

Ohio Sen. Kristina Roegner enters race for state treasurer

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - State Sen. Kristina Roegner announced Thursday she is running for Ohio treasurer.

Roegner, a Hudson Republican, has served in the General Assembly for 14 years. During her tenure, she's served on the Ways and Means committee, which examines legislation having to do with taxes, tax credits and programs to help Ohioans save money for future expenses, such as education.

Roegner is a champion and sponsor of anti-abortion bills, including [2019's law that makes abortions illegal](#) as soon as a fetal heartbeat is detected, which is around six weeks. That law is [not being enforced](#), as it conflicts with the abortion rights state constitutional amendment voters passed in 2023, but the case is on appeal.

Roegner is also working for efficient government, lower taxes and free markets. She's interested in simplifying professional licenses, making it easier for licensed professionals to work across state lines. She has sponsored bills that became law making it easier for physician assistants, dentists and hygienists, massage therapists, social workers and others to work in new states without having to start from scratch with licensing.

"It's been an honor to serve as a State Senator, I'm very proud of what we have accomplished. From lowering our state income taxes to common sense regulatory reform; together we have put Ohio on the right track," Roegner said in a statement announcing her candidacy for treasurer.

The state treasurer is Ohio's chief investment officer, working with other money managers on the state's investment and debt portfolios. The treasurer oversees domestic and international portfolios along with daily cashflows.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023, the treasurer was custodian over more than \$249 billion in assets, and managed an investment portfolio exceeding \$30 billion.

“The mission of the Ohio Treasurer is to be the ‘trusted steward of Ohio’s Treasury, wise investor in Ohio’s future and bold innovator committed to improving people’s lives,’” [Roegner said in a video announcing her candidacy](#). “That’s who I am at my core and that is what I’ll do.”

Current Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, barred from seeking reelection by term limits, is [running for Ohio secretary of state](#).

“The money in the Ohio treasury belongs to you, the people of Ohio, and I pledge to continue to serve with the highest level of professionalism, integrity and full transparency as your next Treasurer,” Roegner said.

Roegner will run in the GOP primary against a former state senator, Niraj Antani of the Dayton area. Antani [announced Wednesday](#) he was dropping out of the Ohio secretary of state race to run for treasurer.

No Democrats have announced their candidacy for Ohio treasurer at this time.

Roegner was a mechanical engineer at Westinghouse Power Generation prior to earning her MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She also worked as an associate and engagement manager at McKinsey & Co. through their Cleveland, Stockholm and Munich offices.

She’s married and with three daughters. She and her husband Eric have fostered two children.