

Emilia Sykes (OH-13)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

Unknown

EDUCATION

BA, Psychology, Kent State Univ.; Certified, Family Law, Univ. of Florida Levin College of Law; JD, Univ. of Florida Levin College of Law; MPH, Public Health, Univ. of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions

FAMILY

Unknown

Background

Part of an Ohio political dynasty, Sykes became a leader in the Ohio state House by her early thirties; in 2021, she stepped down as Democratic leader to focus on her House bid in Ohio's competitive 13th District

While obtaining her BA from Kent State University, Sykes gained experience with health care and women's issues at local crisis pregnancy centers; taught women how to recognize and respond to issues of domestic violence at the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic while attending law school at the University of Florida

Post graduation, Sykes worked as a law clerk for the chief judge at the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Georgia

Later worked as an administrative staff advisor at the Summit County Fiscal Office where she helped create a county land bank to repurpose vacant and abandoned properties; offered Ohioans access to health and law related services while at Community Legal Services

Elected as the state representative of Ohio's 34th House District in 2015, becoming the first Black woman under 30 to serve in the state legislature; went on to serve in various leadership roles including as assistant whip, minority whip, and minority leader

Policy initiatives focused largely on issues related to domestic violence and healthcare access

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
R+1	Toss Up	Akron and Canton areas

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Sykes	53%
Gesiotto Gilbert	47%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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