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U.S. Senate

Special election for the rest of Marco Rubio's term; Moody was appointed in January 2025. Rated Solid or Likely Republican by major forecasters (Oct. 2026).



Ashley Moody

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. senator since January 2025 (appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis); former Florida attorney general, circuit judge and federal prosecutor.



Angie Nixon

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Florida state representative from Jacksonville; former higher-education director and union organizer.

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

WAR & PEACE

POPE LEO XIV *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress "to work for peace and to reject war and violence."* Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 (Vatican News via The Good Newsroom)

ASHLEY MOODY

Responding to the February 2026 U.S.–Israeli strikes on Iran, wrote that "this evil Iranian regime has called for the death of America, the destruction of the West."

[1] WUSF: Florida politicians react to Iran strikes

VOTING RECORD

No Iran war powers resolution (H.Con.Res. 86), June 2026
No Iran war powers resolution (H.Con.Res. 89), Sept. 2026
Yes Russia sanctions bill (H.R. 5334), Aug. 2026

ANGIE NIXON

Calls for an "end to the war in Iran," an end to U.S. support for West Bank settlements, upholding the Gaza ceasefire, and diplomacy rather than "unilateral military action."

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities

AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

POPE LEO XIV *"No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data."* Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026

ASHLEY MOODY

No public position found.

ANGIE NIXON

Supports "protecting workers from AI-driven job displacement," no new data centers until federal guardrails are in place, and passing the PRO Act.

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities

THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

POPE LEO XIV *The preferential choice for the poor is "a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society."* Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025

ASHLEY MOODY

Promotes the 2025 reconciliation law, saying it "delivers the LARGEST tax cut for the working and middle class in history"; backed a one-year cutoff of Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood.

[1] Moody Senate office: One Big Beautiful Bill
[2] ClickOrlando: 2026 voters guide, U.S. Senate

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

ANGIE NIXON

Supports Medicare for All with no premiums or copays, a federal minimum wage "indexed to inflation," and reversing Medicaid and SNAP cuts.

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities

ELECTIONS & CIVIC LIFE

POPE LEO XIV *Authentic democracy, "far from being a mere procedure," "recognizes the dignity of every person and calls each citizen to participate responsibly in the pursuit of the common good."* Message to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Apr. 9, 2026

ASHLEY MOODY

As attorney general in 2024, urged the Senate to pass the SAVE Act, saying it "ensures only Americans vote in American elections."

[1] The Capitolist: Moody urges Senate to pass SAVE Act

VOTING RECORD

Yes SAVE America Act (S. 1383), Mar. 2026 — motion to take up the bill requiring proof of citizenship to register and photo ID to vote (passed, 51–48)

Yes Photo ID amendment to the SAVE America Act, Mar. 2026 — vote to end debate on requiring photo ID to vote (failed, 53–47; 60 needed)

ANGIE NIXON

Supports restoring and expanding the Voting Rights Act, automatic voter registration, an Election Day national holiday and independent redistricting commissions.

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities

LIFE OF THE UNBORN

POPE LEO XIV *Abortion "cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life."* Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026

ASHLEY MOODY

As attorney general in 2023, urged the Florida Supreme Court to keep an abortion-rights amendment off the 2024 ballot, calling it an effort to "hoodwink" voters. Rated A+ by Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

[1] ClickOrlando: 2026 voters guide, U.S. Senate

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 6), Jan. 2025 — vote to advance the bill (failed, 52–47; 60 needed)

ANGIE NIXON

Supports "reproductive freedom, including the right to abortion, contraception, and IVF"; says "We should have fewer restrictions on abortion."

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities
[2] ClickOrlando: 2026 voters guide, U.S. Senate

THE DEATH PENALTY

POPE LEO XIV *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty "is not really pro-life."* AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025

ASHLEY MOODY

As attorney general in 2023, her statewide prosecutors secured a death sentence in a murder case; she said she was "glad this monster will never walk free again."

[1] Florida Attorney General press release (June 2023)

ANGIE NIXON

As a state legislator in 2023, voted against the bill allowing death sentences on an 8–4 jury recommendation instead of a unanimous jury.

[1] Florida Senate: SB 450 (2023) vote history

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

POPE LEO XIV *"Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ASHLEY MOODY

Says she will "continue to work with President Trump" to reverse what she calls the Biden administration's failures on the border and immigration.

[1] ClickOrlando: 2026 voters guide, U.S. Senate

VOTING RECORD

Yes Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

ANGIE NIXON

Supports abolishing ICE and "rebuilding immigration enforcement from scratch," a moratorium on deportations pending an audit, and a "swift path to citizenship" for Dreamers and undocumented residents.

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

POPE LEO XIV *Religious freedom is "the right of every person to worship according to conscience."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

ASHLEY MOODY

Backs expanding school choice nationwide, including the 2025 law's federal tax-credit scholarships; says "Student needs, not ZIP codes, should drive educational opportunities."

[1] Florida Politics: Moody touts education provisions
[2] Moody Senate office: One Big Beautiful Bill

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

ANGIE NIXON

No public position found.

CARE FOR CREATION

POPE LEO XIV *"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures."* AP, Oct. 1, 2025

ASHLEY MOODY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), May 2025

ANGIE NIXON

Backs "a bold, union-built transition to renewable energy" and ending fossil-fuel subsidies; calls climate change "the most impactful environmental issue in Florida."

[1] Nixon campaign: Priorities
[2] ClickOrlando: 2026 voters guide, U.S. Senate

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