

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

Voters in the Keystone State will elect a new attorney general and state treasurer in 2024. All 203 seats in the state house as well as 25 of 50 state senate seats will also be on the ballot in November. Legislative races as well as the executive offices are considered toss-ups.

**Attorney General** 

**Democratic Nominee** 

**Eugene DePasquale** 

Eugene DePasquale is a former three-term state legislator and two-term state auditor general. He previously ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. DePasquale is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh and a consultant.

As state auditor general, DePasquale <u>identified</u> misspent funds, addressed backlogged sexual assault kits, and revealed issues with the state's child abuse reporting hotline. His office often released <u>policy reports</u> on topics such as gun violence and taxation revenue that some criticized as beyond the scope of the office. While serving in the state legislature, DePasquale <u>supported</u> alternative energy legislation, increases in public school investments, and efforts to curtail distracted driving.

DePasquale's <u>priorities</u> are preserving access to **reproductive healthcare**; protecting **voting** rights and election integrity; enforcing **consumer protections**; addressing climate change and environmental degradation; and reducing student loans. He plans to address **wage theft**, **price gouging**, and tax loopholes.

Investments in local communities and apprenticeships are part of his plan for economic development. Unions and the right to organize are a tenet of DePasquale's campaign, too.

Environmental protection and **elder fraud** prevention are additional issues that DePasquale has named as <u>goals</u> if he is elected.

When asked about addressing **violent crime** during a <u>March debate</u>, DePasquale expressed support for universal background checks alongside a focus on mental health. In response to the same question, he suggested "red flag" laws as another potential solution.

U.S. Senator John Fetterman (D-PA), former Congressman Mike Doyle (D-PA), and the Democratic Attorneys General Association (DAGA) have endorsed DePasquale.

Trivia: DePasquale often competes in CrossFit and Spartan Race competitions.