

Bobby Jindal **Governor of Louisiana**

Bobby Jindal is Governor of Louisiana and is the youngest governor currently serving in the nation. He was sworn into office on January 14, 2008, after receiving 54 percent of the vote in the October 2007 primary. This marked the first time that a non-incumbent candidate for governor was elected without a runoff under the current election system. Gov. Jindal ran and was elected on a platform of ethics reform.

A month after taking office, Gov. Jindal called the Legislature into a special session and put forth an aggressive agenda to make Louisiana's ethics laws the gold standard in the nation. Gov. Jindal was successful during the historic session in passing his main reform measures of increasing financial disclosure of elected officials, prohibiting elected officials from receiving unlimited meals from lobbyists, eliminating the loophole for free cultural and sporting event tickets for elected officials, and prohibiting elected officials from entering into contracts with the state.

Gov. Jindal entered public service in 1996 when he was appointed secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Gov. Jindal was successful in turning DHH's the \$400 million budget deficit he inherited into a surplus of \$220 million.

In 1998, Gov. Jindal was appointed executive director of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, whose recommendations continue to be the driving force behind much of the ongoing debate on how to strengthen and improve Medicare.

In March 2001, Gov. Jindal was nominated by President Bush as the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In that position, he served as the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In 2004, Gov. Jindal was elected as Congressman for the First Congressional District in Louisiana; he was re-elected to a second term in 2006.

Gov. Jindal graduated from Brown University in 1991 with honors in both biology and public policy. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and received his graduate degree in 1994.

Gov. Jindal is married and the father of three young children.