

ARKANSAS

Voters in Arkansas will elect a state treasurer this year in a special election. All 100 seats in the state house and all 34 seats in the senate are for reelection as well. Republicans are expected to maintain their supermajorities in both chambers of the legislature and retain control of the treasurer's office.

State Treasurer

Democratic Nominee

John Pagan

John Pagan advanced to the special general election as his party's only nominated candidate for treasurer. Pagan served a stint in the state senate, where he served on the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Pagan attended Harvard Law School after graduating with a bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in history. He went on to teach law and history at several universities for forty years. Pagan also gained experience in local government on the Pulaski County Quorum Court. He cites his six years of experience as dean of the University of Richmond School of Law as qualifications for the treasurer's office.

During his time in the senate, Pagan sponsored a bill creating the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, which awards proceeds from the Arkansas Lottery to college students.

If elected, Pagan pledges to provide transparency into how his office manages state funds. He also plans to promote the Arkansas Brighter Future 529 investment plan to enable families to build tax-free savings. He would also continue the work he began in the legislature to increase scholarships for Arkansas students.

Trivia: Pagan authored a book that won the American Historical Association's James A. Rawley Prize in Atlantic History.