

MONTANA

Voters in Montana this year will elect a governor, Lt. governor, and attorney general. Half (25) of 50 seats in the state senate will be up for reelection. All 100 seats in the state house will be up for reelection as well. Republicans are expected to maintain total control of the state.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Attorney General Austin Knudsen

Attorney General Austin Knudsen (R) is seeking his second term as Montana's chief litigator after winning by 17 percentage points in the 2020 general election. He previously served four terms in the Montana State House of Representatives from 2011-2019. During his last two terms he served as Speaker of the House.

Knudsen is a native Montanan, where his family has farmed and ranched for five generations. He earned his law degree from the University of Montana before opening his own private practice in Culbertson, where he represented cases that included civil, land use, oil and gas, and real estate issues. In 2018, he was elected Roosevelt County Attorney before taking the attorney general's office.

During his tenure in the legislature, Knudsen worked against the state's Medicaid expansion plan under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). He later listed his **opposition to the ACA** as a motivating factor behind his decision to run for attorney general. Additional priorities for Knudsen have included the state's **drug epidemic** and **law enforcement** support.

Trivia: Knudsen put himself through college in Bozeman working at the local butcher shop and a hardware store, returning home during his summers to work on the family ranch.