

South Australian Election Brief

The South Australian state election will be held on Saturday 21 March. All 47 seats in the House of Assembly will be up for election, along with 11 of the 22 seats in the Legislative Council.

The Assembly and the Council

In South Australia Members of the Assembly are elected to four-year terms. Council members are elected to eight-year terms, and elected by proportional representation, similar to the Federal Senate.

House of Assembly Overview (current status)

Total seats	Majority required	ALP Seats	Coalition (Liberal/National) Seats	Crossbench Seats
47	24	29	13	4

**1 seat currently vacant*

Legislative Council Overview

Total Seats	Seats up for Election	ALP Seats	Coalition (LNP) Seats	Crossbench Seats
22	11	9	8	5
Seats up for Election				
ALP	Liberal	SA Best	Better Community	Independent
4	4	1	1	1

Changes to Electoral Boundaries

As required under the South Australian Constitution, the South Australian Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission must re-draw the boundaries of the House of Assembly electoral districts after each election. The Commission's report was handed down in December 2024, and as a result changes were made to 16 of the 47 districts. The Commission has also decided to rename the electoral district of Frome as the electoral district of Ngadjuri.

Key Election Dates

21 February	Writ issued
23 February	Nominations open
27 February	Close of roll
2 March 3pm	HA nominations declared
2 March 5pm	LC nominations declared
10 March	Remote polling starts
13 March	Out of state postal voting applications close
14 March	Early voting opens
17 March	Inside state postal voting applications close
21 March	Polling day

Leaders

The Hon. Peter Malinuaskas MP

Premier of South Australia, Leader of the Labor Party

Electorate – Croydon

Malinauskas was born in Adelaide to parents of Hungarian and Lithuanian descent. Following Barnard Finnigan’s resignation, Malinauskas joined the Legislative Council, before winning the seat of Croydon at the 2018 election. He was then elected leader of the opposition in 2018, before winning the 2022 election.



Ashton Hurn MP

Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Liberal Party

Electorate – Schubert

Hurn grew up in Angaston, the daughter of a farmer. Hurn successfully stood for the seat at the 2022 state election, following Stephan Knoll’s retirement. She is the second woman to hold the position of Opposition Leader.



Cory Bernardi

Leader of One Nation South Australia

Legislative Council

Bernardi was a Liberal Senator for South Australia from 2006 to 2020, and was the leader of the Australian Conservatives, a minor political party he founded in 2017 but disbanded in 2019. He is a former member of the Liberal Party of Australia, having represented the party in the Senate from 2006 to 2017. Bernardi will lead One Nation's Legislative Council ticket at the upcoming state election in South Australia.



Polling has shown the possibility of One Nation winning seats, with seats likely in the Upper House but also potentially in the Lower House.

Councillor's up for Election in 2026

Party	Councillor
ALP	Emily Bourke Mira El Dannawi Justin Hanson Clare Scriven
Coalition	Ben Hood Heidi Girolamo Terry Stephens Frank Pangallo
SA Best	Connie Bonaros
Independent	Tammy Franks
Better Community	Jing Lee

Marginal Seats by Party ($\leq 6\%$ Margin)

ALP

Seat	Margin
Dunstan	0.8%
Gibson	2.5%
Davenport	3.4%
King	4%
Waite	4%
Newland	5.4%
Elder	5.6%

Coalition

Seat	Margin
Finniss	0.7%
Morialta	1.4%
Unley	2.2%
Heysen	2.6%
Ngadjuri	3.2%
Kavel	3.5%
Hartley	3.6%
Morphett	4.5%
Colton	4.8%
Hammond	5.1%

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