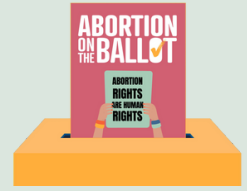




FLORIDA



Election Day: November 8 | Early Voting: October 24 – November 6

Elections for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, statewide elected offices, State Senate, State House, and other local elections

The November 8th midterm election marks the first time people across the United States have an opportunity to stand up for reproductive freedom following the landmark Supreme Court decision overturning the 50-year abortion rights precedent set by Roe v. Wade. Abortion is quite literally on the ballot and this fact sheet aims to inform voters about what is at stake in Florida.

Florida Government Make Up



Governor
Ron DeSantis (R)
Elected in 2018



Attorney General
Ashley Moody (R)
Elected in 2018



Legislature
State Senate
23 Republicans | 16 Democrats
State House of Representatives
76 Republicans | 42 Democrats

Current State of Abortion in Florida

Abortion is currently illegal after 15 weeks in Florida. A bill was signed earlier this year by Republican Governor DeSantis setting the 15 week cutoff. Republicans have introduced a bill that would ban abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat, which is usually around six weeks. If passed, DeSantis would sign it into law.

The Party Divide on Reproductive Rights Conversations

Democrats this election cycle are talking about protecting a person's reproductive rights, and Republicans want to criminalize reproductive choice and prevent access to care.

Governor's Race

"I'm pro-choice because I think women should have the opportunity to make that decision for themselves. After all, it's their body, it's their health."

- Charlie Crist, Democratic Gov. Nominee



"Florida will continue to defend its recently enacted pro-life reforms against state court challenges [and] will work to expand pro-life protections."

- Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis

Senate Race

"We must work relentlessly to preserve our right to choose and our right to privacy. We must protect Roe v. Wade in federal law."

- Rep. Val Demings, Democratic Senate Nominee



When asked about his support for a Senate bill banning abortion after 15 weeks nationwide, Rubio said, "I am in favor of laws that protect human life...I do not believe that the dignity and the worth of human life is tied to the circumstances of their conception, but I recognize that's not a majority position."

- Republican Sen. Marco Rubio

Pro-Choice Candidates

U.S. House:

- Soto (FL-09)
- Alejandro Frost (FL-10)
- Lynn (FL-13)
- Castor (FL-14)
- Frankel (FL-22)
- Wilson (FL-24)
- Wasserman Schultz (FL-25)
- Taddeo (FL-27)

Statewide:

- Crist (D-Governor)
- Ayala (D-A.G.)
- Demings (D-Senate)

These candidates have been endorsed by reproductive rights groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. This list is not inclusive of all pro-choice candidates in the state.

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