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Next 2sday put together the following pages by combining three nonpartisan resources — Cleveland VOTES, guides.vote, and Ballotpedia — into one document, unedited and exactly as each source published it. This guide centers on Cuyahoga County, but also includes statewide races and issues, along with a couple of races from other parts of Northern Ohio.

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY

NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION GUIDE

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CLEVELAND
VOTES

MESSAGE FROM CLEVELAND VOTES.



**“YOUR PRESENCE AT THE POLLS
MAKES OUR CITY STRONGER.”**

At Cleveland VOTES, we believe that our democracy works best when every voice is heard and every community is fully involved. This upcoming election is far more than a simple date on the calendar—it is an opportunity to impact the future of our neighborhoods, our region, and the services and decisions that affect our daily lives.

Presidential elections often receive the most attention in our country. However, we believe that EVERY single election matters. And we believe that EVERY single vote matters.

We created this guide to provide clear, reliable, and unbiased information so that every eligible Clevelander can participate in democracy with total confidence. Whether this is your very first time voting or you have been casting ballots for decades, we want you to know that your presence at the polls makes our city stronger.

If we are to face the challenges and opportunities ahead of us, we must stay informed and active in our communities. A healthy democracy requires us to listen to one another and

LET'S
VOTE

take part thoughtfully. Our shared future is built through the power of voting and cooperation.

As you get ready to vote, we invite you to explore the candidates and issues, design your own voting plan, and encourage those around you to do the same. Together, we can keep working toward a more equal Cuyahoga County that represents all of us.

Let's vote.

CLEVELAND VOTES

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VOTING DATES, DEADLINES + RESOURCES



Key Dates

Registration Deadline

Oct. 5

Early In-Person + Absentee Voting Opens

Oct. 6

Vote-by-Mail/Absentee Applications Due

Oct. 27

Last Day of Early In-Person Voting

Nov. 1

Absentee Ballots Postmark Deadline

Nov. 3

► Election Day

Nov. 3

EARLY VOTING HOURS

November General Election

Oct. 13 - 23 (Weekdays)	8am - 5pm
Oct. 24	8am - 4pm
Oct. 26	7:30am - 7:30pm
Oct. 27	7:30am - 8:30pm
Oct. 28 - 30	7:30am - 7:30pm
Oct. 31	8 - 4pm
Nov. 1	1 - 5pm
Nov. 3 (Election Day)	6:30am - 7:30pm



Check Your Voter Registration



Find Your Polling Location



Vote by Mail



Get a Sample Ballot



Accessible (ADA) Voting Services



Board of Elections

1803 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

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▶ LOCAL RACES + ISSUES

Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Levy

The levy would keep the County's current 4.7-mill property tax and add 2.5 more mills. If voters approve it, the extra money will help the County's Department of Health and Human Services pay for important programs affected by federal budget cuts and rising prices. The levy would raise about \$110.76 million to support many services, including programs for older adults and people with disabilities. It would cost homeowners about \$87.50 per \$100,000 of property value each year.

Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Funding Levy

The levy would provide 2.25 mills for the Board of Developmental Disabilities, which provides services to county residents with disabilities. Some of these services include housing support, clinical and mental health care, education of children and adults, and job training. The levy would last for 10 years and would raise about \$94.5 mills per year. It would cost homeowners about \$79 per \$100,000 of property value each year.

Cuyahoga County Executive

Chris Ronayne**

Party: Democrat **Website:** chrisronayne.com

Summary: Ronayne is the current Cuyahoga County Executive. He assumed office on January 1, 2023 and is running for re-election. His administration has focused on homelessness, public transportation, and county service delivery. As part of these efforts, he established a Department of Housing and Community Development and appointed a Senior Advisor for Transportation. His administration has also supported economic development initiatives along Lake Erie.



Cuyahoga County Council

District	Candidate	Party	Website
1	Patrick Kelly**	Democrat	facebook.com/PatrickKellyforCouncil
1	James M. Trutko	Republican	trutkoforcuyahogacouncil.com
3	Martin J. Sweeney**	Democrat	sweeneyforcouncil.com
5	Courtney Scheff	Democrat	courtneyscheff.com
5	Michael J. Gallagher**	Republican	No website provided
7	Yvonne M. Conwell**	Democrat	No website provided
9	Meredith M. Turner**	Democrat	facebook.com/CuyTurner4D9
11	Christine McIntosh	Democrat	christine-mcintosh.com
11	William McLaughlin	Republican	No website provided

Court of Common Pleas*

Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division Term starts 01/09/2027	
Pamela Hawkins	pamelahawkinsforjudge.com
Sunny Simon	votesunnysimon.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/01/2027	
Kira Krivosh**	krivoshforjudge.com
Jacob Westfall	westfallforjudge.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division Term starts 01/08/2027	
Colleen Ann Realì**	colleenannrealiforjudge.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/02/2027	
Morgan Caruso	carusoforjudge.com
Daryl Dennie	daryldennie4judge.us
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/03/2027	
William Vodrey**	votevodrey.com
Timothy Clary	judgetimothyclary.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/04/2027	
Jennifer O'Donnell**	jenniferodonnellforjudge.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/05/2027	
Brendan J. Sheehan**	brendansheehan.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/06/2027	
Andrew J. Santoli**	andrewsantoli.com
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/07/2027	
Diane Russell	russellforjudge.org
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division Term starts 01/10/2027	
Shannon M. Gallagher**	No website provided

Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas General Division		Term starts 02/09/2027
Antonio Nicholson	anicholsonforjudge.com	
Fallon Radigan	radigan4judge.com	
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division		Term starts 01/01/2027
Nicholas Celebrezze	votecelebrezze.com	
Cuy. County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division		Term starts 02/09/2027
Laura J. Gallagher**	No website provided	

Please note that these are county races. You might be voting on more issues and races in your municipality. To see everything what will be on your ballot, go to ballotpedia.org.

Ohio Voter Eligibility Requirements

- ☒ You are a citizen of the United States
- ☒ You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next general election
- ☒ You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote
- ☒ You are not incarcerated for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States
- ☒ You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court
- ☒ You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating election laws

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID FOR VOTING IN PERSON IN OHIO

- 01 An Ohio driver's license
- 02 An Ohio state ID card
- 03 An interim identification form issued by the BMV
- 04 A U.S. passport or passport card
- 05 A U.S. military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

Local Races Glossary

- **County Executive** - Elected head of government in a county. They run county agencies, manage the budget and services, sign laws passed by the county legislature, and appoint some county officials.
- **County Council** - An elected group that runs a county with the help of the county executive. Cuyahoga County Council is made up of 11 elected representatives from across the County. Elected every four years.
- **Court of Common Pleas** - A trial court that hears many kinds of cases. These courts are usually organized by county. They handle major civil cases, such as disputes over large amounts of money or property, serious criminal cases called felonies, and appeals of decisions made by government agencies.
- **Incumbent** - Someone who is currently holding a specified office.
- **Nonpartisan** - Not connected to any political party.
- **Levy** - A request for funds to be raised by taxing the value of property. Often put towards public services like schools, parks, and public works projects.

▶ STATE RACES + ISSUES

Ohio Require Voter Identification Amendment

- A YES vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to require a photo ID to vote.
- A NO vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to require a photo ID to vote.

Governor/Lieutenant Governor

Amy Acton/David Pepper Party: Democrat Website: actonforgovernor.com Summary: Acton's campaign focuses on improving health care, education, and the economy for Ohioans. She supports expanding access to health care and strengthening the state's public health system. Her platform includes increasing funding for schools and supporting teachers. In addition, she wants state government to be more transparent, involve communities in decision-making, and promote long-term economic growth across Ohio.	
Vivek Ramaswamy/Rob McColley Party: Republican Website: vivekforohio.com Summary: Ramaswamy's campaign focuses on tax cuts, reducing government regulation, and making Ohio more business-friendly. He supports school choice, charter schools, and greater parental involvement in education. His platform also includes expanding domestic energy production, merit-based immigration, stricter border enforcement, and policies aimed at increasing economic competitiveness.	No photo provided.
Don Kissick/James Mills Party: Libertarian Website: donkissick.com Summary: Kissick's campaign focuses on making government more open, reducing corruption, and helping small businesses. He supports replacing property taxes with local sales taxes, limiting tax breaks for data centers, protecting same-sex marriage, reducing regulations on the marijuana industry, reducing federal immigration enforcement, and creating a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants.	No photo provided.

Attorney General

Candidate	Party	Website
John Kulewicz	Democrat	john4ohioag.com
Keith Faber	Republican	keithfaber.org

State Auditor

Candidate	Party	Website
Annette Blackwell	Democrat	blackwellforohio.com
Frank LaRose	Republican	franklarose.com

Secretary of State

Candidate	Party	Website
Allison Russo	Democrat	allisonrusso.com
Robert Sprague	Republican	spragueforohio.com
Tom Pruss	Libertarian	votepruss.com

State Treasurer

Candidate	Party	Website
Seth Walsh	Democrat	sethwalshforohio.com
Jay Edwards	Republican	edwardsforohio.com

Supreme Court

Term starts 01/02/2027		
Candidate	Party	Website
Jennifer L. Brunner**	Democrat	justicebrunner.com
Colleen O'Donnell	Republican	odonnellforohio.com

Term starts 01/01/2027		
Candidate	Party	Website
Dan Hawkins**	Republican	hawkinsforohio.com
Marilyn Zayas	Democrat	judgemarilynzayas.com

Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals

Term starts 02/10/2027		
Candidate	Party	Website
Michael John Ryan**	Democrat	No website provided

Term starts 02/11/2027

Candidate	Party	Website
Emanuella Groves **	Democrat	No website provided

Term starts 02/09/2027

Candidate	Party	Website
Jeff Crossman	Democrat	crossmanforjudge.com

Term starts 02/12/2027

Candidate	Party	Website
Anita Laster Mays**	Democrat	No website provided
Anthony Alto	Republican	No website provided

Special Election; Term ends 12/31/2028

Candidate	Party	Website
Ashley Kilbane	Democrat	facebook.com/KilbaneForJudge

State Senate

District 21

Candidate	Party	Website
Bride Rose Sweeney	Democrat	briderosesweeney.com
Robert Dintaman	Republican	dintaman4ohio.com

District 23

Candidate	Party	Website
William DeMora**	Democrat	demoraforohio.com
Don Roberts	Republican	donrobertsforohio.com
Raisheda August	Independent	facebook.com/raisheda.angus.9

State House of Representatives

District	Candidate	Party	Website
13	Tristan Rader**	Democrat	tristanrader.com
13	Bill Fronimo	Republican	fronimo.org
14	Sean Brennan**	Democrat	brennanforohio.com
14	David Morgan	Republican	morgan4ohiohouse.com
15	Chris Glassburn**	Democrat	chrisglassburn.com
15	Daniel Conway	Republican	conwayforohio.com
17	Megan Coy	Democrat	coyforohio.com
17	Mike Dovilla**	Republican	mikedovilla.com
18	Davida Russell	Democrat	facebook.com/russell4staterep
18	Maureen Lynn	Republican	No website provided
19	Nicole Sigurdson	Democrat	nicolefor19.com
19	Ed Hargate	Republican	edhargate.com
20	Eugene Miller	Democrat	instagram.com/eugenemillerusa
20	Donna Walker Brown	Republican	No website provided
20	Teri Wang	Independent	instagram.com/vote_teriwang
21	Eric Synenberg**	Democrat	ericsynenberg.com
21	Tina Barhams	Republican	No website provided
22	Darnell Brewer**	Democrat	darnellbrewer.com
23	Dan Troy**	Democrat	danieltroy.com
23	Julie A. Belich	Republican	No website provided

Not sure what district you're in? Go to findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov.

State Races Glossary

- **Governor** - Elected leader in charge of running the state government. Can suggest new laws, sign or veto bills, give pardons, and manage state programs. Elections for governor occur every 4 years.
- **Lieutenant Governor** - Second-in-command after the governor. They take over when the governor is away, resigns, or dies. The governor and lieutenant governor are elected together and are from the same party.
- **Attorney General** - Elected official who represents the state in court and provides legal advice to the governor, state agencies, and the legislature. Handles consumer fraud, civil rights, and antitrust lawsuits on behalf of the state's citizens.
- **State Auditor** - An elected official who monitors how the state spends money. They check that taxes are used properly and legally by looking at the finances of state agencies, local governments, and other groups that get public funds.
- **Secretary of State** - Elected official who runs state elections, registers businesses so they can operate in Ohio, keeps records of important legal transactions, and provides access to public documents.
- **State Treasurer** - An elected official in charge of collecting taxes and fees, keeping taxpayer money safe, and managing the state's investments.
- **Ohio Supreme Court** - The highest court in Ohio. Makes the final decisions about laws and the state Constitution. The court has seven justices who are elected by voters for six-year terms.
- **Courts of Appeals** - The middle level of Ohio's court system. Review decisions made by lower courts, such as common pleas and county courts. An appeal is decided by a panel of three judges. Ohio has 12 courts of appeals districts.
- **Ohio Senate** - The "upper house" of Ohio's legislative branch. Works with Ohio House of Reps to make state laws. Half of the seats are voted on every two years.
- **State Representative** - The "lower house" of the Ohio legislative branch. Works with the Ohio Senate to make laws. Reps are elected for two-year terms.

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U.S. Senate

Sherrod Brown

Party: Democrat **Website:** sherrodbrown.com

Platform summary: Supports legal access to abortion. Prioritizes climate action and supports clean energy tax credits. Advocates for increasing law enforcement resources, de-escalation training, and ending racial profiling. Wants to see infrastructure investment and job creation. Opposes school vouchers and emphasizes funding public schools. Favors tightening gun laws and banning assault weapons. And has campaigned for easier voting access.



Jon Husted*

Party: Republican **Website:** jonhustedforsenate.com

Platform summary: Favors banning abortion and overturning Roe v. Wade. Opposes increased environmental regulations and clean energy tax credits. Wants to provide more funding to law enforcement and border security. Has called for increased defense spending, cutting foreign aid, and easing welfare regulation. Supports school choice and private school funding through tax credits. Seeks to expand gun rights. And has proposed stricter ID requirements for voting.



Gregory Levy

Party: Independent **Website:** greg4senate.com

Platform summary: Calls for universal healthcare, free public education, student debt cancellation, rent caps, and expanded union jobs. Supports banning corporate political influence, restructuring federal institutions, and expanding civil rights, including abortion access, LGBTQ+ protections, and immigrant rights. And calls for major cuts to military spending and transitioning to a renewable-energy economy.



Bill Redpath

Party: Libertarian **Website:** billredpath.com

Platform summary: Proposes cutting federal spending by reforming public programs, closing the Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, and implementing a flat tax. Calls for ending tariffs, allowing more immigration with safety checks, and removing federal laws against crimes that do not directly hurt others, such as drug use. Supports choosing the president by the national popular vote. Wants the U.S. to be less involved in military actions in other countries.



Not sure if you're a Democrat,
Republican, Libertarian or Independent?
You can take this quiz to find out!



**Incumbent*

U.S. House of Representatives [District 7]

Brian Poindexter

Party: Democrat **Website:** poindexterforcongress.com

Platform summary: Supports working families and organized labor. Proposes making the economy work more for workers rather than corporations and wealthy Americans. Supports protections for organizing and better wages and workplace safety. Calls for more accessible healthcare that isn't tied to employment. Also advocates for "Made in America" policies, discouraging companies from moving jobs overseas and encouraging domestic investment.



Max Miller*

Party: Republican **Website:** votemaxmiller.com

Platform summary: Emphasizes an "America First" approach to politics. Priorities include lowering taxes, expanding career and technical education and workforce development, supporting law enforcement, securing the southern border, expanding American energy production to lower costs, reducing regulations to encourage job creation, and investing in infrastructure. Has voiced support for farmers, American manufacturing, and national security.



Andrey Joseph Martinichin

Party: Independent **Website:** andrey4congress.org

Platform summary: Emphasizes universal, affordable healthcare, drawing on his nursing experience. Supports higher wages, stronger collective bargaining rights, accessible education and skills training, cheaper childcare, and other policies that would help reduce the cost of living. Calls for investing in teachers through better salaries, benefits, and working conditions.



U.S. House of Representatives [District 11]

Shontel Brown*

Party: Democrat **Website:** shontelbrown.com

Platform summary: Wants to expand healthcare access, create good-paying jobs, lower the cost of living, and protect civil rights. Supports strengthening the Affordable Care Act, manufacturing, and clean energy. Advocates for voting rights, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ protections, criminal justice reform, and equal opportunities in education. Supports immigrant protections and policies that promote fairness while opposing actions that unfairly target vulnerable communities.



Mike Kirchner

Party: Republican **Website:** mikekirchner.com

Platform summary: No platform provided.



*Incumbent

HOW TO

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

Step 1

Visit ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot

Step 2

Fill out the application

Step 3

Download and print the form

Step 4

Mail the form to your county board of elections

Visit ohiosos.gov for the latest voting updates.

November 3 General Election

**Not sure where
your polling
location is?**

You can look it up at:

boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters

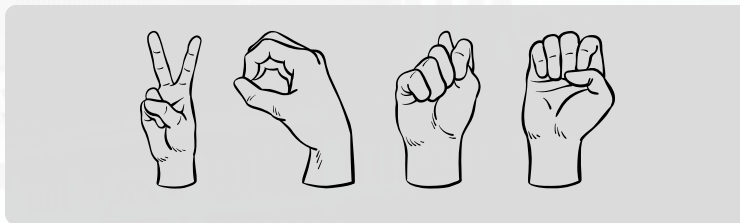
Did you know you can track your ballot from the moment you request it until it's received by your county board of elections? Once your ballot is received, it is securely stored until it is counted. Go to ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/ballot-tracking to track your ballot.

Federal Races Glossary

- **Federal** - The national government (e.g. President, Supreme Court, Congress).
- **Congress** - Made up of the Senate and House of Representatives. Together, they make and approve laws for the country. Congress also helps make sure the president and courts do not have too much power.
- **U.S. Senator** - Every state elects two senators to represent them in Congress. They serve six-year terms. Some of their key powers include proposing legislation, amending bills, and oversight of the federal budget.
- **U.S. Representative** - The number of representatives a state has is based on how big the population is. They are elected every two years. Reps introduce bills, offer amendments, and serve on committees.
- **Democrat** - A political party that often supports more government help in areas like schools and social programs, rules for businesses, and keeping religion separate from government. Many also support abortion rights, gun control laws, and programs that help workers and minority groups.
- **Republican** - A party that often supports lower taxes, less government control over businesses and schools, a strong military, and traditional family values. Many also oppose abortion, gun control laws, and programs like affirmative action.
- **Libertarian** - A party that believes the government should be very small (at all levels). Libertarians think people should have a lot of freedom over their money and property.
- **Independent** - Someone who is not formally aligned with a political party.
- **Constituent** - A resident of a district or member of a group represented by an elected official.
- **Tax Credit** - A dollar-for-dollar reduction of the income tax you owe. Unlike deductions, which lower your taxable income, a credit directly subtracts from your final tax bill. Governments use tax credits as incentives to promote specific behaviors, such as hiring certain workers, purchasing energy-efficient home upgrades, or supporting families.
- **Roe v. Wade** - A 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that established a constitutional right to abortion in the United States.
- **School voucher** - Government-funded certificates or subsidies that allow parents to use taxpayer dollars to cover tuition at private or charter schools, rather than sending their child to their assigned public school.
- **Tariff** - A tax imposed by a government on goods and services imported from other countries.

MIDTERM ELECTION GLOSSARY

- **Registration** - *The process that allows citizens to register with election officials in order to become eligible to vote*
- **Midterm Election** - *General elections that are held in November near the midpoint of a president's four-year term of office*
- **Absentee ballot** - *A vote cast by someone who is unable to vote in person at their official polling location on election day (for example, voting by mail)*
- **Board of Elections** - *A bipartisan administrative body responsible for overseeing and administering elections within a specific jurisdiction, such as a county*
- **Early voting** - *An option that allows voters to cast their ballots at a time and location other than in person on Election Day*
- **Polling place** - *A place where voters go to cast their votes in an election*



Still have questions?

Here are some helpful websites:

- clevotes.com/voteractivation
- boe.cuyahogacounty.gov
- ohiosos.gov
- voteriders.org

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HAVE A QUESTION ON ELECTION DAY?

Call or text **866-OUR-VOTE** to speak with a trained Election Protection volunteer.

Want to feel more secure *before* you hit the polls? Visit 866ourvote.org to learn more about the Election Protection resources available to you.



Ohio US Governor 2026

THE ISSUES

AMY
ACTON

DEMOCRAT

VIVEK
RAMASWAMY

REPUBLICAN

Learn how to vote in Ohio at voteohio.gov!

See guides.vote for online guides with links and sources.	actonforgovernor.com	vivekforohio.com
ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. “Every Ohioan deserves the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions.” “I will protect reproductive freedom so that every woman can access safe, legal abortion care, contraception, fertility treatments, and miscarriage care.”	Ban. “I’m unapologetically pro-life I believe that abortion is a form of murder.” Supports the overturning of Roe v. Wade, said abortion “is a matter for the states,” not the federal government. Would support a ban at “the six-week mark that brainwaves do begin.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly yes. Wants “an all-of-the-above energy strategy...that incorporates the lowest-cost and cleanest sources of energy.” Says Ohio should reinstate its Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards, which set annual benchmarks for utility companies’ renewable energy production.	No. “The climate agenda is a hoax.” Calls “the anti-carbon agenda” a “wet blanket on our economy.” Wants to “expand natural gas and deploy innovative energy technologies.” “We’re going to drill . We’re going to frack.” “ Coal shouldn’t be treated like a four-letter word.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Would “fully fund the police and public safety.” Calls for “community partnership with law enforcement.” Says crime “is often a symptom of other...societal problems.” Would “support our first responders and invest in addiction treatment, mental health services and community programming across our state.”	Wants “stricter bail and sentencing for repeat violent offenders.” Called for “more cops on the street.” Supports “qualified immunity,” which protects officers against lawsuits. Wants a database to track judges’ sentencing decisions, for accountability. Would “bring back mental health institutions” to “deal with severe psychiatric illnesses” “so officers can focus on fighting crime.”
DATA CENTERS Loosen or tighten rules around data center development?	Tighten. Wants more transparency in how data centers are approved, increased regulations, and fewer financial incentives. “ Data centers need to work for Ohioans.” Opposes loosening air and water quality standards for data centers. Would “ensure that Ohio consumers and...ratepayers are not the ones shouldering these added costs.”	Mixed. Calls the “data center boom” in Ohio “good.” Wants data centers to cover their own energy and water costs. “If you’re going to use energy , pay for your own energy.” Calls the move to curtail data centers “a terrible idea.” “We want to prepare ourselves for leadership in the sectors of the future.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Opposes a private school voucher program that “is sending billions...of your tax dollars to fund private schools.” “ Decades of privatization schemes and special interest giveaways have led to worse outcomes for our kids.” Would “get control of the opaque private school voucher system with runaway costs.”	Yes. Supports Ohio’s school voucher program. Wants to take school choice “to the next level, because every parent deserves to be able to send their kids to the best possible school.”
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Likely tighten. Would “undertake common sense reforms to reduce the scourge of gun violence.”	Likely loosen. “The right to keep and bear arms is not negotiable.” Felons should be able to own guns. “Concealed carry is important.” Background checks are “a legitimate part of the process.”

ISSUES	ACTON (D)	RAMASWAMY (R)
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government health care funding?	Increase. Would use public funding to end medical debt for income-qualifying Ohioans. "Every one of us is one healthcare emergency away from losing everything." Would use Ohio's "purchasing power" to reduce prescription drug prices. Calls Medicaid a "life-saving program" that should not be cut.	Decrease. "The best way " to address high healthcare costs "is by increasing the wealth...of Ohioans." Medicaid without work requirements "has harmed the very people that it was created...to help." Would lower healthcare costs by prosecuting Medicaid fraud and putting "the recovered funds back into citizens' pockets."
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Called ICE activity in Minneapolis "not...okay." "We...want violent offenders off the street, but we also have to treat people like human beings." "Frontline responders" should "be well-trained and be good at what they do." "Law enforcement should be keeping people safe by going after dangerous criminals, not by terrorizing communities."	" Militarize the southern border, stop funding sanctuary cities.... I favor ending birthright citizenship for the kids of illegal immigrants." "If we've had the largest influx of illegal immigrants in American history, then...we should have the largest mass deportation of immigrants in American history."
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. "I will always be a steadfast pro-union , pro-worker Governor." " Will always fight for the rights of our workers" and "crack down on wage theft, worker misclassification, and...other abuses that deprive Ohioans of their hard-earned wages." " Will ...make sure Ohio never becomes a right-to- work state." Says teachers should "maintain the right to organize."	Mostly easier. Supports "protecting the ability...to... bargain for themselves" for police, firefighters, and people in the trades. "I'm a strong protector of the ability for people to be able to freely organize." Opposes teachers unions. "That's the one area of collective bargaining that I would not rule out eliminating."
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Called Pride Month "a celebration of courage, community, and the right to live with dignity. To our LGBTQ+ neighbors: you matter, and you are not alone. I stand with you—this month and every month."	Mostly limit. "Transgenderism" is a "secular cult" and "a mental health disorder." "Leave our kids alone, don't try to change our language, our bathrooms, our sports." Said "a categorical ban" on transgender people in the military isn't necessary, except for "combat roles."
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Legal. Would "respect the will of the voters" on the use of cannabis products. Called a 2026 legislative ban on hemp-derived beverages an "out-of-touch overreach" by legislators.	Likely legal. Supports federal marijuana legalization. In 2023, voted against an Ohio marijuana legalization initiative: "It's an abandonment of the rule of law when you have...rules at the federal level but state laws that contradict federal law."
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the state minimum from \$11.00 per hour?	Yes. Would "raise the minimum wage." "We'll build a system where working people can afford to take care of themselves."	No position found.
TAXES How to handle state taxes?	Calls for "a refundable state earned income credit" that "would support up to 775,000 working families." Proposes child tax credits of \$500 to \$1,000 a year. Would address property taxes, "particularly for people on fixed incomes."	Would "slash property taxes immediately" and "phase out the state income tax—starting with eliminating capital gains taxes." "We're going to make Ohio a zero income tax state where you get to keep what you earn."
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Likely easier. Is concerned over reports that FBI agents raided an Ohio voter registration organization office. "Any attempts by federal law enforcement to intimidate eligible Ohioans from registering to vote are unacceptable." Would ensure Ohio's current voter ID law is enforced.	Mostly harder. Would amend the OH constitution to make voter ID permanent. " Now is the time to...enshrine voter ID into our constitution." Called for raising the voting age to 25 with a few exceptions. Proposed "single-day voting," paper ballots, and making "Election Day a national holiday."

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Supports “abortion access for all women.” Voted to prohibit governmental restrictions on abortion access in 2022. In 2018 voted against banning abortions at 20 weeks of pregnancy. Supported the ballot initiative to protect abortion in Ohio’s state constitution. Opposed the overturning of Roe v. Wade.	Ban. Sponsored a bill to prevent federal funds from covering abortions and to prohibit them in federal health facilities. Supports “defending the rights of women, children, and the unborn.” Opposed the ballot initiative to protect abortion in Ohio’s state constitution. Supported the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly yes. In 2021 said , “Now is the time to tackle” climate change. Voted for \$369 billion in clean energy tax credits. In 2024 opposed EPA’s increased greenhouse gas restrictions on coal-fired power plants: “ This is an unrealistic, unachievable rule” that would “cause job losses” and “raise energy costs.”	No. Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Supports repealing EPA’s greenhouse gas emissions standards for coal-fired power plants. Introduced a bill that would cut energy conservation requirements for consumer products and commercial equipment.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Supports giving law enforcement “the resources, training, and support they need.” Introduced a bill to provide de-escalation training. Sponsored a bill to end racial profiling. In 2020 sponsored a bill to end chokeholds and ban no-knock warrants.	Supports funding law enforcement and giving them “more tools to convict criminals.” As Lt. Governor, proposed investing in programs to support first-responders. “We need to value the men and women who wear the uniform.”
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Voted for \$1 trillion in infrastructure funding. Sponsored a bill to ease environmental rules to boost the semiconductor chip industry. “We need to create jobs , invest in our small businesses and American manufacturing.”	Mixed. Voted to increase defense spending. Voted to cut existing USAID foreign aid and funding for NPR and PBS. Introduced a bill to ease federal regulation on welfare funding. Supports “cutting bureaucratic red tape” to “make it easier to do business in Ohio.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Said that vouchers have moved “money out of public education into religious schools and other private schools.” Vouchers have “really undermined what state government should be doing and that is funding public education.” Wants “to make sure our public schools have the resources they need.”	Yes. Supports school choice tax credits “for students seeking a faith-based education.” Helped create Ohio’s EdChoice scholarship, which provides state funding for students to attend private school. “School choice empowers parents and helps meet the individual needs of each child.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Tighten. Sponsored a bill to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Voted to maintain a rule reducing air pollution from new heavy-duty engines and vehicles. Voted to fund cleaning up heavily polluted Superfund sites. Voted against authorizing oil and gas leasing in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.	Loosen. Introduced a bill to loosen regulations on critical minerals mining. Voted to end a 20-year protection against mining for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Voted to undo regulations on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants.

ISSUES	BROWN (D)	HUSTED (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. Sponsored a ban on assault weapons. Voted to expand background checks and encourage states to pass red flag laws. Would “ continue pushing for commonsense gun safety legislation.”	Loosen. Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry of guns across state lines. Responding to a Minneapolis church shooting, “I don’t believe at this point that the gun law is a solution to this problem [mass shootings].”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. Would “keep fighting to make health care more affordable and accessible.” Supports the Affordable Care Act. Voted to cap Medicare out-of-pocket costs and allow the federal government to negotiate lower drug costs. Sponsored a bill to cap patient insulin costs at \$35 a month or less.	Decrease. Voted to cut Medicaid. Voted against extending Affordable Care Act tax credits, saying the ACA is “ dysfunctional ” and makes health care “ less affordable.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Wants to “strengthen the border” and “provide additional resources to border agents.” Voted to expedite asylum claims and increase DHS authority to process aliens. Opposes ICE “targeting of innocent families.” In 2017, supported a path to citizenship for DACA young people.	Supports “securing the border and adding more agents.” Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion . “ICE agents ...do a really good job” in keeping “people safe.” No position found on a path to citizenship for DACA young people.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. Says the conflict puts the “country’s safety and security at risk.” The war “is costing Ohio taxpayers \$45 million a day as gas, grocery, and diesel prices are through the roof.”	Yes. Voted against requiring Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran in March and April . “What the president did is take decisive action against the brutal regime.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Joined a UAW picket line: “I was proud to stand in solidarity with UAW members in Evendale as they fought for a fair contract.” Sponsored a bill to expand & protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights.	Unclear. Supports “bringing good jobs to Ohio” and union members who “know the value of hard work and personal responsibility.” Would “ have an open dialogue with them [unions] and always look forward to working with them.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. “We must do everything we can to support our LGBTQ friends.” Voted for federal recognition of same sex marriages. Sponsored a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.	Limit. Supported requiring school personnel to reveal LGBTQ youth to their parents and limit the mention of LGBTQ identity in curricula. Supported an Ohio bill to ban gender-affirming care for minors. “Men should not compete in women’s sports.”
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. Supports raising the minimum to \$17 an hour. In 2021 sponsored a bill to gradually increase it to \$15 by 2025. “Today’s workers cannot survive on a minimum wage salary.”	No. Voted against a 2025 proposal to raise the federal minimum wage to \$17 an hour by 2030.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Voted to increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy to pay for family services, health, and environment programs. Opposes giving “tax cuts to the richest people in the country.”	Lower. Sponsored a bill to repeal the federal estate tax. Voted to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included, among other tax breaks, a break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Voted to increase access to voting and end Congressional gerrymandering. “Our leaders should be trying to make it easier to vote, not creating unnecessary barriers.”	Harder. Sponsored a bill requiring that voters show proof of U.S. citizenship in order to vote in federal elections. Proposed a bill to require voters show photo ID in federal elections to prove their identity. “ Passing voter ID requirements is common sense.”

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	No position found.	Legal. “ Overturning Roe v. Wade has had devastating consequences for abortion access, birth control, and reproductive care.” Would codify Roe v. Wade at the federal level. “It’s an issue of...basic fundamental freedom.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	No. “We need to focus on what works. And what works currently is fossil fuels.” Says government should make sure fossil fuels “are cheap and affordable.” Would support wind and solar energy “should those solutions...survive in a free market. ...But right now, that’s not the case.”	Yes. Voted to not repeal clean energy provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act and easing environmental permit processes. On the Cincinnati City Council, supported a city-led solar project. “This climate crisis is one of the biggest threats facing our world.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Supports “critical funding for law enforcement,” opposes “any measures that would cut funding or weaken police authority.” Supports using National Guard to patrol cities. “ When you don’t give law enforcement the resources they need or the training they need, bad things happen.”	Supported federal funding for additional cameras and mental health resources for police. Introduced a bill to increase federal grants to recruit local officers. As a Cincinnati city councilmember, voted to forego cash bail for nonviolent misdemeanor suspects.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mostly cut. Supports “across the board” spending cuts. Supports “deregulation to encourage growth.” Opposes efforts to “overregulate or ban” decentralized technologies” like cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. Wants “federal funding to support projects that improve infrastructure and reduce congestion.”	Mostly increase. Would fund “community development” and “a national infrastructure and housing bank.” Supports “investing in job training and small businesses,” and “child care providers.” Supports investing “to fix our roads, bridges, and waterlines.” Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry.
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Likely yes. Supports the One Big Beautiful Bill’s “creative [tax] breaks in terms of education policy.” The bill provides tax credits for donations to private school tuition scholarships.	No. Sponsored a resolution stating in part that “public education funding should not be diverted (e.g., through the use of vouchers) to privately run K-12 schools.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Likely loosen. Opposes regulations and “policies that strangle domestic energy production.” Would remove “red tape that suppresses small business growth.”	Tighten. Voted against removing protections for streams and wetlands under the Clean Water Act. Voted to keep a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Introduced a bill to study the environmental impacts of data centers and develop ways to combat those impacts.

ISSUES	CONROY (R)	LANDSMAN (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	No position found.	Tighten. Sponsored a ban on semiautomatic weapons. Sponsored a bill requiring safe gun storage around minors. Sponsored a bill requiring background checks for guns sold between private parties. Supports red flag laws.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Likely decrease. Calls the Affordable Care Act “the gateway drug to full government healthcare.... Obamacare does not work.” Would support an effort to “seriously reform” healthcare. Would work to ensure Medicare’s long-term solvency, “including rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in the system.”	Increase. Voted to extend Affordable Care Act premium subsidies. Sponsored a bill to restore funding to Medicaid and ACA tax credits. Introduced a bill to cap insulin costs for young patients. “No one should go broke visiting the doctor, the hospital, or paying for a prescription drug.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Supports Trump administration immigration policy: “I think the administration is doing fantastic.” Says the two deaths of U.S. citizens in Minneapolis were “unfortunate. ... But at the same time, you can’t interfere [with] federal law enforcement operations.” Wants more funding for “border patrol agents, advanced surveillance technology, and completing...the border wall.”	Introduced a resolution calling on Congress to “fully fund border security personnel, immigration judges,...and border technology.” Wants “immigration reform that protects Dreamers and establishes more legal pathways.” Wants “comprehensive reforms” on ICE and DHS. Called Trump’s “immigration crackdown” “chaotic” and “increasingly deadly.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Yes. Supports the U.S. strikes on Iran, saying the Iranian leadership “finally got what was coming to it.” The war could create “more stable energy trade for the long term.” “I’m really confident that the administration will be able to bring this conflict to a conclusion here in the near term.”	Mixed. In March , voted against requiring Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. “I support targeted strikes to destroy Iran’s missiles and bombs.” Voted to require such authorization in April , May , June , and July . “It’s time to be done in Iran.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	No position found.	Easier. Sponsored a bill to protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining. Sponsored a bill affirming federal employees’ bargaining rights. Joined a picket line during a UAW strike. “I hope that labor...is something that everybody in elected office understands to be a top priority.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Supports a legislative ban on transgender athletes in school sports. Says support for transgender rights is a “fringe social issue.”	Expand. Sponsored the Equality Act , which would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. “The fight for LGBTQ+ rights is a fight for human rights.” Voted against banning transgender students from school sports.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No position found.	Yes. Supports a \$30 minimum wage.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Supports the bill that extended the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate and large tax breaks for the wealthy . Signed a pledge to “ oppose any and all tax increases.”	Raise. Voted against making the 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent, calling it “the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history.” Wants a minimum tax rate for the “super wealthy” and a return to pre-2017 corporate rates. “The...tax code should reward hard work, not just wealth.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Supports the SAVE Act, which would require proof of U.S. citizenship to vote in a federal election. “We need to get clarity around voter ID and who’s voting.”	Easier. Sponsored a bill to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Twice voted against bills requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. These are “efforts to strip millions of Americans of their right to vote.”

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Opposes a national abortion ban. "The criminalization of reproductive healthcare must be fought in every instance." Said the overturning of Roe v. Wade destroyed an "essential freedom." Voted for a bill that "prohibits governmental restrictions on...abortion services."	Ban. Is "pro-life." Supported a six-week abortion ban in Ohio in 2019. Sponsored a bill in 2019 to " create the capital offense of aggravated abortion murder and...abortion murder." In 2017 sponsored a bill prohibiting abortions "because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome."
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. Voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill, saying it includes "the largest rollback in clean energy investment in U.S. history." Supports "energy diversity." In 2019, introduced the 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act "to prevent further climate change."	Likely no. " You unleash America's energy to get energy prices down." Voted in 2019 for a bill that prioritizes nuclear and coal over renewables an energy efficiency.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Introduced a bill to increase grant funding to train rural and small police departments. In 2021 supported ending qualified immunity, which protects officers against lawsuits. In 2024, after "listening to police officers," reversed that position. Opposes cutting federal funding for law enforcement.	Would "work to ensure [law enforcement officers] have the resources and manpower necessary in order to protect Northwest Ohioans." Supports qualified immunity, which protects officers against lawsuits. Calls for "tougher laws for criminals." In 2020 sponsored a Stand Your Ground bill .
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Increase. " For American workers and manufacturers to succeed...we have to invest in them aggressively." Voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill, saying it cuts "the legs out from under working families" and drains "our safety net." Introduced a bill to separate "the activities of commercial banks and investment banks."	Cut. Would demand "fiscal responsibility." Sponsored a resolution to " impose fiscal restraints on the federal government." Says eliminating "a lot of federal mandates" can lead to "a prosperous economy...more jobs" and lower "cost of consumer goods."
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Likely no. In 2020 supported increased federal funding for public schools. Voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill, which includes federal tax credits for donations to private school scholarships.	Yes. Voted to expand the Ohio EdChoice program which provides state funding for students to attend private school. " School choice is about empowering parents & ensuring students have access to a great education - whether public or private - no matter their parents' wealth!"
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Tighten. Opposes cuts to Environmental Protection Agency funding. Proposed targeting pollutants to curtail algal blooms in Lake Erie. Supports the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to bring "vital funding to protect our most precious natural resources." " Respect for Mother Earth must be our North Star."	Loosen. Sponsored a resolution to urge the federal government to repeal Clean Air Act pollution standards. In 2017 voted against expanding Ohio EPA's role in policing environmental pollution.

ISSUES	KAPTUR (D)	MERRIN (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. Voted to expand background checks and encourage states to pass red flag laws. Supports restricting “large-capacity assault weapons.” Introduced a bill “to incentivize parents...to purchase firearm safety devices,” and provide “de-escalation training...to local educators.”	Loosen. Would “fiercely defend the 2nd Amendment and protect the sacred right to self-defense.” Sponsored a bill allowing concealed carry without background check or firearms training.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. “ Will continue to fight to lower the costs of healthcare.” Supports strengthening the Affordable Care Act “so health care remains a right, not a privilege.” Voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill, said the cuts to health care “will cause rising costs of health and pharmaceutical coverage for all Ohioans.”	Likely decrease. In 2017 sponsored a resolution “to urge Congress...to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act.” Supports “better patient access through fewer regulations.” “We need to focus on lowering our prescription drug costs.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Supports “secure borders and legal immigration.” Called for “equitable funding for all border states.” “ ICE officers should...wear visible identification, and use body cameras.” In 2020 opposed the Remain in Mexico policy. Supported a path to citizenship for DACA Dreamers .	“ We need tough enforcement mechanisms.” Supports “deporting...criminal illegal immigrants.” Would introduce “a bill that says anyone that receives public assistance has to be a...citizen.” Would withhold “federal funding from [sanctuary cities].” No position found on DACA .
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. “ It is cruel and a stain on our nation.” Says the war is “unconstitutional” and was begun “without any strategy or clear objectives.” “ We need to end the war of choice in Iran.”	Yes. “ I do trust [Trump] on this issue...I hope the conflict with Iran comes to an end here very, very quickly.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Voted for the PRO Act, which would protect organizing rights. Supports collective bargaining for “better working conditions, good health and retirement benefits, and dignity on the job for all workers.” “ When unions fight, workers win.”	No recent position found. In 2017 sponsored a bill to “ remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Mostly expand. Voted to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Voted to enshrine the right to same-sex marriage in federal law. Voted to require parental consent for elementary and middle school students’ pronoun changes.	Limit. Pressed for Ohio to acknowledge only the adoption rights of heterosexual couples. “ There’s only two genders.” Opposes gender-affirming care for minors. Sponsored a bill that would require schools to “designate separate single-sex teams and sports for each sex.”
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. Sponsored the “Raise the Wage Act of 2025” to gradually raise the minimum wage to \$17 by 2030. “ The cost of everything is up, but wages haven’t kept up.”	No position found.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Voted against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, calling them “an immoral transfer of wealth from the working class to the ultra-rich.” Supported Inflation Reduction Act for “closing tax loopholes and establishing a minimum corporate tax applied only to the 150 largest corporations.”	Likely lower. Supports the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, extending of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest corporate tax cut in U.S. history. Supported eliminating income taxes in Ohio.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Voted against the SAVE America Act, requiring proof of U.S. citizenship from anyone registering to vote in a federal election. Supports mail-in ballots. “ The right to vote is our most sacred...civic responsibility.” Supports “free, equal, and fair access to the ballot box.”	Harder. Supports the SAVE America Act, requiring proof of U.S. citizenship from anyone registering to vote in federal elections. Sponsored a bill that limited acceptable forms of voter ID and reduced vote-by-mail options, and allowed one ballot drop box per county.

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Ohio Issue 3, Require Voter Identification Amendment (2026)

Ohio Issue 3, the **Require Voter Identification Amendment**, is on the [ballot](#) in [Ohio](#) as a [legislatively referred constitutional amendment](#) on [November 3, 2026](#).^[1]

A **"yes"** vote [supports](#) amending the Ohio Constitution to require a photo ID to vote.

A **"no"** vote [opposes](#) amending the Ohio Constitution to require a photo ID to vote.

Overview

What would this amendment do regarding voter identification in Ohio?

See also: [Text of measure](#)

This measure would amend the state constitution to require voters to present photo identification (ID) to vote in person, as well as requiring absentee voters to provide a photo ID, or a signature plus one other unique identifier authorized by law. It would also allow for the legislature to establish an alternative identity-verification process for voters with a sincere religious objection to being photographed.^[1]

Currently, Ohio law requires voters to present photo ID while voting, with accepted forms of ID including a valid Ohio driver's license or ID card, U.S. passport, and U.S. military ID. Ohio law also requires absentee voters to provide a copy of their photo ID, an Ohio driver's license or ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number. Ohio law also allows for voters with a religious objection to complete an affidavit.^[1]

What do supporters and opponents say about the amendment?

See also: [Support and oppose](#)

State Rep. [Adam Bird](#) (R-63), who supports the measure, said, "It's a simple proposal that will give (voters) the opportunity to protect the foundations of our constitutional republic, that means free and fair elections."^[2] Ohio House Speaker [Matt Huffman](#) (R-78), speaking in support of the amendment, said, "This is an overwhelmingly popular issue among voters, and I don't think it's hard to understand why. Most people, for serious things — whether it's checking into a hotel, getting onto an airplane, cashing a check, all of the things we do in our daily lives — (showing an ID) is sort of a regular thing."^[3]

State Rep. [Allison Russo](#) (D-7), who opposes the amendment, said, "Our current form of photo identification and the laws that govern it are working as they were intended, yet many of my colleagues across the aisle have decided today that the urgent issue of the moment ... is to turn this existing law that is already working into a change in our constitution."^[2] Gary Daniels, legislative director of the ACLU of Ohio, also spoke in opposition to the amendment, saying, "Of course, photo ID for voting is already law in Ohio. That was accomplished because of "fraud concerns" even though, here in Ohio, voter fraud happens so infrequently, is so extremely uncommon, it can statistically and accurately be framed as happening 0% of the time."^[4]

What states require voter identification to cast a vote?

See also: [Voter identification by state](#)

As of June 2026, [36 states](#) required voters to present identification in order to vote at the polls on Election Day, but many states provide for exceptions to these rules. Of these states, 24 required voters to present identification containing a photograph, with certain exceptions, and 12 states did not explicitly require photo identification. The remaining 14 states did not generally require voters to present identification in order to vote at the polls on Election Day.

In 16 states, some or all voters can sign an affidavit or a form in lieu of providing identification. Seven states allow election officials or other voters to vouch for a person's identity instead of an ID. And in four states, voters who live and vote in state-licensed nursing homes or care centers do not have to provide ID. Nine states do not have any exceptions to their voter ID laws.

Between 2004 and 2025, voters in 11 states decided on [12 ballot measures](#) related to voter identification requirements. Voters approved nine of these measures and rejected three.

Ohio Issue 3



Election date
November 3, 2026

Topic
[Voter ID policy](#)

Status
On the ballot

Type
[Legislatively referred constitutional amendment](#)

Origin
[State legislature](#)

Text of measure

Ballot title

The official ballot title was as follows:^[5]

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is required for the adoption of Section 5.

This proposed amendment would:

- Require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo identification in order to vote.
- Allow state law to provide for an alternative method of verifying a voter's identity for a voter who has a sincere religious objection to being photographed and, therefore, does not possess an approved form of government-issued photo identification.
- Require that voters who do not vote in person provide an approved form of government-issued photo identification, unless the law authorizes those persons to vote by providing a signature and at least one other specified unique identifier.
- Define approved forms of government-issued photo identification as an unexpired Ohio driver license or state identification card; a United States passport or passport card; or a United States military identification card, Ohio National Guard identification card, or United States Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.

If approved, the amendment shall take effect immediately.

A "YES" vote means approval of the amendment. A "NO" vote means disapproval of the amendment.^[6]

Constitutional changes

See also: [Ohio Constitution](#)

The ballot measure would add Section 5 to [Article V](#) of the [Ohio Constitution](#). The following underlined text would be added:^[7]

Note: Hover over the text and scroll to see the full text.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Photo identification" means one of the following documents that is issued by an agency of this state or the United States, includes the elector's name and photograph, and is not expired:

(a) A driver's license or state identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency to an applicant for a driver's license or state identification card that contains all of the information otherwise found on the license or card and that the applicant may use as a form of identification while waiting to receive the license or card;

(b) A United States passport or passport card;

(c) A United States military identification card, an Ohio national guard identification card, or an identification card issued by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor agency.

(2) "Other unique identifier" means one of the following that is authorized by the general assembly by law for voting purposes:

Support

Supporters

Officials

- President [Donald Trump](#) (R) [↗](#)
- State Sen. [Theresa Gavarone](#) (R) [↗](#)
- State Sen. [Robert McColley](#) (R) [↗](#)
- State Sen. [Jane Timken](#) (R) [↗](#)
- State Rep. [Adam Bird](#) (R) [↗](#)
- State Rep. [Matt Huffman](#) (R) [↗](#)

Candidates

- Gubernatorial candidate [Amy Acton](#) (D) [↗](#)
- Gubernatorial candidate [Vivek Ramaswamy](#) (R) [↗](#)

Arguments

- **Ohio House Speaker Matt Huffman (R-78):** "This is an overwhelmingly popular issue among voters, and I don't think it's hard to understand why. Most people, for serious things — whether it's checking into a hotel, getting onto an airplane, cashing a check, all of the things we do in our daily lives — (showing an ID) is sort of a regular thing." [↗](#)
- **State Rep. Adam Bird (R-63):** "It's a simple proposal that will give (voters) the opportunity to protect the foundations of our constitutional republic, that means free and fair elections. It is a straightforward question on the ballot to the voters — should Ohio's elections be secured by government-issued photo ID requirements? These requirements ensure that we know that the person at the poll is who they say they are." [↗](#)

Opposition

Opponents

Officials

- State Sen. [Willis Blackshear Jr.](#) (D) [↗](#)
- State Sen. [Kent Smith](#) (D) [↗](#)
- State Rep. [Dani Isaacsohn](#) (D) [↗](#)
- State Rep. [Allison Russo](#) (D) [↗](#)
- State Rep. [Veronica Sims](#) (D) [↗](#)

Candidates

- Gubernatorial candidate [Don Kissick](#) (Libertarian Party) [↗](#)

Organizations

- [ACLU of Ohio](#) [↗](#)
- [Common Cause Ohio](#) [↗](#)

Arguments

- **State Rep. Allison Russo (D-7):** "Our current form of photo identification and the laws that govern it are working as they were intended, yet many of my colleagues across the aisle have decided today that the urgent issue of the moment is to turn this existing law that is already working into a change in our constitution." [↗](#)
- **Ohio House Minority Leader Dani Isaacsohn (D-24):** "We are spending all of our energy and time on putting something that is already the law as it relates to voter ID into the Constitution. It's not going to change a single person's life. ... We already have safe and secure and stable elections." [↗](#)
- **Gary Daniels, legislative director of the ACLU of Ohio:** "Of course, photo ID for voting is already law in Ohio. That was accomplished because of "fraud concerns" even though, here in Ohio, voter fraud happens so infrequently, is so extremely uncommon, it can statistically and accurately be framed as happening 0% of the time ... Meanwhile, voting keeps getting progressively more difficult in Ohio as this body chips away at election laws over the years, always to make it more difficult, but never to facilitate voting and expand the number of qualified voters." [↗](#)

Campaign finance

See also: [Campaign finance requirements for Ohio ballot measures](#)

As of September 2026, Ballotpedia had not identified [ballot measure committees](#) registered to support or oppose the amendment.^[8]

	Cash Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Total Contributions	Cash Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oppose	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Background

Voter ID in Ohio

Ohio requires voters to present photo identification (ID) while voting. Governor [Mike DeWine](#) (R) signed [House Bill 458](#) into law on January 6, 2023, making several changes to Ohio's election laws, including the addition of a photo identification requirement. These changes went into effect on April 6, 2023.

Accepted forms of ID include:

- Ohio driver's license;
- State of Ohio ID card;
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
- A U.S. passport;
- A U.S. passport card;
- US military ID card;
- A U.S. military dependent card;
- Ohio National Guard ID card; or
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

Voters must provide either a copy of their ID or their driver's license or identification number when applying for and returning their absentee ballot.^{[9][10]} Ohio also requires a photo ID for [early voting](#).^[11]

Voters who do not have a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed must fill out a provisional ballot and complete an affidavit of religious objection in order for their ballot to be counted.^[12]

Ballot measures addressing voter identification

See also: [Voter ID policy ballot measures](#)

Between 2004 and 2025, voters in 11 states decided on 12 ballot measures related to voter identification requirements. Voters approved nine of these measures and rejected three. The average vote was 60.3%, with the highest at 79.5% in Arkansas (2018) and the lowest at 35.8% in Maine (2025). The following tables list state ballot measures related to voter identification:

Voter Identification Ballot Measures										
STATE	YEAR	MEASURE	ORIGIN	TYPE	PARTISAN CONTROL ^[13]	YES (%)	NO (%)	STATUS		
Arizona	2026	Proposition 144	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	N/A	N/A	N/A		
California	2026	Initiative	Initiative	Constitutional	Democratic	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Nevada	2026	Question 7	Initiative	Constitutional	Divided	N/A	N/A	N/A		
North Carolina	2026	Amendment	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Ohio	2026	Amendment	Legislature	Constitutional	Republican	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Oklahoma	2026	State Question 846	Legislature	Constitutional	Republican	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Maine	2025	Question 1	Initiative	Statutory	Democratic	35.81%	64.19%	✗		
Wisconsin	2025	Question 1	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	62.79%	37.21%	✓		
Nevada	2024	Question 7	Initiative	Constitutional	Divided	73.23%	26.77%	✓ ^[14]		
Arizona	2022	Proposition 309	Legislature	Statutory	Republican	49.62%	50.38%	✗		
Nebraska	2022	Initiative 432	Initiative	Constitutional	Republican	65.45%	34.55%	✓		
Arkansas	2018	Issue 2	Legislature	Constitutional	Republican	79.47%	20.53%	✓		
North Carolina	2018	Amendment	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	55.49%	44.51%	✓		
Missouri	2016	Amendment 6	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	63.01%	36.99%	✓		
Minnesota	2012	Amendment 2	Legislature	Constitutional	Divided	46.16%	53.84%	✗		
Mississippi	2011	Initiative 27	Initiative	Constitutional	Divided	62.07%	37.93%	✓		
Oklahoma	2010	Question 746	Legislature	Statutory	Divided	74.34%	25.66%	✓		
Arizona	2004	Proposition 200	Initiative	Statutory	Divided	55.64%	44.36%	✓		
Average						60.26%	39.74%			

Voter identification by state

See also: [Voter identification laws by state](#)

As of August 2026, [36 states](#) required voters to present identification in order to vote at the polls on Election Day, but many states provide for exceptions to these rules. Of these states, 24 required voters to present identification containing a photograph, with certain exceptions, and 12 states did not explicitly require photo identification. The remaining 14 states did not generally require voters to present identification in order to vote at the polls on Election Day.

In the map below, states that require registered voters to present identification at the polls on Election Day or that require poll workers to request identification from a voter are classified as states requiring identification. Some of these states provide for exceptions to these requirements.

Several states that do not require identification generally require first-time voters to present identification at the polls. The federal [Help America Vote Act](#) requires that individuals in all 50 states who register to vote by mail and who have not voted previously in a federal election in their state must provide either their driver's license or a paycheck, bank statement, current utility bill, or government document showing their name and address. Individuals voting by mail must include a copy of one of those documents with their absentee/mail-in ballot.^[15]

These requirements do not apply if an individual submitted a copy of their identification, their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number when registering to vote.

Path to the ballot

Amending the Ohio Constitution

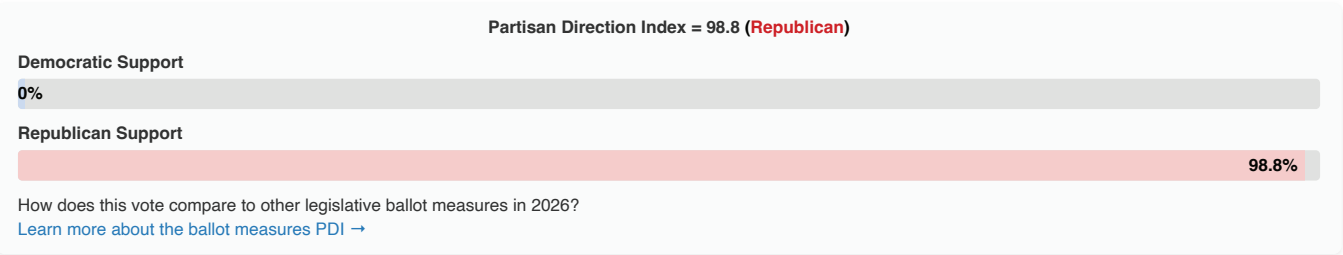
See also: [Amending the Ohio Constitution](#)

A 60% vote is required during one legislative session for the [Ohio State Legislature](#) to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. That amounts to a minimum of 60 votes in the [Ohio House of Representatives](#) and 20 votes in the [Ohio State Senate](#), assuming no vacancies. Amendments do not require the governor's signature to be referred to the ballot.

Senate Joint Resolution 10

The Senate amendment, SJR 10, was introduced by Sen. [Jane Timken](#) (R-29) and Sen. [Theresa Gavarone](#) (R-2).^[1]

- **May 19, 2026:** The amendment, SJR 10, was introduced to the Senate.
- **June 3, 2026:** The Senate adopted the measure by a vote of 22-9, with all 22 Republicans voting in favor and eight Democrats and one Republican voting against it.
- **June 10, 2026:** The House approved the amendment by a vote of 62-30. Republicans voted 62-0 in favor, while Democrats voted 30-0 against.



Ohio State Senate			
Voted on June 3, 2026			
Votes Required to Pass: 20			
	Yes	No	NV
Total	22	9	0
Total %	71%	29%	0%
Democratic (D)	0	8	0
Republican (R)	22	1	0

Ohio House of Representatives			
Voted on June 10, 2026			
Votes Required to Pass: 60			
	Yes	No	NV
Total	62	30	0
Total %	67%	33%	0%
Democratic (D)	0	30	0
Republican (R)	62	0	0

How to cast a vote

See also: [Voting in Ohio](#)

See below to learn more about current voter registration rules, identification requirements, and poll times in Ohio.

How to vote in Ohio

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External links

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