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Yost defends elections board action

GOP candidate Leneghan appealed disqualification to Ohio Supreme Court

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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost filed a brief urging the Ohio Supreme Court to uphold the ruling removing a Delaware County Board of Elections member as a registered voter as well as a candidate for the May primary election.

Yost, a Republican, filed a brief April 22 in the case that involves Melanie Leneghan, who is a Delaware County

Board of Elections member and a candidate for the women's seat on the Republican State Central Committee for the 19th District.

Following a challenge to her residency, the elections board determined that Leneghan failed to meet the state's residency requirements and voted 2-1 along party lines during an April 10 hearing to remove her from the voter rolls and revoke her candidacy for the May 5 primary. Leneghan filed a case April 14 asking the state's highest court to overturn the ruling. Both Democrats voted to remove her, while the Republican voted not to.

"[Leneghan] believes she has the right to shop for a constituency. She

does not," Yost's brief says. "Voters should choose their representatives. [Leneghan] would have it the other way around."

During the April 10 hearing, Leneghan testified that she and her husband sold their Powell residence in January 2025 and that she owns two homes in South Carolina. Her husband has been spending the winter at one of the South Carolina properties taking a care of an elderly family member, and she said he intends to return to Ohio over the summer.

Leneghan also testified that she had not actually lived at a city of Delaware

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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost speaks to members of the media before the State of the State address in the Ohio House chambers on March 12, 2025, at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

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Lawmakers pitch days for Hayes, Armstrong

Most not controversial, but this year there's Kirk

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State Sen. Bill DeMora was fuming as he left a committee hearing reviewing whether to commemorate a Charlie Kirk Memorial Day in Ohio.

"We're gonna honor some guy who never lived in Ohio, worked in Ohio, went to school in Ohio," said DeMora, a Columbus Democrat, who also takes issue with Kirk's comments about Jewish people. "Well, if I have to do this, why don't we honor the people that actually were worth honoring?"

As payback, DeMora introduced 12 new bills that would designate days for Wapakoneta native and astronaut Neil Armstrong, Milan, Ohio-born inventor Thomas Edison, two Union generals with Ohio ties, several former presidents and legendary Ohio State University football coach Woody Hayes.

Any Ohio lawmaker can introduce a bill to honor a person or historical event or to raise awareness about a disease or health threat. Most of these designations are not controversial and pass easily with bipartisan votes. Over the years, legislators have added more than 210 designated days, weeks and months to the calendar.

These dates honor veterans, public school teachers and military families. They celebrate heritages, specifically German, Hindu and Eastern European. They remind everyone that Ohio is the birthplace of astronauts, Dean Martin, Rascal Flatts and one of Superman's creators.

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Conservative activist Charlie Kirk, wearing a shirt depicting Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump reacting defiantly after his attempted assassination, addresses supporters in Milwaukee on July 17, 2024.

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Patrol: ICE alerted to driver in I-71 crash

Citizenship, license allegedly fraudulent

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The driver of a tractor-trailer who caused a triple-fatal crash on Interstate 71 in Delaware County earlier this month used an alternate identity to fraudulently obtain his U.S. citizenship and Ohio driver's licenses, state investigators say.

Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Andy Wilson said in a prepared statement released April 23 that the state is turning over information the state uncovered about semi driver Modou Ngom to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further investigation. Federal and local prosecutors also have been notified.

ICE "is the proper law enforcement agency to further investigate these allegations," Wilson said.

Ngom, 50, has been in custody since he crashed into a line of stopped traffic on northbound I-71 traffic near the U.S. 36/Route 37 interchange, killing a family of three and injuring several others. He pleaded not guilty April 21 to three counts of aggravated vehicular homicide and four charges of vehicular assault. He was being held in the Delaware County Jail as of 11 a.m. April 23.

He is a naturalized U.S. citizen, but Wilson said he obtained that status under an alternate identity.

Ngom allegedly entered the U.S.

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