

**Special Session
of the
House
of
Representatives**

OF THE

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO**

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

SPECIAL SESSION

FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The House of Representatives met in Special Session, pursuant to a call of the governor, issued in accordance with Section 8 of Article II and Section 8, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

The following proclamation of the governor was read by the clerk:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution authorizes the Governor on extraordinary occasions to convene the General Assembly by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Section 3505.10(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code requires major political parties to certify the names of their joint candidates for president and vice president to the Secretary of State at least ninety (90) days before the general election; and

WHEREAS, a major political party is set to nominate its joint candidates for president and vice president at its national convention on August 19-22, 2024, which is less than ninety (90) days before the 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, failure of a major political party to have its joint candidates for president and vice president on the general election ballot will reduce the number of voters thus impacting down ballot races such as the U.S. Senate race; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Ohio that the joint candidates for president and vice president for both major political parties be on the Ohio ballot in the 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, the opaque nature of certain foreign political contributions is an issue of primary importance in the State of Ohio and needs to be further deliberated and resolved by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate have been deliberating these important issues. Examples of this potential legislation include, in whole or in part, Sub. House Bill 114, Am. Sub. House Bill 305, and Sub. Senate Bill 215; and

WHEREAS, based on these foregoing and extraordinary occasions, I am compelled to issue this proclamation for the general assembly to consider

legislation which accomplishes the purposes of enabling a major political party to certify the names of their joint candidates for president and vice president to the Secretary of State within 70 days of the general election and to strengthen the State of Ohio's existing prohibitions against foreign influence in Ohio's elections prior to the 2024 General Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, hereby declare that an extraordinary occasion exists and convene the General Assembly into special session, in accordance with Article III, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution, to begin Tuesday, May 28, 2024 and Wednesday, May 29, 2024, and to be held at the Statehouse in Columbus, for the following purposes:

1. To enable a major political party to certify to the Ohio Secretary of State the names of the major party candidates for president and vice president of the United States of America nominated by the party's national convention pursuant to Section 3505.10 of the Revised Code, which may include consideration of Sub. H.B. No. 114 As Passed by the Senate, Sub. S.B. No. 92 As Reported by the House Government Oversight Committee, or other similar legislation effectuating this purpose, and

2. To meaningfully strengthen the State of Ohio's prohibition against foreign influence with and in Ohio's elections, which may include consideration of Sub. H.B. No. 114 As Passed by the Senate, Am. Sub. H.B. No. 305 As Passed by the Senate, Sub. S.B. No. 215 As Passed by the Senate, or other similar legislation effectuating this purpose.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect unless it is rescinded or modified by me.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto Subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 23rd day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

[SEAL]

/s/ MIKE DEWINE
Mike DeWine,
Governor, State of Ohio

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. No. 1 - Representative Seitz.

To amend sections 3517.12, 3517.13, and 3517.155 of the Revised Code to modify the Campaign Finance Law regarding foreign nationals and statewide initiatives and referenda and to declare an emergency.

H. B. No. 2 - Representative Dobos.

To delay the deadline for a major political party to certify its presidential and vice presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for the 2024 general election.

Said bills were considered the first time.

On motion of Representative Oelslager, the House recessed.

The House met pursuant to recess.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now in special session and ready for the transaction of business.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

On motion of Representative Oelslager, the House adjourned until Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.