



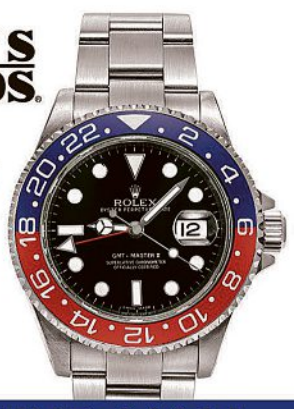
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Former President Donald Trump listens to Max Miller, a former Trump aide and then a Republican candidate for Ohio's 7th Congressional District, during a rally at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

## Voter ID proposal likely to be on ballot in November

### Senate OKs proposal to amend constitution

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Ohioans are likely to decide this fall whether to put voter ID rules in the state constitution.

The Ohio Senate voted 22-9 on June 3 for a constitutional amendment that would double down on the existing requirement for photo ID at the polls. GOP lawmakers fast-tracked the proposal to ensure it appears on the November ballot, when voters will elect a new governor and other statewide leaders.

The measure now heads to the Ohio House, where it's expected to pass. Amendments require a three-fifths majority in both chambers - which Republicans have - and don't need Gov. Mike DeWine's seal of approval.

"Photo ID for voting helps secure the bedrock democratic principle of one person, one vote," Sen. Jane Timken, R-North Canton, said.

The proposal would enshrine Ohio's voter ID law in the constitution, making it more difficult to change down the road. The policy, enacted in 2023, requires voters to present an unexpired driver's license, state ID, passport or military ID to cast ballots in-person.

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The Ohio Senate passed a constitutional amendment that requires voters to show a photo ID to vote in-person.

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## Miller's personal life thrown into spotlight

### Could congressman's nasty custody fight impact re-election bid?

Stephanie Warsmith Akron Beacon Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Future congressman Max Miller and Emily Moreno got married at Donald Trump's Bedminster golf club in August 2022, uniting two politically connected and wealthy Ohio families.

The guest list featured a who's who of America's political elite, including Trump himself.



Bernie Moreno

Bernie Moreno, Emily's father and a prominent businessman who would later be elected to the Senate, posted on Facebook about the "amazing event" and shared several photos of the happy couple.

"The best part? Watching the smiles on their faces and the love they have for each other in their eyes!" Moreno said.

That love, though, didn't last.

Miller and Moreno divorced in June 2025 and are now embroiled in a bitter custody dispute over their 2-year-old daughter that has made headlines in tabloids and entertainment publications, including The Daily Mail and TMZ.

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Emily Moreno and Max Miller in their wedding finery. The couple wed in August 2022. PROVIDED BY ZASHIN LAW

## OSU board approves settlement in Strauss lawsuits

### Trustees OK \$100 million for sex abuse survivors

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The Ohio State University Board of Trustees voted June 3 to approve \$100 million to settle lawsuit claims with hundreds of survivors of former university doctor Richard Strauss.

The resolution, which was added to the agenda before the meeting, is pur-

ported to be the final settlement in the fallout from the sexual abuse cases regarding Strauss.

The vote, which was part of a consent agenda with dozens of items, was unanimously approved.

OSU President Ravi Bellamkonda said the Strauss survivors "will always be a part of our family and our community."

"We continue to be very grateful to them for their courage in coming forward - and reaching a final resolution was very important to us as an important step forward," Bellamkonda said.

The details of the settlement were not provided, with board Chair John Zeiger saying during the meeting that they were confidential and could not be shared until the settlement was finalized. Zeiger said that "members of the public and others will no doubt have many questions about this substantial development."

"It is important we respect the court's order and comply with the mediator's directive," Zeiger said. "But we will provide additional information on this resolution when we are in a position to do so."

A joint statement from the university and plaintiffs read: "Ohio State and 279 of the 280 individual remaining Richard Strauss survivors involved in the pending litigation have reached settlements in principle in a total amount of \$100 million. The university's Board of Trustees has now publicly ratified these agreements in principle, and all parties thank the mediators for their assistance. The mediation and its confidentiality are continuing as the parties work to finalize the details of the settlements,

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