

Maine's 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on candidates, campaign spending and more

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Overview of the 2018 Maine gubernatorial election

Primary election:

June 12, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018

Maine does not have a lieutenant
governor



Paul LePage (R)

- Current Maine governor
- Originally elected in 2010,
- Re-elected in 2014
- Unable to run for re-election due to term limits

The Cook Political Report:

Toss Up

rating for Maine's gubernatorial election

Attorney General Mills has been an adversary of Governor LePage



Janet Mills (D)

- Currently: Maine Attorney General
- Served in the Maine House of Representatives
- Announced candidacy July 2017

Key policy issues



Mills supports efforts to **reduce carbon emissions**. She sued to block Trump's EPA from repealing the Clean Power Plan.



Mills **opposes efforts to repeal Obamacare**. She refused to represent the governor's office in challenging the ACA provision to extend Medicaid.



Mills supports offering doctors **incentives to prescribe alternatives to opioid** painkillers.

Several Democrats lacking name recognition have announced their candidacies



James Boyle (D)

- Former State Senator
- Former business owner



Adam Cote (D)

- Maine Army National Guard member
- Iraq War veteran
- Former congressional candidate



Mark Eves (D)

- Former Maine Speaker of the House
- Former family therapist

Potential high-profile contenders that have not announced:

- Chellie Pingree (D), *US Representative*
- Matthew Dunlap (D), *Maine Secretary of State*

LePage's former health commissioner is running for governor



Mary Mayhew (R)

- Previously: Commissioner of Health and Human Services
- Served as a government relations manager for the Maine Hospital Association
- Announced candidacy in May 2017

Key policy issues



Mayhew **opposes Medicaid expansion**. During her tenure as health commissioner, Medicaid enrollment reduced by 67,000 people



Opposes a surtax on high earners, which was approved by Maine voters.

Maine's Senate majority leader has announced his candidacy for governor



Garrett Mason (R)

- Currently: State Senate Majority Leader
- Former public relations professional

Key policy issues



Mason has firmly **opposed** “cap-and-trade” **legislation** in the state Senate.



Mason **opposes** abortion rights.



Mason **opposes** ranked-choice voting, which Maine voted to approve in 2016, and has sponsored legislation to repeal it.

LePage ally Fredette to run for governor



Kenneth Fredette (R)

- Currently: Maine State House Minority Leader
- Served as a judge advocate in the JAG Corps for 12 years
- Served in the Maine Air National Guard

Key policy issues



Fredette sponsored legislation **to eliminate the income tax in Maine.**



Fredette **opposes expanding Medicaid.**