

# South Carolina's 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on declared candidates and important election dates

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# Overview of the 2018 South Carolina gubernatorial election

Primary election:

June 12, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018



## Gov. Henry McMaster (R)

- Current South Carolina governor
- Sworn into office on January 25, 2017 after Gov. Nikki Haley (R) resigned to serve as US ambassador to the UN
- **Running for reelection**

The Cook Political Report:

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## Business consultant faces off against state rep in Democratic primary



### James Smith (D)

- Currently: State representative
- Education: U. South Carolina (B.A., J.D.)
- Has served since 1996
- Vice chair of the South Carolina House Judiciary Committee



### Phil Noble (D)

- Currently: Business and technology consultant
- Founder of three statewide nonprofits: the Palmetto Project, One Laptop Per Child South Carolina and World Class Scholars
- Writes a weekly column for the SC Press Association

## Three Republicans have announced their intention to challenge Gov. McMaster



### Kevin Bryant (R)

- Currently: Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina
- Announced candidacy on July 28, 2017
- Previously served as a member of the South Carolina State Senate



### Yancey McGill (R)

- Formerly: Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina
- Formerly a Democrat, switched parties citing stances on abortion, fiscal policy and regulation
- Announced candidacy on March 21, 2016



### Catherine Templeton (R)

- Formerly: South Carolina Director of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
- Announced candidacy on April 4, 2017