



Ohio Secretary of State Ethics Policy

1. O.R.C. 3501.15 prohibits precinct election officials from serving in any precinct where the precinct election official is a candidate on the ballot, except for unopposed candidates for a political party county central committee.

2. Precinct election officials may not serve in any precinct in which a family member or business associate is a candidate for elected office, unless the candidate is unopposed, including no declared write-in candidate for the office.

For the purpose of this ethics policy, “family member” includes spouse, domestic partner, mother, father, step-mother, step-father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, child, step-child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or other family member living in the same household.

For the purpose of this ethics policy, “business associate” means any person with whom the election official is pursuing an ongoing business enterprise. See Ohio Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion No. 2003-02. Examples include, but are not limited to, the election official’s employer, employee, and business partner.