

# Proclamation - Notice of General Election

R.C. 3501.03

The Board of Elections of Butler County, Ohio, issues this Proclamation and Notice of Election.

A **General Election** will be held on **Tuesday**, the 5th day of **November**, 2024, at the usual place of holding elections in each and every precinct throughout the County or at such places as the Board may designate, for the purpose of choosing the following offices:

(See attached)

and determining the following question or issue:

(See attached)

The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. on election day.

By Order of the Board of Elections,

Butler County, Ohio



*[Signature]*  
Chair

Attest: *[Signature]*  
Director

## **Races of Offices Sought**

- For President/Vice President
- For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1/1/2025)
- For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1/2/2025)
- For Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired term ending 12/31/2026)
- For U.S Senator
- For Representative to Congress (8th District)
- For State Senator (4th District)
- For State Representative (40th District)
- For State Representative (45th District)
- For State Representative (46th District)
- For State Representative (47th District)
- For Judge of the Court of Appeals (12th District) (Full Term Commencing 2/9/2025)
- For County Commissioner (Full Term Commencing 1/2/2025)
- For County Commissioner (Full Term Commencing 1/3/2025)
- For County Auditor (Unexpired Term Ending 3/7/2027)
- For Prosecuting Attorney
- For Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas
- For Sheriff
- For County Recorder
- For County Treasurer
- For County Engineer
- For Coroner
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing 1/1/2025)
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing 1/2/2025)
- For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing 1/3/2025)
- For Judge of the County Court (Area II)(Full term commencing 1/1/2025)
- For Judge of the County Court (Area III)(Full term commencing 1/2/2025)

# 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**

## **Issue 2**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**

#### **City of Oxford**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Oxford for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,285,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.6 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$91 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 3**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)**

#### **Village of College Corner Preble and Butler Counties**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of College Comer, for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$34,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 7 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$151 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 4**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**

#### **Village of New Miami**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of New Miami for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$182,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 6 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$210 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 5**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**

#### **Village of New Miami**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of New Miami for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the Village of New Miami, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$91,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$105 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 6**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)**

#### **Lemon Township Fire District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Lemon Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines or fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$159,700 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3.8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$130 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 7**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)**

#### **Ross Township Fire District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Ross Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$547,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.75 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$56 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 8**

### **Proposed Bond Issue Monroe Local School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall bonds be issued by the Monroe Local School District (Counties of Butler and Warren) for the purpose of site acquisition, new construction, improvements, renovations and additions to school facilities and providing equipment, furnishings and site improvements therefor, in the principal amount of \$36,750,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 38 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 3.49 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$122 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

**For the Bond Issue**

**Against the Bond Issue**

## **Issue 9**

### **PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) Princeton City School District A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of Princeton City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$10,641,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$175 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

## **Issue 10**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Lane Public Library District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lane Public Library District (Counties of Butler and Preble) for the purpose of current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,634,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$15 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**



## **Issue 11**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**

#### **MidPointe Library District**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of the MidPointe Library District (Counties of Butler and Warren) for the purpose of current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$9,527,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$44 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 12**

### **Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)**

#### **Butler County**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of Butler County for the purpose of the operation of community mental health services providers and community addiction services providers and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of mental health facilities and alcohol and drug addiction facilities by the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$6,612,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

**For the Tax Levy**

**Against the Tax Levy**

## **Issue 13**

### **Local Liquor Option (By Petition)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Wawa Midwest, LLC, doing business as Wawa #7213, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a family oriented, full-service convenience store at 3501 Tylersville Rd, Fairfield, OH 45011, in this precinct?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 14**

### **Local Liquor Option (By Petition)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Garver Family Farm Market LLC, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a family owned market and winery at 6790 Hamilton-Lebanon Rd., Middletown, OH 45044, in this precinct?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 15**

### **Local Liquor Option (By Petition)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Wawa Midwest, LLC, doing business as Wawa #7203, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a family oriented, full-service convenience store at 7198 Cincinnati Dayton Rd., Liberty Twp., Wetherington, OH 45069, in this precinct?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 16**

### **Local Liquor Option (By Petition)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by UDF Limited Partnership II, doing business as United Dairy Farmers 162, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a neighborhood convenience store at 5000 Princeton Road, Liberty Twp., Hamilton, OH 45011, in this precinct?

**Yes**

**No**

## **Issue 17**

### **Local Liquor Option (By Petition)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Tulsidevi, L.L.C., dba McCauly's Carry Out, a liquor agency store and applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a grocery/liquor agency store at 6788 Fields Ertel Road, 1<sup>st</sup> floor only, Sharonville, Ohio 45241, in this precinct?

**Yes**

**No**