

Alabama's 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on candidates, campaign spending and more

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Overview of the 2018 Alabama gubernatorial election

Primary election:

June 5, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018

Alabama's governor and lieutenant governor are elected separately and thus may be from different parties.



Gov. Kay Ivey (R)

- Current Alabama governor
- Originally elected as lieutenant governor in 2010
- Sworn into office on April 10, 2017, following the resignation of Gov. Bentley (R)
- **Running for re-election**

The Cook Political Report:

Solid Republican

rating for Alabama's gubernatorial election

Sources: The Cook Political Report, 2017; Ballotpedia, 2017.

Gov. Kay Ivey faces a wide field of Republican candidates, including two challengers with political experience



Gov. Kay Ivey (R)

- Currently: Governor of Alabama
- Education: Auburn Uni. (B.A.)
- First Republican in the state's history to serve two consecutive terms as lieutenant governor



Mayor Tommy Battle (R)

- Currently: Mayor of Huntsville
- Education: Uni. of Alabama (B.A.)
- Led Huntsville through the recession and was re-elected in 2012 with 80.7% of the vote



State Sen. Bill Hightower (R)

- Currently: State senator
- Education: Uni. Of South Alabama (B.A.)
Vanderbilt Uni. (M.A.)
- Won a special election in 2013 to fill a vacant seat and won his first general election in 2014

Other Republican candidates:

- **Scott Dawson**, Birmingham evangelist
- **Joshua Jones**, Birmingham businessman
- **Stacy George**, state corrections officer
- **John McMillan**, state agriculture commissioner

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; Jeremy Gray, "Walt Maddox officially announces run for Alabama governor," AL.com, October 5, 2017

Democratic candidates include a former chief justice of the AL Supreme Court, a mayor and a former state representative



Sue Bell Cobb (D)

- Currently: Retired
- Education: Uni. Of Alabama (B.A., J.D.)
- Former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court (retired in 2011)



Mayor Walt Maddox (D)

- Currently: Mayor of Tuscaloosa
- Education: Uni. of Alabama (B.A., M.A.)
- Has served as mayor since 2005



James C. Fields (R)

- Currently: Minister
- Education: Jacksonville State Uni (B.A.)
- Served in the Alabama House for two years
- Lost to Gov. Kay Ivey in 2014 lieutenant governor race

Other Democratic and independent candidates:

- **Jason Childs (D)**, former pastor
- **Chris Countryman (D)**, co-founder of LGBTQ advocacy group

- **Anthony White (D)**, minister
- **Mark Johnston (I)**, executive director of Camp McDowell
- **Chad “Chig” Martin (I)**, businessman

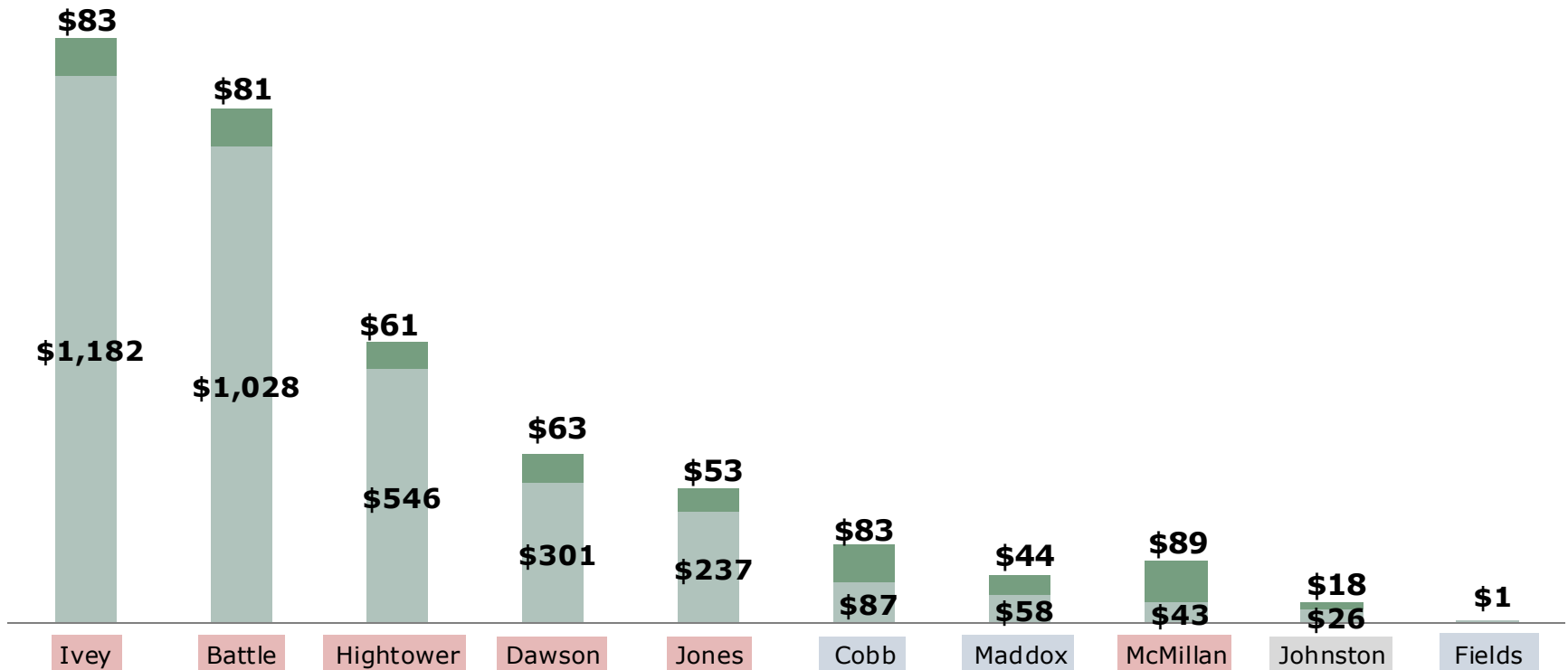
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Republicans lead Democrats in fundraising

Campaign fundraising (as of 10/16/2017)

In thousands of dollars

■ Cash on hand ■ Total expenditures



Sources: Alabama Secretary of State, "Election Finance Reporting System," 2017.