

2026 General Election Guide



NEBRASKA

Right to Life

State affiliate to
National Right to Life

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
☒ PETER RICKETTS (Incumbent)	*	*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Cindy Burbank, Mike Marvin, Dan Osborn																	

CONGRESS

DISTRICT 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
☒ MIKE FLOOD (Incumbent)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Nik Sandman (APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Chris Backemeyer																	

DISTRICT 2	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
Brinker Harding (APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Eric Michael Foreman, Denise Powell																	

DISTRICT 3	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
☒ ADRIAN SMITH (Incumbent)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
David J. Else	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	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
☒ JIM PILLEN (Incumbent)	Y					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Rick Beard, Lynne Walz																	

SECRETARY OF STATE

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Comments
Scott Petersen (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: 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
☒ MIKE HILGERS (Incumbent)		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Jocelyn Brasher																	

STATE AUDITOR

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

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	Y	Y	Y	
Did Not Respond: Caitlin Knutson																				

DISTRICT 4	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
☒ R. BRAD VON GILLERN (Incumbent)		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Did Not Respond: Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek (Planned Parenthood endorsement)																				

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 (Planned Parenthood endorsement)																				

DISTRICT 8	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Comments
Did Not Respond: Erin Feichtinger (Planned Parenthood endorsement), Josh Livingston																				

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 (Planned Parenthood endorsement)																				

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: Christy Knorr (Planned Parenthood endorsement), 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	*
Did Not Respond: SuAnn Witt (Planned Parenthood endorsement)																				

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.**



ANSWERS TO SURVEY



LEGISLATURE

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	*

Did Not Respond: Jess Goldoni (Planned Parenthood endorsement)

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	*

Did Not Respond: John Fredrickson (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 (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 (Planned Parenthood endorsement), 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: 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



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	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
Tim Anderson (APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*



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



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	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*

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 (Planned Parenthood endorsement)



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



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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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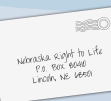
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ANSWERS TO SURVEY

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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	
Did Not Respond: Michaela Conway																	



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	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	Y	
Did Not Respond: Sherrye Hutcherson																	

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	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																	

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: Susanne Shore, Justin Solomon																	

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