

# Kansas' 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on candidates, campaign spending and more

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# Overview of the 2018 Kansas gubernatorial election

Primary election:

August 7, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018

The governor and lieutenant governor run together on the same ticket



## Sam Brownback

- Republican
- Current Kansas governor
- Barred from running for re-election due to Kansas' term limits

The Cook Political Report:

**Solid Republican**

rating for Kansas' gubernatorial election

# Current lieutenant governor announces intent to run for Kansas governor



## Jeff Colyer

- Republican
- Currently: Lieutenant governor to Gov. Sam Brownback
- Has previously served in the Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas State Senate
- Will assume the governor position once Gov. Sam Brownback departs to become the U.S. ambassador at large for international religious freedom

## Key policy issues

Jeff Colyer does not currently have his key policy issues listed on his campaign website



In 2012, Colyer said he supported repealing the ACA, saying that “as a practicing physician, I know first hand that if fully enacted, the Obama health care plan would harm the quality of patient care and devastate the KS budget”



According to The Kansas City Star, Colyer has told reporters that he wants to focus on growing Kansas’ economy



Colyer is said to back Gov. Brownback on most issues, including tax reform. He has opposed any bill that raises taxes

Sources: The Cook Political Report, 2017; Ballotpedia, 2017; Bryan Lowry & Hunter Woodall, “Johnson County’s Jeff Colyer jumps into race for Kansas governor,” The Kansas City Star, August 8, 2017; Mitch Smith & John Eligon, “Waiting in the Wings in Kansas: Who Is Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer?” The New York Times, July 27, 2017.

# Former Kansas state senator announces intent to run for Kansas governor



## Jim Barnett

- Republican
- Currently: Practices medicine at a clinic in Topeka, KS
- Represented Kansas's 17<sup>th</sup> District from 2001 to 2010
- Previously ran for U.S. House of Representatives, but lost in the primary

## Key policy issues



Growing Kansas' economy



Focusing on funding education for children of all ages



Expanding access to health care

# Kansas secretary of state announces he will run for governor



## Kris Kobach

- Republican
- Currently: Kansas secretary of state
- Was a member of Trump's presidential transition team
- Vice chair of Trump's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

## Key policy issues



Fighting administrative corruption by setting term limits for all legislative and statewide elected officials



Decrease taxes and make government spending more efficient by modeling government offices after the private sector, modernizing office procedures and utilizing electronic communications



Ending Kansas' status as a "sanctuary state" and increasing regulations to discourage illegal immigration



Is pro-life and "will do everything in [his] power to safeguard and protect the lives of the unborn"

# Family physician announces his candidacy for Kansas' gubernatorial election



## Arden Andersen

- Democrat
- Currently: Practices family and occupational medicine
- Air Force Reserve colonel and chief of aerospace medicine

## Key policy issues



Supports universal health care to reduce out-of-pocket costs and increase the quality of care



Hopes to revitalize Kansas' public education through appropriate funding, classroom equipment, staff maintenance and program goal setting



Utilizing current technology to operate a cleaner, more environmentally conscious society

# High school student announces intent to run with another high school student



## Jack Bergeson

- Democrat
- Currently: 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at The Independent School in Wichita, KS
- Running mate is Alexander Cline, a fellow 11<sup>th</sup> grade student

## Key policy issues



Supports lowering or maintaining income taxes for families making under \$60,000 per year while increasing income taxes on families that make over \$250,000 annually



Supports “Medicaid Buy-In” as a temporary solution to the high cost of health care, and supports eventually instituting a universal health care system



Supports legalizing marijuana both for medical and recreational purposes



Hopes to raise the Kansas minimum wage to at least \$12 per hour, ideally \$15 per hour

# 19 candidates total are running for Kansas governor

In addition to Jeff Colyer, Jim Barnett, Kris Kobach, Arden Andersen and Jack Bergeson, the following individuals have also announced their candidacy for Kansas's governorship

Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
Carl Brewer, former Wichita mayor	Wing Hartman	Rick Kloos (Independent)
Robert Klingenberg	Mark Hutton	
Joshua Svaty, former Kansas Secretary of Agriculture	Patrick Kucera	
State Rep. Jim Ward	Ed O'Malley, former State Rep.	
	Ethan Randleas	
	Tyler Ruzich	
	Dominic Scavuzzo	
	Insurance Commissioner Ken Selzer	
	Kevin Stitt	

Sources: Ballotpedia; National Journal research.