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Michael O'Brien (Ohio)

Michael O'Brien (Democratic Party) was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, representing District 54. He assumed office on January 1, 2019. He left office on December 31, 2020.

O'Brien (Democratic Party) ran for re-election to the Ohio House of Representatives to represent District 54. He won in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Michael O'Brien
Democratic Party
District 54
Ohio House of Representatives
Term: 2019 - 2020
Previous: Democratic Party

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2023. Ballotpedia completes yearly updates of committee membership. If you would like to receive an update, email us at editorial@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

O'Brien was assigned to the following committees:

- Agriculture and Conservation Committee
- Finance and Budget Committee
- Health Care Committee
- Transportation and Public Safety Committee

2019-2020

O'Brien was assigned to the following committees:

- Finance Finance Committee
- House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Transportation and Public Safety Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

Ohio committee assignments, 2017	Show
Agriculture and Rural Development
Energy and Natural Resources
Finance
State and Local Government

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, O'Brien served on the following committees:

Ohio committee assignments, 2015	Show

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Michael O'Brien
OH HB54 - Enact Podiatry Law re: medical identifi... To amend sections 2151.41, 2305.40, 2305.40, 2305.46, 2305.47, 2305.48, 2305.49, 2305.50, 2305.51, 2305.52, 2305.53, 2305.54 and 2305.55 of the Revised Code and to name this act Sophie's Law. 117th 2019 Introduced
OH HB45 - Establish temporary tax amnesty progr... To amend sections 122.01, 122.23, 126.13(B), 126.13(E), 149.43, 173.35(C), 3901.38(F), 1733.03, 2151.35, 2305.06, 2305.07, 2305.08, 2305.09, 2305.10, 2305.11, 2305.12, 2305.25, 2743.11, 4933.43, 4933.195, 4933.70, 5114.10, 5114.11, 5114.14, 5114.18, 5101.14...

Elections

2022

See also Ohio House of Representatives elections, 2022

Michael O'Brien did not file to run for re-election.

2020

See also Ohio House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Incumbent Michael O'Brien and Martha Yoder in the general election for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on November 3, 2020

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Michael O'Brien** (D)	54.1%	23,553
	Martha Yoder (R)	45.9%	23,209

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 46,762
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Incumbent Michael O'Brien in the Democratic primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on April 28, 2020

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Michael O'Brien**	100.0%	8,651

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 8,651
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Martha Yoder in the Republican primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on April 28, 2020

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Martha Yoder**	100.0%	4,924

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 4,924
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

Campaign finance

2020 campaign (Jan. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2020)

Contributions	$411,174	Expenditures	$412,084
Total receipts	$411,174	Total disbursements	$412,084
Number of contributions	2,154	Number of expenditures	142

Top Contributors		Top Expenditures	
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18	$5,000	Friends of Michael O'Brien	$28,700
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18	$5,000	Rumpke Transportation	$15,000
Ohio Skilled Association Plumbers & Pipefitters	$5,000	Rumpke Recycling	$6,000
Ohio Laborers Local 265	$5,000	Committee to Elect Kim Brown	$5,000
Ohio Laborers Local 265 Laborers Political Action Committee	$5,000	Planned Mortgage	$4,000
Laborers' Local Union 265	$5,000	Ohio Laborers Local 265	$3,000
Laborers' Local Union 265 Laborers Political Action Committee	$5,000	Democratic Party Democratic Party Executive Committee Ohio Democratic Party	$2,500
Local Ironworkers Local 1790	$5,000	Sherry Thompson and Associates	$2,500
Brothers PAC	$5,000	Ohio Laborers Local 265	$2,000
Total Equity Pac	$5,000	Ohio Laborers Local 265	$2,000

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Source: Ohio Secretary of State campaign finance | Total raised data

2018

See also Ohio House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Incumbent Michael O'Brien and Martha Yoder in the general election for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on November 6, 2018

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Michael O'Brien** (D)	54.1%	19,297
	Martha Yoder (R)	45.9%	16,436

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 35,733
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Incumbent Michael O'Brien in the Democratic primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on May 8, 2018

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Michael O'Brien**	100.0%	8,053

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 8,053
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54

Martha Yoder in the Republican primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54 on May 8, 2018

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Martha Yoder**	58.7%	3,402
	Ronny Lee	41.3%	2,453

Incumbents are bolded and marked with a check mark. The results have been certified. Total votes: 5,855
Candidates listed alphabetically by party. Candidate Connection survey responses are included in parentheses.
Source: Ohio Secretary of State Election Results

2016

See also Ohio House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the Ohio House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election was held on March 15, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was December 30, 2015.

Incumbent Michael O'Brien defeated Ronny Lee in the Ohio House of Representatives District 54 general election.[1]

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 General Election, 2016			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓ **Michael O'Brien** (Incumbent)	54.1%	44,348
Republican	Ronny Lee	45.9%	37,611
	Total Votes		**81,959**

Source: Ohio Secretary of State

Incumbent Michael O'Brien was unopposed in the Ohio House of Representatives District 54 Democratic primary.[2][3]

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 Democratic Primary, 2016			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓ **Michael O'Brien** (Incumbent)	100.0%	10,765
	Total Votes		**10,765**

Martha Yoder defeated Phil Hall Jr. in the Ohio House of Representatives District 54 Republican primary.[2][3]

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 Republican Primary, 2016			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✓ **Martha Yoder**	62.0%	7,691
Republican	Phil Hall Jr.	38.0%	4,711
	Total Votes		**12,402**

2014

See also Ohio House of Representatives elections, 2014

Elections for the Ohio House of Representatives took place in 2014. A primary election took place on May 6, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in the election was February 5, 2014. Michael O'Brien defeated Ronny Lee in the Ohio House of Representatives District 54 general election.[4] Incumbent Michael O'Brien defeated Elaine R. Marcinkiewicz in the Democratic primary for Ohio House of Representatives District 54.[5] Ronny Lee received the Republican nomination for the district.[6] Elaine R. Marcinkiewicz ran as a Green Party candidate in the general election. O'Brien defeated Lee and Marcinkiewicz in the general election.[7]

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 General Election, 2014			(Collapse)
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓ **Michael O'Brien**	49.2%	13,565
Republican	Ronny Lee	44.8%	12,347
Green	Elaine R. Marcinkiewicz	6.0%	1,657
Total Votes			**27,569**

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 Democratic Primary, 2014 (Expand)

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Ballotpedia survey responses

See also Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

Michael O'Brien did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

Campaign donors

Note: The following data shows donations from the disclosure requests of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or ballot, this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or ballot measure whose page you are reading (the disclaimer Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections for federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website.) Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance.

Michael O'Brien's campaign contribution history

2020	Ohio House of Representatives, District 54	✓	$75,647
2018	Ohio State House, District 54	✓	$55,200
	Grand total raised		**$75,647**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2016

Donors which contributed to Ohio House of Representatives in 2016. Ronny Lee, Republican candidate, O'Brien raised a total of **$70,647**.

Ohio House of Representatives, District 54 campaign contributions, 2016

Top contributors to Michael O'Brien (Ohio)'s campaign in 2016	
Ohio Democratic Party	$16,000
Operating Engineers Local 18	$7,000
Ohio Association Of Realtors	$5,000
Operating Engineers Local 18	$2,000
O'Brien, Michael R	$2,000
Total raised in 2016	**$70,647**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2014

O'Brien was unchallenged in the Ohio House of Representatives in 2014. During that election cycle, O'Brien raised a total of **$105,201**.

Ohio State House 2014 election - Campaign Contributions (Expand)

Scorecards

See also State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Ohio

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each legislator can be considered on a liberal-to-conservative scale. Ballotpedia's group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing an encyclopedia list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards, and others have a comprehensive list by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Ohio scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2022

In 2022, the Ohio State Legislature was in session from January 3 to December 23.

- Equality Ohio ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to LGBTQ civil rights, and racial justice issues.

- Innovation Ohio ↗

Representatives are scored on their votes on bills affecting working families.

- Ohio Chamber of Commerce ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills impacting Ohio's business community.

- National Federation of Independent Business ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.

2021

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2020

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2019

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