



Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State



As Ohio's 53rd Secretary of State, Jon Husted is responsible for oversight of elections in one of the nation's most hotly-contested swing states. Under his leadership, Ohio delivered a smooth 2012 Presidential Election and 2014 Gubernatorial Election. To ensure all voters were treated fairly and equally, Husted has worked to

implement uniform rules that included the first ever statewide absentee ballot application mailing to voters in all 88 counties in 2012 and again in 2014, as well as setting expansive hours for early, in-person voting. These efforts made it easier to vote and helped reduce the chance of long lines at the polls on Election Day.

From using technology to streamline the voting process to cleaning up Ohio's voter rolls, and making it easier for military families to vote no matter where their service takes them, Jon is always looking to improve how we run elections in Ohio – and it's getting noticed nationally. In 2013, the *Washington Post's* blog "The Fix" named him one of their "Top 10 Rising Stars" in America. For his outreach to military families, Jon was recently recognized by the Association of the United States Army and Ohio was deemed an *All-Star State* by the Military Voter Protection Project. Under his watch, Ohio also received high marks for elections preparedness by voter advocacy groups, including Common Cause, the Verified Vote Foundation and Rutgers University Law School. In addition, Jon currently serves as co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State Election Committee and previously served on the organization's Executive Board and as Vice President for its Midwestern Region.

In addition to serving as chief elections official, the Secretary of State is also the custodian of business filings in Ohio. Secretary Husted is committed to ensuring that Ohio's job creators have a positive first interaction with the state of Ohio. He has achieved this through innovative reforms like allowing businesses to file online and reminds his team that government should be in the business of good customer service, working every day to eliminate bureaucratic delays that cost businesses time and money. During his tenure Ohio has seen record business filings five years in a row.

PREVIOUS SERVICE AND PERSONAL HISTORY

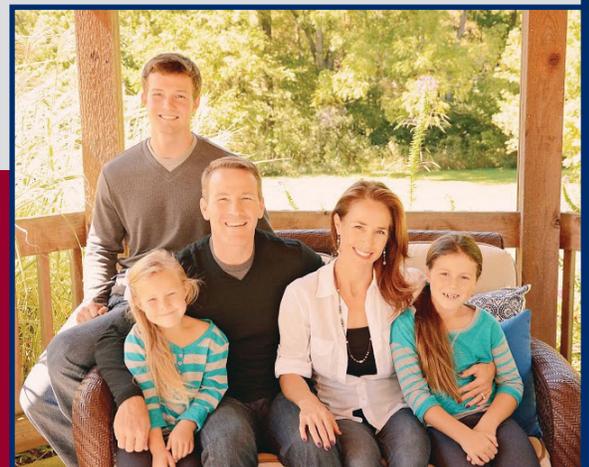
Jon Husted was first elected to public office in 2000 as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Only four years later, Jon's colleagues elected him Speaker of the Ohio House, making him one of the youngest ever to lead the body.

As Speaker, Jon was instrumental in passing the most fiscally-conservative budget in 40 years that included the reform of the state tax code and the largest income tax cut in Ohio's history. He also led the passage of the Ed Choice Scholarship -- a school choice option for children trapped in chronically-failing schools -- and the creation of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship to encourage Ohio students studying in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine. For his legislative work, he's proud to have been recognized as a *Watchdog of the Treasury* and as a *Legislative Trail Blazer* by School Choice Ohio.

After serving two terms as Speaker, Husted was elected to the Ohio Senate, where he was a leading advocate for redistricting reform – a cause he continues to champion as Secretary of State.

Raised in Montpelier, Ohio, Husted attended the University of Dayton (UD), where he earned All-American Defensive Back honors as a member of the 1989 Division III National Championship football team. After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from UD, Husted stayed in the Dayton area where he served as Vice President of Business and Economic Development at the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

With all of his responsibilities, Secretary Husted considers his most important roles as that of husband to his wife Tina and father to his children, Alex, Katie and Kylie.



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KEY GOALS FOR THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

- Provide leadership that builds trust and confidence in Ohio's system of elections through consistent and timely policy directives, just arbitration of disputes and enhanced services to voters and county boards of election.
- Enhance economic growth and job creation using technology and customer service practices that save businesses time and money.



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER

As Ohio's chief elections officer, the Secretary of State oversees the elections process and appoints the members of boards of elections in each of Ohio's 88 counties. The Secretary of State supervises the administration of election laws; reviews statewide initiative and referendum petitions; chairs the Ohio Ballot Board, which approves ballot language for statewide issues; canvasses votes for all elective state offices and issues; oversees the investigation of election fraud and irregularities; trains election officials, and works with counties to train poll workers. The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office also compiles and maintains election statistics and other election-related records.

Campaign Finance Compliance

Statewide and state legislative candidates' campaign finance reports are filed with the office, together with the reports for state political action committees (PACs), state political parties and legislative caucus campaign committees.

Apportionment Board

The Secretary of State is a member of the Ohio Apportionment Board, which meets every 10 years following the decennial census. The five-member board redraws boundaries for each of the 99 Ohio House and 33 Ohio Senate districts to reflect population changes. Other members of the Apportionment Board are the Governor, the Auditor of State and two members, one Republican and one Democrat, appointed by state legislative leaders.

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS IN OHIO

The Business Services Division receives and approves articles of incorporation for Ohio business entities and grants licenses to out-of-state corporations seeking to do business in Ohio. Limited partnerships and limited liability companies also file with the Secretary of State's office.

The Corporations Section of the Business Services Division also approves amendments to filed documents, mergers, consolidations and dissolutions, registers trademarks, trade names, service marks and fictitious names. This section also approves and keeps a registry of business names, names and addresses of statutory agents, incorporators' names, corporations' charter numbers, dates of incorporation, and the number of authorized shares per corporation.

Documenting Secured Commercial Transactions

Secured parties file financing statements in the Uniform Commercial Code section of the Business Services Division to claim an interest in collateral used for a loan and to have the claim indexed for public notice.

RECORDS CERTIFICATION & FILING

Document Certification

The Secretary of State provides authentication of documents for use overseas. Authentications are in the form of either an apostille or a gold seal certificate. Apostilles are used for documents pertaining to countries that are part of the Hague Convention of 1961. Gold seal certificates are used if a country is not part of this convention.

Historical Records

All laws passed by the Ohio General Assembly, municipal charters, administrative rules adopted by agencies, and executive orders issued by the Governor are filed with the Secretary of State's office.

Minister Licenses

The Secretary of State's office licenses ministers for the purpose of solemnizing marriages in Ohio. Licenses are issued to any ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation requesting the license.

Notary Commission

Part of the Secretary of State's office, the Notary Commission maintains records of all registered notaries in Ohio. Additional information is available on the duties and requirements of notaries in Ohio, as well as guidelines for newly commissioned notaries public on our website at www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov.