

Ohio 89th District race set

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SANDUSKY — A Republican incumbent and his Democratic challenger both filed paperwork for the Ohio 89th House District race on Monday.

Voters in the district, which encompasses Erie County and parts of Ottawa County and Huron County, will decide between incumbent Rep. D.J. Swearingen, R-Huron, and newcomer Alicia Wolph Roshong, D-Huron, in the November 2024 general election.

Roshong, who announced her candidacy on Monday, said she is a lifelong Ohio resident and longtime resident of Sandusky and Huron.

She earned her undergraduate degree at Ohio State and her law degree at the University of Toledo, according to a release. Roshong worked as an associate attorney at Murray & Murray in Sandusky and was a founder of the Kentris, Roshong & Coleman law firm. She also served three terms as the city of Fostoria's elected chief prosecuting attorney and law director.

Roshong currently works in private practice and owns a title company, Wolph Title, co-owns a real estate development company, RRR Realty Development, and co-owns the Dairy Queen on North Countyline Street in Fostoria.

Swearingen is in his third term in the Ohio House after defeating Democrats Alexis Miller and Jim Obergefell in the 2020 and 2022 elections, respectively. Swearingen, who also has a law background, was first appointed and later elected to the 89th District seat following the retirement of former Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, in 2019.