

Alabama’s Four Republican Runoffs: Where They Stand

Four Races. One Poll. Straight Analysis.

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Our fifth statewide survey of likely Republican runoff voters, conducted May 28, finds four races in very different places. One’s settled. Two are more complicated than the headline numbers suggest. One is genuinely up for grabs. Below is the public read — where each race stands and who I think wins on June 16. Two variables could move the picture: how hard President Trump actually campaigns for his endorsees, and whether the trailing candidates have the money to chase the openings the data shows are there. Both are knowable. Both matter.

My Calls for June 16

Race	My Call	Confidence	Short Reason
U.S. Senate	Jared Hudson	WINS	Leads across most of the map and most demographics
Lt. Governor	John Wahl	LEAN	Trails the headline, leads the voters most likely to show up
Attorney General	Katherine Robertson	WINS	Most confident call — leads by 17.9 across every segment
Agriculture Comm.	Corey Hill	LEAN	Leads committed voters; nearly 4 in 10 still undecided

The two calls marked “Lean” carry real uncertainty. Wahl already leads among the voters most likely to actually cast a ballot on June 16th, even though Allen leads the topline. Hill’s lead is real, but with nearly 40% undecided, Agriculture is the most volatile race on the ballot.

The Environment

Alabama Republicans head into the runoff in a good mood — and a squeezed one. The state’s right-track number sits at 63.6%, a NET of +35.4, the most favorable reading across all five of our surveys. These aren’t voters in revolt. But ask about their own households and 78.5% name an economic issue as the top concern — the highest share we’ve recorded — led by inflation and cost of living. They’re satisfied at the state level and squeezed at the kitchen table, and no candidate in any of these races has yet owned that distinction.

Trump approval remains extraordinary at 83.2% approve, NET +68.7. The endorsement environment is powerful — and here’s the finding that hasn’t been reported anywhere else:

Endorsement (generic, May 2026)	More Likely	Less Likely	NET
Trump endorsement	48.1%	18.1%	+29.9
Britt endorsement	44.8%	14.4%	+30.4

Katie Britt’s endorsement carries virtually identical persuasion weight to Trump’s in this electorate. While she hasn’t endorsed in any of these races, she has firmly established herself as perhaps “the” political force in Alabama moving forward.

The Two Variables That Could Move It

Trump. The endorsement effect is real — a net positive 29.9 points in this electorate, and stronger still among the most loyal voters. What this poll can’t tell you is how aggressively Trump campaigns between now and June 16th. A Truth Social post is not a rally. A robocall is not a coordinated air buy. A sustained Trump push is a fundamentally different instrument than the endorsement signal alone.

Money. Steve Marshall entered the Senate primary well-liked and under-advertised, and never closed the gap between voters who liked him and voters who committed to him. Several trailing candidates sit in the same spot now: more people hold a favorable view of them than have committed to vote for them. That gap is closable — advertising closes it. Without resources to chase it, the data doesn’t close on its own.

Race by Race

U.S. Senate — Hudson vs. Moore. Jared Hudson leads Barry Moore 48.7% to 39.2%, with 12.1% undecided. He leads across most of the map and most demographics; Moore’s coalition is concentrated among the strongest Trump loyalists and older voters. A heavy Trump intervention narrows this. I don’t think it flips it — and despite all the money spent on his behalf, Moore still hasn’t given voters a clear reason “why.” My call: Hudson wins.

Lt. Governor — Allen vs. Wahl. Wes Allen leads John Wahl 41.9% to 38.4% on the topline — the number you’d see in a headline. Go one level deeper and the picture flips: among voters who say they’ll definitely vote, among Republicans, and among the most frequent primary voters, Wahl leads. Runoff electorates are smaller, older, and more loyalist — which is Wahl’s coalition, not Allen’s. This is the most consequential mismatch on the ballot, and my most uncertain call. My call: Lean Wahl.

Attorney General — Robertson vs. Mitchell. Katherine Robertson leads Jay Mitchell 49.1% to 31.2% — a 17.9-point margin, the largest of the four runoffs — and she leads in every media market and every congressional district. Mitchell’s competitive turf is narrow, and the persuadable middle is breaking toward Robertson, not splitting evenly. His path is real but requires several things to go right at once. The one variable that changes it is a late, well-funded surge. My call: Robertson wins — my most confident call.

Agriculture Commissioner — Hill vs. McInnis. Corey Hill leads Christina Woerner McInnis 33.1% to 27.3% — with 39.6% still firmly undecided. That undecided figure is extraordinary for a two-person race, and it makes this the most volatile contest on the ballot. Hill leads among the voters most likely to

actually turn out, which is his real asset in a low-turnout runoff. But this race can move quickly and cheaply with late advertising or earned media. My call: Lean Hill — with real uncertainty.

One Electorate, Two Coalitions

These four races aren't decided by four separate electorates. The same voters are making all four calls at once, and two broad coalitions are running across the whole ballot. One is the endorsement coalition — the strongest Trump loyalists, voters 65 and up, evangelical voters, the Dothan and Mobile markets, and the most consistent primary turnout. The other is a more independent, policy-minded coalition — voters under 65, the Birmingham and Huntsville markets, and people who turn out less reliably across primaries. That second group is larger in the full survey but less certain to show up in a low-turnout runoff.

So the central question in all four races is the same: who actually walks in the door on June 16th? If the older, most-loyal, most-frequent electorate turns out in force — which a sustained Trump-Britt push would produce — the runoffs tilt one way. If turnout looks more like the broader primary, they tilt the other. Settle that, and you've settled most of the ballot.

I follow the data. The data says these four races run through one electorate and one question — who shows up on June 16th.

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Methodology

The Alabama Poll surveyed 600 likely Republican Primary Runoff voters on May 28, 2026, using a multi-modal methodology combining live telephone interviews (landline and cell) and self-administered text-message surveys. Interviews were stratified by area, race and ethnicity, age, gender, and vote history based on prior Republican primary turnout. To qualify, respondents confirmed they were likely to vote in the June 16, 2026 Republican Primary Runoff. The margin of error is $\pm 4.0\%$ at a 95% confidence interval; error margins increase for cross-tabulations. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding. This is the fifth consecutive Alabama Poll survey of this electorate, following surveys in August 2025, December 2025, February 2026, and March 2026.