terms</i>	<i>Maximum consecutive terms</i>
California	Jerry Brown (D)	1-15	1-19	3 (a)	2
Colorado	John Hickenlooper (D)	1-15	1-19	1	2 (b)
Connecticut	Dan Malloy (D)	1-15	1-19	1	—
Florida	<i>Rick Scott (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Georgia	<i>Nathan Deal (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Guam	<i>Eddie Calvo (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Idaho	<i>C.L. "Butch" Otter (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	2	—
Kansas	<i>Jeff Colyer (R)</i>	1-18 (c)	1-19	—	2
Maine	<i>Paul LePage (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Michigan	<i>Rick Snyder (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Minnesota	Mark Dayton (D)	1-15	1-19	1	—
Nevada	<i>Brian Sandoval (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
New Mexico	<i>Susana Martinez (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Ohio	<i>John Kasich (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2 (b)
Oklahoma	<i>Mary Fallin (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
South Dakota	<i>Dennis Daugaard (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Tennessee	<i>Bill Haslam (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2
Wyoming	<i>Matthew Mead (R)</i>	1-15	1-19	1	2

NOTES

- California Governor Jerry Brown previously served eight years as governor from 1975-1983. Gov. Brown was elected to full four-year terms in November 1974, 1978, 2010, and 2014.
- After two consecutive terms as governor, the candidate must wait four years before becoming eligible to run again.
- Kansas Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer became governor on January 31, 2018, following Gov. Sam Brownback's appointment as U.S. ambassador at large for international religious freedom. He was eligible to seek a full term in 2018 but did not win the primary election.

4 D SEATS (4 states) – 14 R SEATS (13 states, 1 territory)

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