

Bill Lee

Bill Lee is a Chairperson of Lee Company, a utilities repair company. Lee graduated from Auburn University before taking over his family business and serving as president of the company. He has no previous experience as an elected official.

Platform: Lee is running on education, rural community, and public safety.

Position on healthcare:

Lee opposes expanding Medicaid. He wishes to pursue block grants instead. He supports work requirements for Medicaid services.

"Obamacare will not expand in Tennessee under my watch. Health care costs are skyrocketing, and that would make it even worse. Throughout our healthcare system, there are no incentives for reducing costs or investing in prevention. We have to address those core issues first."

- per The Tennessean

"If competition and choice were priorities in our healthcare system, we would have a system with incentives to reduce cost instead of incentives to increase volume. Whether you're an employer or a patient, Obamacare and the vast bureaucracy around it has reduced transparency, limited competition, and has made it harder to provide and obtain quality care."

- Leadership Tennessee forum at Lipscomb University, 6/15/2018

Position on education:

Lee plans to re-evaluate Tennessee's Basic Education Program (BEP), a formula used in funding public schools. He supports charter schools and vouchers.

"We need real vocational, technical, and agricultural education in our public schools and we don't need a massive, costly government project to do it. We have willing partners in the private sector. I know, because I've done it in my company, which employs hundreds of skilled tradesmen. We created our own technical school that led to great careers."

- per The Tennessean

"I don't think it is so important what kind of school it is, but that the quality of education that our children receive is the highest that we can possibly give them."

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Has not held office in Tennessee General Assembly or the U.S. Congress

