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DIRECTIVE 2014-06

February 25, 2014

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Fair and Uniform Days and Hours for In-Person Absentee Voting for the May 6, 2014
Primary Election and November 4, 2014 General Election

INSTRUCTIONS

The hours I am setting for the May 6, 2014 Primary Election and November 4, 2014 General Election should be familiar to all of you as they reflect the bipartisan recommendations set forth in the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAEO) proposal on absentee voting. To date, your OAEO plan is the only voting schedule that has garnered support from Republicans and Democrats, balancing both access for the voter and the legitimate administrative and cost concerns for large, medium and small counties.

I. As provided for in [Directive 2014-01](#), and as re-affirmed through this Directive, all county boards of elections are instructed to adopt the following as their regular business hours in order to ensure fair and uniform days and hours across the State of Ohio for in-person absentee voting for the May 6, 2014 Primary Election:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from April 1, 2014 through April 4, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2014;¹
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from April 8, 2014 through April 11, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from April 14, 2014 through May 2, 2014; and
- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014

Any voter of the county may request and vote an absent voter's ballot (or a provisional ballot beginning April 8, 2014) in person during these regular business hours. Any voters in line at the end of these regular business hours must be permitted to make their application and vote.²

¹ R.C. 3501.10(B).

² R.C. 3509.01(B)(3).

II. For the November 4, 2014 General Election, all county boards of elections are instructed to adopt the following as their regular business hours in order to ensure fair and uniform days and hours across the state of Ohio for in-person absentee voting:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from October 7, 2014 through October 10, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from October 14, 2014 through October 17, 2014³;
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from October 20, 2014 through October 24, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 25, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from October 27, 2014 through Friday, October 31, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 1, 2014;

Any voter of the county may request and vote an absent voter's ballot (or a provisional ballot beginning October 7, 2014) in person during these regular business hours. Any voters in line at the end of these regular business hours must be permitted to make their application and vote.⁴

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted

³ Monday, October 13, 2014 is a state holiday. R.C. 1.14. County boards of elections are closed to the public and as such may not provide in person absentee voting on this day.

⁴ R.C. 3509.01(B)(3).