

NORTH CAROLINA

Voters in North Carolina will elect a governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, and treasurer this cycle. All 120 house seats will be on the ballot as well as 50 senate seats. The governor and attorney general seats are open, and these races are widely considered tossups. The Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

U.S. Representative Jeff Jackson

U.S. Representative Jeff Jackson (D) represents North Carolina's 14th Congressional District since January 2023. Prior to his time in Congress, Jackson served in the North Carolina State Senate for four terms and served as assistant district attorney in Gaston County. He was the second-youngest state senator and continues to serve in the military today as a Major in the Army National Guard.

His campaign has placed the **fantanyl** crisis as a top priority, with an emphasis on funding addiction treatment and passing anti-money laundering laws in the state. Jackson says he would also work with counties to promote medicated assisted treatment, which is used to treat opioid use disorders.

Other priorities he is highlighting include addressing poverty, gun safety reform, climate action, healthcare access, school funding, criminal justice reform, and LGBTQ+ Rights.

Jackson has promised to reduce the cost of **healthcare** and highlights his legislative record of voting to expand health care access, lower prescriptions prices, and strengthen Medicare. Jackson has vowed to be a check against gerrymandering, protect **voting** rights, and reform the redistricting process. He maintains that he will not accept any corporate PAC money for his campaign.

Jackson debated his Republican opponent, U.S. Representative Dan Bishop (R), during a forum hosted by the North Carolina Bar Association. Both candidates found themselves on opposite sides of the issues and aimed to paint the other as extremists in their respective parties.

His campaign has advanced on the funding front, with Jackson bringing in \$4.2 million during the second fundraising quarter running through June 30, raising triple that of Bishop. The Democratic Attorneys General Association (DAGA) reported that they are heavily invested in this race, having announced \$4 million reservation on broadcast and cable television to maintain control of the seat.

Although the state has historically elected Republican presidential candidates, Democrats are commonly elected on a state-level. The last time a Republican was elected attorney general in North Carolina was 1896, but recent elections for the attorney general position have been exceedingly close in the state. During the 2020 election, current Attorney General Josh Stein (D) defeated Jim O'Neill by just 13,622 votes.

Sabato's Crystal Ball has rated this race as a tossup.

Trivia: Jackson has 2.2 million followers on TikTok.