



NEBRASKA

*Right to Life*

State affiliate to  
National Right to Life

# 2026 Primary Election Guide

## SURVEY FOR STATE CANDIDATES

### ABORTION-RELATED QUESTIONS

1. *In 2024, Nebraskans approved a constitutional amendment to protect unborn children in the second and third trimesters except in cases of rape, incest and medical emergencies. Nebraska's current law allows for abortion for any reason up to 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest and medical emergencies.*

Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe abortion should be legal.

- 1A. In no case.  
1B. To prevent the death of the mother.  
1C. In cases of rape and incest.  
1D. In cases of fetal anomaly.  
1E. Abortion with no restrictions.
2. Nebraska Right to Life supports chemical abortion safety protocols, which would require abortion facilities to screen for safety measures and post-procedure follow-up. Would you be supportive of this?
3. Currently, the remains of an abortion are treated as common medical waste. Would you support a measure that would require abortion facilities to treat those remains with human dignity by burial or cremation?
4. Currently, the Nebraska Board of Education requires schools to teach life cycles of plants and animals. Nebraska Right to Life supports adding measurable academic content standards for human embryology as part of the statewide science curriculum. Would you support such a requirement?
5. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?
6. Would you support prohibiting tax dollars going to organizations that refer and/or perform abortions such as the largest abortion provider in the U.S., Planned Parenthood?
7. Abortion facilities in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion facilities to meet the same public health standards as other outpatient surgical facilities?

### MEDICAL ETHICS QUESTIONS

*Note: For Questions 8 & 9, the term "use" means: "the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of."*

8. Would you support banning the "use" of human embryonic stem cells, either multiple frozen embryos created through in vitro fertilization or embryos created for the express purpose of medical research?
9. Would you support banning the "use" of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of new human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?
10. Would you support protecting the rights of medical professionals and institutions not to be forced into actions that violate their moral and ethical beliefs regarding abortion, euthanasia and unethical medical research?

### EUTHANASIA

*Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient or the patient's family if an ethics committee thinks the patient's so-called "quality of life" is unacceptable. The federal Patient Self-Determination Act currently requires health care facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid to ask patients upon admission whether they have an advance directive indicating their desire to receive or refuse lifesaving treatment under certain circumstances.*

11. NRL believes in the dignity of all human life. Physician-assisted death leads to a slippery slope that devalues human life and preys on vulnerable patients. In some countries/states where it has been legalized, there have been expansions, for example, to include mental illness. Those with terminal illness may feel pressured to end their lives so as not to be a burden to their families. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
12. Would you oppose a law that allows active (administering lethal drugs) or passive (withholding life-sustaining drugs/procedures) medical treatment for a patient against the will of the patient or their representative?

### FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY

13. Would you seriously consider introducing pro-life legislation initiated by Nebraska Right to Life?
14. Would you seriously consider prioritizing pro-life legislation initiated by Nebraska Right to Life?
15. Would you vote to "pull" a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding pro-life legislation initiated by Nebraska Right to Life?

# ANSWERS TO SURVEY

## SENATE



	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>PETE RICKETTS (Incumbent)</b>			<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	*
William J. Forbes (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Eric Mortimore (APL)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Earl Starkey		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					N	N	Y	Y	
Mac Stevens	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Cindy Burbank, Todd Knobel, Mike Marvin, Debb Axtell Schultz

## CONGRESS



DISTRICT 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>MIKE FLOOD (Incumbent)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	*
Nik Sandman (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Chris Backemeyer, Eric Moyer

DISTRICT 2	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
Van Argyrakis						Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y		Y	N	N	N	*
Brinker Harding (APL)	N			N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Kishla Askins, John Cavanaugh, Eric Michael Foreman, James Leuschen, Denise Powell, Crystal Rhoades, Melanie Williams



DISTRICT 3	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>ADRIAN SMITH (Incumbent)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
David J. Else	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	*
David P. Huebner (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Becky Kelly Stille

## GOVERNOR



	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>JIM PILLEN (Incumbent)</b>	<b>Y</b>					<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
James J. Charvat III		Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	N		Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	*
Sheila J. Korth-Focken (APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Larry Marvin	N	Y	Y	N		Y	N				N						*
Jacy Todd (APL)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
John Walz	Y	Y	N	N	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Rick Beard, Sal Holguin, Gary L. Rogge, Lynne Walz

## SECRETARY OF STATE



	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>BOB EVNEN (Incumbent)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	*
Scott Petersen (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Lee M. Cimfel, Sarah J. Slattery

## STATE TREASURER

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
Joey Spellerberg (APL)		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Daniel Ebers

## ATTORNEY GENERAL



	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>MIKE HILGERS (Incumbent)</b>		<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	*

Did Not Respond: Jocelyn Brasher

## STATE AUDITOR



	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
<b>MIKE FOLEY (Incumbent)</b>	<b>Y</b>					<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	*

## LEGISLATURE



DISTRICT 2	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Dean Helmick (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Did Not Respond: Caitlin Knutson, Jayden L. Speed



DISTRICT 4	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
<b>R. BRAD VON GILLERN (Incumbent)</b>		<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>				*

Did Not Respond: Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek

DISTRICT 6	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Patrick Leahy	N	Y	Y						N	N				Y		Y				*

Did Not Respond: Nate Ostdiek | *Patrick Leahy answers taken from 2nd survey submitted after the deadline with changed responses.*

DISTRICT 8	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Terry Brewer	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	*

Did Not Respond: Erin Feichtinger, Josh Livingston

## Survey Key

**Y** = Pro-life in most cases

**N** = Against pro-life in most cases, except for questions 1A through 1E

— = Did Not Answer Yes or No

\* = Comments on file

**APL** - Candidate not endorsed but answered pro-life

**Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee pro-life endorsed incumbent candidates are identified as bolded, CAPITALIZED, check-marked and highlighted.**

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# ANSWERS TO SURVEY

## LEGISLATURE

DISTRICT 10	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Rebecca Rens (APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Cindy Johnson																				
DISTRICT 12	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Did Not Respond: Thomas Kastrup, Christy Knorr, Merv Riepe																				
DISTRICT 14	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Bill Bowes (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Jay Jackson (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: SuAnn Witt																				
DISTRICT 16	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Ted Japp (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Cindy Chatt																				
DISTRICT 18	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Taylor Royal (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Derek Schwartz (APL)		Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Jess Goldoni																				
DISTRICT 20	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Chris Anderson (APL)	N	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Dan Witt (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: John Fredrickson (Past Planned Parenthood endorsement)																				
DISTRICT 22	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Dawson Brunswick (APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
DISTRICT 24	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
JANA HUGHES (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Dan Winter																				
DISTRICT 26	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Did Not Respond: George Dungan (Past Planned Parenthood endorsement), Tobias Howard																				
DISTRICT 28	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Did Not Respond: Patty Pansing Brooks (Past Planned Parenthood endorsement), Chad Kulig, Colby L. Woodson																				
DISTRICT 30	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Cally Ideus (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Timothy Gary Bentzinger, Janet M. Bock																				
DISTRICT 32	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Mark Schoenrock (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Shay Smith																				
DISTRICT 34	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
LOREN LIPPINCOTT (Incumbent)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Ben Blodgett, Arron Kowalski																				
DISTRICT 36	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
RICK HOLDCROFT (Incumbent)		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Darin Tompkins																				
DISTRICT 38	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Janell Anderson Ehrke (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Tim Anderson (APL)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Jon Capps (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Wes Wilmot (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Melanie Knight																				
DISTRICT 40	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
BARRY DEKAY (Incumbent)		Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
DISTRICT 41	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Joe Johnson (APL)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Jeremy Heneger, Jacob W. Sikes																				
DISTRICT 42	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
MIKE JACOBSON (Incumbent)	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Shaylee S. Scranton																				
DISTRICT 44	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
TERESA IBACH (Incumbent)	N			Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
DISTRICT 46	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Did Not Respond: Danielle Conrad																				
DISTRICT 48	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
BRIAN HARDIN (Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Jessica M. Landers, Samuel C. Landers																				



# Nebraska Right to Life PAC Candidate Endorsement Criteria

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for State and Federal office except in special circumstances. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives make an effort to interview candidates for major offices either prior to the Primary or between the Primary and General Elections. We rely on input from Board members and members of our local Chapter network throughout the State, as well as pro-lifers from the candidate's district. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey. Concurrence with NRL PAC's position on every survey question is not required for a pro-life endorsement. Some issues are "deal-breakers" for an endorsement such as opposition to euthanasia, abortion funding and unethical bio-medical research. A 100 percent pro-life voting/action record is a rarity and not required to receive an endorsement. When incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special consideration with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC is one of the few groups which prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let the pro-life voter know where the candidates stand.

## Special Endorsement Criteria for State Legislative Candidates Only:

The passage of legislation in our Nebraska Legislature is where Nebraska Right to Life has had the greatest public policy impact. In an effort to better engage grassroots voters and educate them about the process, the NRL Board voted in April 2014 to create a new ranking system only for State Legislative candidates. The new ranking system rewards those incumbents who introduce or prioritize NRL initiated legislation or who work very hard to get NRL initiated legislation out of committee. Strong floor debate help is also taken into consideration. Hopefully pro-life voters in legislative districts will seek out the candidates and their current state senator and encourage them to take a more active role in introducing and prioritizing NRL initiated legislation as well as working diligently to get bills out of the Judiciary and Health Committees.



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**DISTRICT 5** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

Angie Eberspacher (APL) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Did Not Respond: Michaela Conway, Lana Daws



**DISTRICT 6** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

SHERRY JONES (Incumbent) Y N N N N Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y \*

Did Not Respond: Grady Erickson



**DISTRICT 7** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

ELIZABETH TEGTMEIER (Incumbent) Y N N N N Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

**DISTRICT 8** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

Lou Ann Goding (APL) N Y N N N Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Did Not Respond: Sherrye Hutcherson

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF REGENTS

**DISTRICT 1** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

Did Not Respond: Brent Comstock, Jeremy Hosein, Roland Nance

**DISTRICT 2** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

Did Not Respond: Elizabeth Butler, Jill Wolfe

**DISTRICT 4** 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Comments

Michael Skocz (APL) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y \*

Did Not Respond: Larry Bradley, Jim Rogers, Susanne Shore, Justin Solomon

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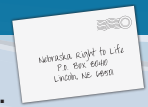
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