



**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Instructions to Voter

- **To vote:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice.
- Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed.
- If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
- **To vote for a write-in candidate:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted.
- Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name is already printed on the ballot for that same contest.
- **If you make a mistake or want to change your vote:** return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

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| <p>For President and Vice President (Vote for not more than 1 pair)</p> <p>A vote for any candidates for President and Vice President shall be a vote for the electors of those candidates whose names have been certified to the Secretary of State.</p> | <p>For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 01-01-2025) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> | <p>For Representative to Congress (4th District) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Donald J. Trump For Vice President JD Vance Republican</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Megan E. Shanahan Republican</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Tamie Wilson Democratic</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Richard Duncan For Vice President Mitchell Preston Bupp Nonparty candidate</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Michael P. Donnelly Democratic</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Jim Jordan Republican</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Kamala D. Harris For Vice President Tim Walz Democratic</p> | <p>For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 01-02-2025) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> | <p>For State Representative (83rd District) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Chase Oliver For Vice President Mike ter Maat Libertarian</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Melody J. Stewart Democratic</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Ty Mathews Republican</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Peter Sonski For Vice President Lauren Onak Other-party candidate</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Joseph T. Deters Republican</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Sheila M. Coressel Democratic</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Jill Stein For Vice President Anita Rios Other-party candidate</p> | <p>For Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired term ending 12-31-2026) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> | <p>For Judge of the Court of Appeals (3rd District) (Full term commencing 02-09-2025) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> |
| <p><input type="radio"/> For President Write-in _____ For Vice President Write-in _____</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Daniel R. Hawkins Republican</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> John R. Willamowski Republican</p> |
| | <p>For U.S. Senator (Vote for not more than 1)</p> | <p>For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-2-2025) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> |
| | <p><input type="radio"/> Bernie Moreno Republican</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Fred M. Rush Republican</p> |
| | <p><input type="radio"/> Sherrod Brown Democratic</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p> |
| | <p><input type="radio"/> Don Kissick Libertarian</p> | <p>For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-3-2025) (Vote for not more than 1)</p> |
| | <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Sherman Republican</p> |

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For Prosecuting Attorney
(Vote for not more than 1)

Bradford W. Bailey
Republican

**For Clerk of the
Court of Common Pleas**
(Vote for not more than 1)

Stefani C. Epling
Republican

For Sheriff
(Vote for not more than 1)

Keith A. Everhart
Republican

For County Recorder
(Vote for not more than 1)

**Brenda Jolene
Rainsburg**
Republican

For County Treasurer
(Vote for not more than 1)

Brienne E. Sullivan
Republican

For County Engineer
(Vote for not more than 1)

Lucas Underwood
Republican

For Coroner
(Vote for not more than 1)

Aaron M. Fritz
Republican

**For Member of State Board
of Education
(1st District)**
(Vote for not more than 1)

Kristie Reighard





Issue 1

To create an appointed redistricting commission not elected by or subject to removal by the voters of the state

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Article XI, Repeal sections 1, 2 and 3 of Article XIX, And enact Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

1. Repeal constitutional protections against gerrymandering approved by nearly three-quarters of Ohio electors participating in the statewide elections of 2015 and 2018, and eliminate the longstanding ability of Ohio citizens to hold their representatives accountable for establishing fair state legislative and congressional districts.
2. Establish a new taxpayer-funded commission of appointees required to gerrymander the boundaries of state legislative and congressional districts to favor either of the two largest political parties in the state of Ohio, according to a formula based on partisan outcomes as the dominant factor, so that:
 - A. Each district shall contain single-member districts that are geographically contiguous, but state legislative and congressional districts will no longer be required to be compact; and
 - B. Counties, townships and cities throughout Ohio can be split and divided across multiple districts, and preserving communities of interest will be secondary to the formula that is based on partisan political outcomes.
3. Require that a majority of the partisan commission members belong to the state's two largest political parties.
4. Prevent a commission member from being removed, except by a vote of their fellow commission members, even for incapacity, willful neglect of duty or gross misconduct.
5. Prohibit any citizen from filing a lawsuit challenging a redistricting plan in any court, except if the lawsuit challenges the proportionality standard applied by the commission, requirements pertaining to an incumbent elected official's residence, or the expiration of certain senators' terms, and then only before the Ohio Supreme Court.
6. Create the following process for appointing commission members: Four partisan appointees on the Ohio Ballot Board will choose a panel of 4 partisan retired judges (2 affiliated with the first major political party and 2 affiliated with the second major political party). Provide that the 4 legislative appointees of the Ohio Ballot Board would be responsible for appointing the panel members as follows: the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the same major political party would select 8 applicants and present those to the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the other major political party, who would then select 2 persons from the 8 for appointment to the panel, resulting in 4 panel appointees. The panel would then hire a private professional search firm to help them choose 6 of the 15 individuals on the commission. The panel will choose those 6 individuals by initially creating a pool of 90 individuals (30 from the first major political party, 30 from the second major political party, and 30 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The panel of 4 partisan retired judges will create a portal for public comment on the applicants and will conduct and publicly broadcast interviews with each applicant in the pool. The panel will then narrow the pool of 90 individuals down to 45 (15 from the first major political party; 15 from the second major political party; and 15 from neither the first nor second major political parties). Randomly, by draw, the 4 partisan retired judges will then blindly select 6 names out of the pool of 45 to be members of the commission (2 from the first major political party; 2 from the second major political party; and 2 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The 6 randomly drawn individuals will then review the applications of the remaining 39 individuals not randomly drawn and select the final 9 individuals to serve with them on the commission, the majority of which shall be from the first and the second major political parties (3 from the first major political party, 3 from the second major political party, and 3 from neither the first nor second major political parties).
7. Require the affirmative votes of 9 of 15 members of the appointed commission to create legislative and congressional districts. If the commission is not able to determine a plan by September 19, 2025, or July 15 of every year ending in one, the following impasse procedure will be used: for any plan at an impasse, each commissioner shall have 3 days to submit no more than one proposed redistricting plan to be subject to a commission vote through a ranked-choice selection process, with the goal of having a majority of the commission members rank one of those plans first. If a majority cannot be obtained, the plan with the highest number of points in the ranked-choice process is eliminated, and the process is repeated until a plan receives a majority of first-place rankings. If the ranked-choice process ends in a tie for the highest point total, the tie shall be broken through a random process.
8. Limit the right of Ohio citizens to freely express their opinions to members of the commission or to commission staff regarding the redistricting process or proposed redistricting plans, other than through designated meetings, hearings and an online public portal, and would forbid communication with the commission members and staff outside of those contexts.
9. Require the commission to immediately create new legislative and congressional districts in 2025 to replace the most recent districts adopted by the citizens of Ohio through their elected representatives.
10. Impose new taxpayer-funded costs on the State of Ohio to pay the commission members, the commission staff and appointed special masters, professionals, and private consultants that the commission is required to hire; and an unlimited amount for legal expenses incurred by the commission in any related litigation.

If approved, the amendment will be effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES

NO

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
NATURAL GAS
AGGREGATION**

Village of Ada
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall the Village of Ada have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Village of Ada, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

Yes
 No

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(REPLACEMENT)**

Liberty Township
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Liberty Township for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$138,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(REPLACEMENT)**

Hardin County
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Hardin County for the purpose of the support by a County of criminal justice services that the county auditor estimates will collect \$889,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION**

Village of Ada
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall the Village of Ada have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Village of Ada, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

Yes
 No

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(RENEWAL)**

Mental Health & Recovery Services Board
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties, for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,695,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$10 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(ADDITIONAL)**

Hardin County
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Hardin County for the purpose of operations of programs and services by the Hardin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance and operation of the Developmental Disabilities facilities, Simon Kenton that the county auditor estimates will collect \$444,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 7 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(REPLACEMENT)**

Liberty Township Park District
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Park District of Liberty Township for the purpose of defraying the expense and improving and maintaining the free public park that the county auditor estimates will collect \$138,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy
 Against the Tax Levy

John J. Anderson

John B. Nivell

Shirley Potter

Ruth Ann Cook

Members of the Hardin County Board of Elections
November 5, 2024

