

State Officials

The most well-known candidate running for the Democratic nomination for Florida's Governor is **David Jolly**, a former Congressional House member. Counting Jolly, there are 6 Dems running. See the list of the six names below.

There are 11 Republican candidates for governor who qualified to run. Byron Nelson, Paul Renner, and Jay Collins are three of the most notable candidates. **US Rep Byron Donalds** has been endorsed by Trump. Donalds is a former Florida House Rep and has been the House of Representative for Florida's 19th Congressional District since 2021. This district serves much of Lee and Collier counties. **Paul Renner** is a former House speaker (2022-2024). The current Lt Gov **Jay Collins** is also running. See the link to the Florida Dept of State below for the full list of candidates.

In Florida, state representatives are limited to four consecutive two-year terms. **Toby Overdorf**, currently HR for District 85, is term limited. He was first elected in 2018 and won re-elections in 2020, 2022, and 2024. He has announced that he will run for Senate District 31 in 2028. This Senate seat is currently held by **Gayle Harrell**, who will also be term limited and cannot run again for Senate.

Wayne Richter is running for the HD 85 open seat. He is a Democrat. His Republican opposition is current PSL city councilman Anthony Bonna.

John Snyder, House Rep District 86, was first elected in 2020 and then re-elected in 2022 and 2024. If re-elected in November 2026, he will be term-limited in 2028 and can't run again for the House.

Elizabeth Pandich (D) is running against Snyder. She is a horse rider, trainer, and judge and owner of Limelight Farm.

Please note:

There are **6 Democrats who qualified to run for Governor**. To keep things simple, only David Jolly – who is the presumptive nominee – is listed in the chart. Here is the full list:

Castillo-Bach, Evelyn
Fernandez, Thomas Eloy
Foster, Dayna Marie
Jolly, David with Lt Gov Gwen Graham
Joseph, Dotie
Norman, Stephan

There are 11 Republicans running for Governor. Only three of the most notable are listed in the chart.

For the full list of candidates, see <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/CanList.asp>

In the chart, if there are two or more candidates of the same party listed, then they would be running in the August 18 primary election. The winner would face other political parties in the general election in November. For example, the six Democratic candidates for governor will be on the primary ballot and the winner would face the winner of the Republican primary election in the general election in November, along with third-party candidates.

Office	Name of incumbent (All are Republican)	Candidates ** See Florida Dept of State website for full list of candidates. In some cases only the most competitive candidates are listed in the chart below**	Term Length	Term Expires
Governor & Lt Gov	Ron DeSantis/ Jeanette Nunez Term-limited	David Jolly (D) and 5 other candidates Byron Donalds (R) Paul Renner (R) Jay Collins (R) and 8 other candidates	4 years	2026
Attorney General	James Uthmeier (R)	Jose Javier Rodriguez (D)	4 years	2026
Chief Financial Officer	Blaise Ingoglia (R)	Earle Ford (D) Annette Taddeo (D)	4 years	2026
Commissioner of Ag	Wilton Simpson (R)	Romagnano (D) Donald Prichard (D) Matt Taylor (R)	4 years	2026
House Rep District 85	Toby Overdorf (R) Term-limited	Open seat election: Wayne Richter (D) Anthony Bonna (R)	2 years	2026
House Rep District 86	John Snyder (R)	Elizabeth Pandich (D)	2 years	2026
Circuit Judges, 19 th Cir	TBD		6 years	2026