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**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

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**The Party Divide on Reproductive Rights Conversations**
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**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

"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

"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

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-15)
- 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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