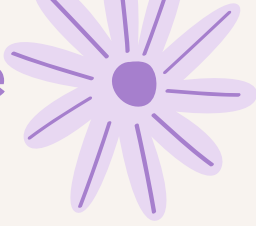


# How to vote for *your* autonomy:



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## Make sure you are registered and prepared:

Voter registration and registration status are easily available on [olvr.ohiosos.gov](http://olvr.ohiosos.gov). Registration is available in person at state/local election offices, state motor vehicles offices, and at many government public assistance offices.

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## Know your candidates:

Each candidate often has personal websites and social media accounts expressing personal policies. Candidate information is also easily accessible on sites such as [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org), and reproductive freedom policies of candidates are easily found on [reproductivfreedomforall.org](http://reproductivfreedomforall.org).

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## Be aware of issues:

Education on current events through media consumption is key to keeping up with what's next for reproductive freedom and other issues. [Allsides.com](http://Allsides.com) is a prominent media resource that clarifies potential political bias.

# On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 the Ohio Special Election to replace former Ohio Senator JD Vance takes place.

While the primaries are yet to happen, the current Democratic and Republican candidates for U.S. Senate representing Ohio are:

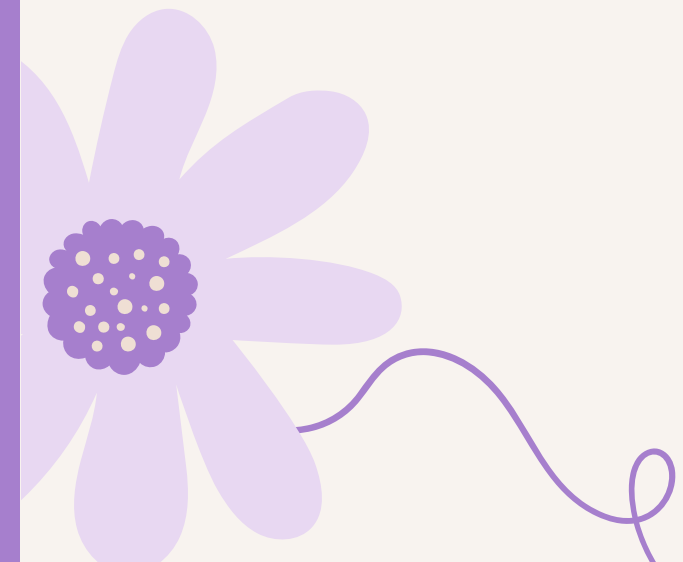
- Sherrod Brown (D)
- Ron Kincaid (D)
- Jon Husted (R)

The winner of the Democratic Primary will run against Jon Husted, the designated Republican candidate, in November. It's important to note that Husted is the current interim senator, giving him an incumbency advantage.

**What will these candidates do for our autonomy?**



**YOUR BODY,  
YOUR CHOICE.  
YOUR VOTE,  
YOUR CHOICE.**



# Following the passage of Ohio Issue 1 in 2023, The Ohio Constitution states that a woman has a right to abortion up to 21 weeks, 6 days pregnant. Here's how candidates may affect that:

- **Sherrod Brown (D):** Sherrod Brown's Congressional Scorecard on *Reproductive Freedom For All* shows the former Senator to have a positive legislative impact on reproductive freedom. Brown has previously voted in favor for access to IVF, contraception, and protection of abortion access. If elected to office, it is likely Brown's legislative voting record will reflect previous tickets in support of reproductive freedom.
- **Ron Kincaid (D):** According to [Kincaidforsenate.com](http://Kincaidforsenate.com), Ron Kincaid calls for Personal Freedom, specifically to "Keep politicians out of personal decisions—from health care choices to who you love and marry." Statements such as these indicate that if elected to office, Kincaid will vote in favor of reproductive freedom.
- **Jon Husted (R):** According to *Reproductive Freedom for All*, current interim U.S. Senator for Ohio Jon Husted has no voting record on reproductive freedom during his time in office since January 2025. However, Husted has been endorsed by *Ohio Right to Life*, an Ohio pro-life organization, who stated their belief in Husted to "promote a pro-life culture in Ohio." Husted's dedication to pro-life policies may oppose certain legislation advocating for reproductive freedom.

# Important Dates for Voting in Ohio:



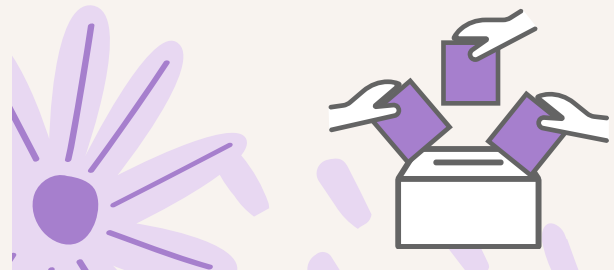
## Primary Elections (May 5th, 2026):

- **Absentee/mail-in ballot request deadlines:**
  - In-person: April 28, 2026
  - By mail: Received by April 28, 2026
- **Absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline:**
  - In-person: May 5, 2026
  - By mail: Received by May 5,
- **Early voting start and end dates:**
  - April 7, 2026 to May 3, 2026
- **Polling hours on Election Day:**
  - 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (EDT)

## Special Election (November 3rd, 2026):

- **Voter Registration Deadline:**
  - In-person: Oct. 5, 2026
  - By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 5, 2026
  - Online: Oct. 5, 2026
- **Absentee/mail-in ballot request deadlines:**
  - In-person: Oct. 27, 2026
  - By mail: Received by Oct. 27, 2026
- **Absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline:**
  - In-person: Nov. 3, 2026
  - By mail: Received by Nov. 3, 2026
- **Early voting start and end dates:**
  - Oct. 6, 2026 to Nov. 1, 2026
- **Polling hours on Election Day:**
  - 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (EDT)

# You only get one vote!



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