

## **MONTANA**

Voters in Montana this year will elect a governor, It. 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 Democratic Nominee Ben Alke

Ben Alke (D) advanced to the 2024 general election as the Democratic Party's only candidate for attorney general. Alke, who is seeking his first position in public office, is a native Montanan who attended the University of Notre Dame and the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago.

Alke <u>began</u> his legal career clerking for then-Montana Supreme Court Justice Brian Morris and later worked with prominent liberal constitutional attorney Jim Goetz. He is now a partner specializing in commercial litigation at Crist, Krogh, Alke & Nord.

Alke characterizes his opponent, Attorney General Austin Knudsen (R), as overly involved in partisan politics and says he would spend more time prosecuting crimes and defending the state in court were he to win.

Trivia: Alke's family has lived in Montana for at least four generations, and he is an avid outdoorsman and adventurer.