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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

Republican Nominee

Secretary of State John Thurston

Secretary of State John Thurston secured his party's nomination for treasurer to replace current officeholder Larry Walther (R). Walther, who was appointed to the office by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R) to replace former Treasurer Mark Lowery (R) who passed away in office during 2023, did not seek election to a full term.

Thurston was first elected Secretary of State in November 2018 and was reelected to a second term in November 2022. He previously served two terms as Commissioner of State Lands. Accomplishments he [touts](#) as treasurer include returning over \$118 to Arkansas counties, working to ensure fair and accurate voting, and maintaining the state capitol grounds.

Trivia: Thurston has a degree in Biblical studies and has worked as a licensed minister in the state prison system.