



Jon Husted is the 53rd and current Ohio Secretary of State, a position he has held since his election in 2010. In this role, he serves as the chief elections officer in one of the nation's most hotly-contested swing states.

Also serving as the first stop for anyone wishing to start a new business in Ohio, Secretary Husted has revolutionized the way the state interacts with entrepreneurs, resulting in a record number of private-sector businesses having been launched in the Buckeye State during each of the last six years.

Secretary Husted was raised in Montpelier, Ohio and attended the University of Dayton (UD) where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as All-American Defensive Back honors as a member of the 1989 Division III National Championship football team.

After his graduation from UD, Secretary Husted remained 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 role as that of husband to his wife Tina and father to his children, Alex, Katie and Kylie.

DOING MORE WITH LESS

Throughout his public service as a State Senator, State Representative, Speaker of the House and now as Secretary of State, Jon Husted has displayed a courageous commitment to conservative principles, lower taxes and the elimination of wasteful spending.

As House Speaker, Husted spearheaded the passage of the most fiscally conservative budget in 40 years, which included landmark reforms to the state tax code and the largest income tax cut in Ohio's history.

Secretary Husted's strong financial stewardship in the Secretary of State's Office led the agency to save \$14 million in his first term. This savings was passed along to Ohio job creators by cutting the costs associated with starting a new business in Ohio.

In 2015, Secretary Husted also earned the distinction of being the only statewide officeholder in Ohio to request the legislature cut his agency's budget.

SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS & DRIVING INNOVATION

As House Speaker, Jon Husted championed the passage of the Ed Choice and Choose Ohio First Scholarship Programs to provide students with opportunities outside the classroom and encourage participation in STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

Since becoming Secretary of State, Jon Husted has modernized the way businesses are formed in Ohio by creating new online tools to guide entrepreneurs. The technological advancements have cut the time it takes to start a business in the Buckeye State by 75 percent and saved millions of taxpayer dollars.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

After a decade of Secretary Husted's leadership and advocacy on redistricting reform in both the legislature and as Secretary of State, the voters approved a bipartisan plan in November 2015 which will lead to more competitive legislative elections, enhance accountability to the voters and end gerrymandering in the Ohio Statehouse.

In 2015, Secretary Husted partnered with Google to launch MyOhioBiz.com, which offers additional tools to help Ohio entrepreneurs get their business off the ground. The feature helps small businesses access various free tools and connect with community resources in order to promote their new services and products. MyOhioBiz.com gives all new Ohio businesses information on how they can build a website, reserve a free domain name, have their office locations registered with Google's map and search features and get advice from industry experts.

In 2016, Secretary Husted marked another much sought after legislative accomplishment – getting online voter registration passed. Starting in 2017, Ohioans will be able to register to vote using an online system. This innovative reform, which Secretary Husted has championed for several years, will lead to increased convenience for voters, improve the accuracy of the state's voter database and save money for local governments. In fact, a 2015 study done by the Pew Charitable Trusts indicates that Ohio could have saved over \$13 million had the system been in place between 2011 and 2014.

EASY TO VOTE AND HARD TO CHEAT

Secretary Husted has made it easier to vote in Ohio by establishing uniform, statewide rules that included the first-ever statewide absentee ballot application mailing to raise awareness for the state's expansive opportunities for casting a ballot.

The Husted Administration has also made it easier for military families to cast a ballot, no matter where their service takes them, through the establishment of the Military Ready-to-Vote and Ohio Voter Passport programs, which together earned Ohio the All-Star State designation by the Military Voter Protection Project.

Secretary Husted has also taken important steps towards improving the accuracy of Ohio's voter rolls by removing more than 500,000 deceased voters and resolving 1.4 million duplicate registrations. These, and other steps, have led to an increase in the number of absentee and provisional ballots that are counted by Ohio voters when compared to Secretary Husted's predecessor.



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.

Ohio Redistricting Commission

The Secretary of State is a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, which meets every 10 years following the decennial census. The seven-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 four members, two Republican and two 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.