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## MAY PRIMARY ELECTION TAKES SHAPE

Yesterday marked the filing deadline for candidates running in the May partisan primary election, with the statewide races shaping up largely as expected. Neither Governor Ted Strickland and running mate Yvette McGee Brown nor the Republican ticket of John Kasich and Mary Taylor faces a primary challenge. Additionally, Democrats will not see a primary in the four down ticket statewide offices, including Attorney General Richard Cordray, Treasurer Kevin Boyce, and candidates Maryellen O'Shaughnessy for Secretary of State and David Pepper for Auditor of State.

On the Republican side, Mike DeWine and Steve Christopher will square off for the party's nomination for Attorney General. John Husted and Sandra O'Brien will compete for the Secretary of State nod, and Dave Yost and Seth Morgan will run to gain the party's endorsement in the Auditor's race. Josh Mandel is unopposed for Treasurer.

While there are more primaries on the GOP ballot, the most watched primary in the state will no doubt be between Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner and Lt. Governor Lee Fisher for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. The winner of that race will face Republican Rob Portman in the fall. Portman, meanwhile, appeared headed for a primary with Tom Ganley this May, but is now unopposed in the primary as Ganley has opted rather to run in the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

There are no primaries for Supreme Court races, and in fact Justice Paul Pfeiffer will run unopposed in the fall as well. In November, Justice Maureen O'Connor will face Judge Eric Brown in the race to replace retiring Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, and Justice Judith Lanzinger will seek reelection against Judge Mary Jane Trapp.

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