

ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES

Four Year Term — Salary \$109,000
Vote for One

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HEADS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY General which provides legal services to all branches of state government, represents the state in federal court and at hearings, enforces criminal and tax laws and provides aid and supervision to prosecuting attorneys. The Attorney General is not required to be an attorney.

Candidates were asked to summarize their background in 25 words and were allotted 75 words to expand on an issue or issues of importance or list priorities if elected. Candidates were asked to provide "yes" or "no" responses to grid questions pertinent to this office. A "yes" or "no" indicates a candidate's response on the issue in general, and should not be regarded as opposing or supporting a specific proposal. Where there is a blank, the candidate chose not to respond or had a more involved statement.

Grid Questions:

1. Do you support requiring that the Attorney General be an attorney?
2. Do you believe the Attorney General's office has been utilized effectively to fight crime?
3. Do you believe that the Attorney General's office adequately supervises prosecuting attorneys?
4. Do you believe the current system of plea bargaining is appropriate in criminal cases?
5. Do you support the use of Grand Jury hearings in cases of criminal sexual conduct, such as child abuse cases?
6. Do you believe the current environmental laws are adequately enforced?
7. Do you believe that DNA testing is reliable evidence in criminal cases?



Frank J. Kelley

Democrat, 60, Okemos. Bachelors and Juris Doctorate, University of Detroit; worked as corporate and general practice attorney; served as city attorney, county commissioner and Attorney General.

I will continue to fight crime by working with county prosecutors to keep criminals in prison. I will work to expand the use of multi-county grand juries to stop gangs and drug dealers. I will continue my work to protect consumers from getting ripped off by stores with scanner errors and unwarranted utility and insurance company overcharges. I will continue to fight the special interest groups, and make sure that our system of justice works.

1	Yes	Yes
2	Yes	Yes
3	Yes	Yes
4	Yes	Yes
5	Yes	Yes
6	Yes	Yes
7	Yes	Yes



John Smietanka

Republican, 63, Ada. Law degree, John Marshall Law School, Barron County Prosecutor's office—Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorney—United States Attorney, Western Michigan; President, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Crime is major social issue in this state today. Violent crime has increased nearly 300% in the 33 years Frank Kelley has been Attorney General. My proposal is: 1) beef up the Attorney General's Criminal Division (currently only 2% of the Attorney General's lawyers); 2) create a major crime task force to investigate and prosecute major criminals and their organizations; 3) recreate the Organized Crime Division; 4) reinvigorate our neighborhoods with programs like "weed & seed", emphasizing self-help.



Richard H. Austin

Democrat, 61, Detroit. Presently serving as Michigan's Secretary of State, IIA, Business Administration, Detroit Institute of Technology; Certified Public Accountant; Secretary of State since 1971; Wayne County Auditor, 1960-71.

Voting is the life source by which our democratic system of government operates. I aggressively support all initiatives which will encourage greater voter participation and access to our electoral system. I am pleased that Michigan is recognized as the "pioneer state" for the Motor Voter law which Congress enacted last year and we have had in place for roughly the last 20 years. I support all safety measures which will reduce traffic accidents and fatalities.

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Candice S. Miller

Republican, 40, Harrison Township. Harrison Township Supervisor, 1980-92; Macomb County Treasurer, 1992-Present; graduated Lake Shore High School, 1972; attended Macomb County Community College Northwood Institute.

1) due to potential abuses for fraud; 2) applications protect against fraud; 3) age discrimination—younger drivers cause more accidents than elderly; 4) current laws strong enough; 5) too much government interference; 6) support legislature requiring 6 hours min. of driver education; 7) need to "re-prioritize existing budget if necessary.

SECRETARY OF STATE CANDIDATES

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE HEADS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH is responsible for maintaining the official records of the executive and administrative sections of state government. The department includes the Bureau of Elections, Bureau of Automotive Regulation, Bureau of Driver and Vehicle Records, Branch Office Services Bureau, Bureau of Driver Improvement and Bureau of History.

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Grid Questions:

1. Do you support same-day voter registration on election day?
2. Do you support voting by mail without the need for absentee ballot applications?
3. Do you support a measure to require annual testing of drivers over 75 years old?
4. Would you support stronger enforcement of the mandatory seat belt law?
5. Would you support regular state-mandated automobile safety inspections?
6. Would you support a requirement for a road test in addition to a written test for all new driver's licenses?
7. Do you support increased state funding for operation of the Michigan Historical Museum?