

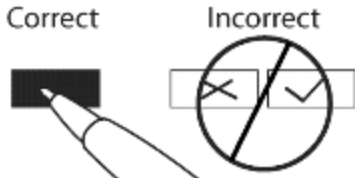
Sample Ballot

General Election
November 5, 2024
HAMILTON COUNTY, OH

Precinct: 4412 NORW 1-B-0

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Instructions to Voter:
To Vote: completely darken the box to the left of your choice. Please use a black or blue ink pen only.



- 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 box 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.

Instructions to Voters for the Office of President and Vice President:
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.

For President and Vice President

(Vote for not more than 1 pair)

- For President Chase Oliver**
For Vice President Mike ter Maat
Libertarian
- For President Peter Sonski**
For Vice President Lauren Onak
Other-party candidate
- For President Jill Stein**
For Vice President Anita Rios
Other-party candidate
- For President Donald J. Trump**
For Vice President JD Vance
Republican
- For President Richard Duncan**
For Vice President Mitchell Preston Bupp
Nonparty candidate
- For President Kamala D. Harris**
For Vice President Tim Walz
Democratic
- _____
President:
- _____
Vice President:

For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Michael P. Donnelly**
Democratic
- Megan E. Shanahan**
Republican

For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Joseph T. Deters**
Republican
- Melody J. Stewart**
Democratic

For Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired term ending 12-31-2026)

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Lisa Forbes**
Democratic
- Daniel R. Hawkins**
Republican

For U.S. Senator

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Bernie Moreno**
Republican
- Sherrod Brown**
Democratic
- Don Kissick**
Libertarian
- _____
Write-in

For Representative to Congress (1st District)

(Vote for not more than 1)

- Orlando Sonza**
Republican
- Greg Landsman**
Democratic

**For State Representative
(26th District)**

(Vote for not more than 1)

John Breadon
Republican

Sedrick Denson
Democratic

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (1st District) (Full term commencing 2-9-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Sean M. Donovan
Republican

Terry Nestor
Democratic

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (1st District) (Full term commencing 2-10-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Stacy Lefton
Republican

Marilyn Zayas
Democratic

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (1st District) (Full term commencing 2-11-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Candace Crouse
Democratic

M. Elizabeth Polston
Republican

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (1st District) (Full term commencing 2-12-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Robert A. Goering
Republican

Rich Moore
Democratic

For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-2-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Alicia Reece
Democratic

Kyle Dupler
Libertarian

Jonathan Pearson
Republican

For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-3-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Leandro A. Llambi
Libertarian

Denise Driehaus
Democratic

Adam Koehler
Republican

For County Auditor (Unexpired term ending 3-7-2027)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Tom Brinkman
Republican

Jessica E. Miranda
Democratic

For Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for not more than 1)

Connie Pillich
Democratic

Melissa Powers
Republican

For Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

(Vote for not more than 1)

Pavan V. Parikh
Democratic

Mary Hill
Republican

Andrew Olding
Libertarian

For Sheriff

(Vote for not more than 1)

Charmaine McGuffey
Democratic

Jim Neil
Republican

For County Recorder

(Vote for not more than 1)

Scott Crowley
Democratic

David W. Heimbach
Republican

For County Treasurer

(Vote for not more than 1)

Jeff Baker
Republican

Jill Schiller
Democratic

For County Engineer

(Vote for not more than 1)

Eric J. Beck
Republican

For Coroner

(Vote for not more than 1)

Lakshmi Kode Sammarco
Democratic

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing 1-1-2025)

(Vote for not more than 1)

Katie Casch

Steve Simon

**For Judge of the Court of
Common Pleas (Full term
commencing 4-1-2025)**

(Vote for not more than 2)

Bernard Mundy

Virginia Tallent

Robert C. Winkler

Leslie Ghiz

Chris Lipps

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

**34 PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(RENEWAL)**

HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of supplementing the general fund to provide family services and treatment programs, including those currently provided by Talbert House that the county auditor estimates will collect \$6,765,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.34 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$7 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

**AGAINST THE TAX
LEVY**

**35 PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(RENEWAL)**

HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of providing funds for community developmental disabilities programs, including the operations and maintenance of schools, workshops, clinics, residential facilities, and such other services, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$79,728,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.13 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$76 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

**AGAINST THE TAX
LEVY**

**END OF BALLOT
(11/5/2024)**

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