

Jon Husted

Meet Ohio's Next Lt. Governor



Jon Husted currently serves as Ohio's Secretary of State and is a conservative Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio.

He describes himself as a Christian, an American, a Conservative, and a Republican – in that order.

Elected Secretary of State in 2010, Jon was re-elected in 2014 by a margin of 24 points and won 86 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Prior to beginning in public service, Jon worked with the Dayton-Area Chamber of Commerce and served as its Vice President for Economic Development. He was later elected to the Ohio House of Representatives where his Republican colleagues twice selected him to serve as Speaker of the House.

The oldest of three children, Jon was raised in Northwest Ohio's Williams County. He graduated from Montpelier High School and earned both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Dayton (UD). While at UD, Jon was an All-American Defensive Back for the Dayton Flyers and a member of the 1989 Division III National Championship Football Team.

Jon was named the 2017 Americans for Prosperity Torchbearer for his proven fiscal conservatism after announcing he would run the Secretary of State's Office without using taxpayer dollars for the remainder of his term. He was named one of the nation's top-ten rising stars in 2013 by the Washington Post's blog, The Fix. He has been honored by the National Association of the United States Army and Military Voter Protection Project for making it easier for active duty military members to cast their ballots. He is also a past recipient of the "Watchdog of the Treasury" award by the American Conservative Union and was named "Guardian of Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Of all his responsibilities, Jon considers his most important role as that of husband to his wife Tina and father to Alex, Katie and Kylie.

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Cutting bureaucracy – Creating a leaner, more efficient government

As Secretary of State, Jon has employed nearly 40 percent fewer government staff than his predecessor and has reduced his office's spending by 16 percent – even as overall state spending increased by 17 percent. In his first term alone, he cut his budget by \$14.5 million. This allowed him to cut the cost of starting and maintaining a new business in Ohio by 21 percent and, most recently, announce he has eliminated his office's need for taxpayer dollars entirely for the remainder of his term.

As House Speaker, Jon led the passage of the most conservative state budget in 40 years, which included at the time, the largest income tax cut in Ohio's history.

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A lifelong pro-life leader

Jon has been a steadfast pro-life leader. Having been adopted as a child, his own story inspired his unwavering support for the unborn. He has consistently backed the work of Ohio Right to Life and earned their endorsement during every race. As House Speaker, he also championed initiatives to encourage adoption in Ohio by pairing children with healthy families.

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Supporting our 2nd Amendment rights

Jon Husted is the only Ohio statewide elected official to have ever earned an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA). As House Speaker, he spearheaded the passage of comprehensive reform to Ohio's concealed carry laws in order to protect law-abiding gun owners and put criminals on notice that their victims may not be defenseless. After the bill was vetoed, Jon stood up to the governor – of his own party – and courageously led the House's vote to override the veto. No gubernatorial veto has been overridden since.

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Fighting Voter Fraud

As Secretary of State, Jon Husted has led the charge against elections fraud, removing the registrations of over 600,000 deceased voters and 1.7 million voters who were registered to vote at more than one address. He is the only Secretary of State to perform a voter fraud review after every election to hold cheaters accountable and he launched a system to keep non-citizens from voting in the state.

Under his leadership, Ohio also made it easier for service members and military families to cast their ballots – even earning Ohio All-Star State status from the Military Voter Protection Project.