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Ohioans to see voter ID amendment on ballot

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Ohio voters will soon decide whether they support requiring a photo ID at the polls.

If that idea sounds familiar, it's because it's already state law.

Ohio's GOP-controlled Legislature voted in June to place the proposed constitutional amendment, known as Issue 3, on the Nov. 3 ballot. It's the only state-wide issue before Ohioans in the upcoming election, along with key races for governor and U.S. Senate.

Here's what you need to know about Issue 3.

What is Ohio Issue 3?

Simply put, Issue 3 would enshrine the state's voter ID policy in the Ohio Constitution.

Ohio requires voters who cast in-person ballots to present a photo ID, with exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed.

It can be an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, Ohio National Guard ID or an ID issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

University IDs and out-of-state driver's licenses aren't accepted.

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An EU and U.N. assessment estimated Gaza recovery and reconstruction needs at \$71.4 billion over the next decade. BASHAR TALEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

One year on, Trump's Gaza plan stalled

Deal hasn't halted Israeli fire or disarmed Hamas

REUTERS

JERUSALEM — President Donald Trump's year-old plan to end the Gaza war has stalled, with Israel mounting near-daily attacks and occupying around two-thirds of the shattered enclave where Palestinians face dire conditions.

The initial phase resulted in a ceasefire on Oct. 10, 2025, and secured the release of the last remaining hostages seized in Hamas' 2023 attacks on Israel, along with freedom for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and detainees held by Israel.

But other goals, including disarming Hamas, securing Israeli withdrawal and rebuilding Gaza, appear far from reach.

What was in the plan?

The first phase of Trump's 20-point plan included a suspension of all military operations, Israeli withdrawal from part of the enclave, hostage and



An Israeli woman pays her respects at a memorial to the victims of the 2023 Hamas attack at the Nova festival site in Reim, Israel, on Oct. 6.

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prisoner releases and a surge in aid.

Later phases foresaw Hamas disarming and new governance by a Palestinian body overseen by the Trump-led Board of Peace. Israel would gradually withdraw, handing territory to a temporary International Stabilization Force, or ISF.

"Gaza will be redeveloped for the benefit of the people of Gaza, who have suffered more than enough," the plan said.

Has the ceasefire held?

There has been no return to full-scale military operations, but Israeli strikes have continued. Gaza's health ministry says at least 1,400 Palestinians have been killed since the October 2025 ceasefire, many of them women and children, although it does not disclose militant casualties.

Israel says its strikes have targeted Hamas, accusing the group of trying to carry out attacks and rearm. Hamas denies this. Five Israeli soldiers have been killed by Palestinian militants or in combat since the ceasefire, according to the Israeli military.

How much of Gaza does Israel occupy today?

Most of it. The initial phase of Trump's plan foresaw Israel withdrawing to a so-called "yellow line" that left Israeli troops in control of 53% of Gaza. Since then, the Israeli military has expanded its effective control to around two-thirds of the territory.

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Child abuse case against grandfather dismissed

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The criminal case against the grandfather of 16 children found living in a Vinton County home will not move forward.

In an Oct. 6 entry, Vinton County Common Pleas Judge Laina Fetherolf Rogers said charges against Gary Siders Sr., 73, have been dismissed.

Siders appeared in court Sept. 9 to discuss a psychological evaluation done in his case. At that time, the attorneys agreed Siders was not mentally competent to stand trial.

Siders faced 10 felony and six misdemeanor charges of endangering children.

The Oct. 6 court record says the case is dismissed without prejudice, meaning it could be refiled at a later date. That is unlikely given what Siders' attorney has described as his mental state. Dorian Baum said his client is unable to directly answer questions, has memory issues and has not been able to grasp the circumstances of his charges.

The record says the court will keep jurisdiction over Siders so that a civil commitment proceeding can take place in probate court.

Siders faced charges after 16 of his grandchildren were found June 30 in a home in Hamden. Authorities described the home's conditions as unsanitary and unhealthy.

The children's parents, Gary Siders Jr. and Elizabeth Siders, face multiple counts of felony child endangerment. Christina Siders, the children's grandmother, is also charged.

Attorneys for all of the Siders have requested psychological evaluations for their clients.

On Oct. 2, Christina Siders' attorney asked to have a neuropsychologist examine the 67-year-old. Some of the mental symptoms she appears to exhibit, court records say, could be the result of dementia and affect whether the case against her will move forward.

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Gary Siders Sr. appears for a competency hearing in Vinton County Common Pleas Court on Sept. 9 in McArthur.

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