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**DIRECTIVE 2014-17**

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

Re: Uniform Days and Hours for In-Person Absentee Voting

**BACKGROUND**

On June 11, 2014, a Federal District Court declared R.C. 3509.03 to be unconstitutional and permanently enjoined the Secretary of State from enforcing it to the extent that it relates to the 6:00 p.m. deadline for in-person absentee voting, which was enacted by the General Assembly in 2011. In addition, the Court ordered the Secretary of State to “set uniform and suitable hours for in-person early voting hours for all eligible voters for the three days preceding all future elections.”<sup>1</sup>

**INSTRUCTIONS**

All boards of elections are instructed to adopt the following as their business hours for in-person absentee voting:

**A. Presidential General Elections<sup>2</sup>**

- Weeks One and Two of Voting (beginning with the day after the close of registration for the election,<sup>3</sup> except any holiday established by state law<sup>4</sup>)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
- Week Three of Voting
  - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday
- Week Four of Voting
  - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election<sup>5</sup>
  - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the election<sup>5</sup>
- Week of Election Day
  - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election<sup>5</sup>

**B. Presidential Primary Elections<sup>6</sup> and Gubernatorial General Elections<sup>7</sup>**

- Weeks One and Two of Voting (beginning with the day after the close of registration for the election,<sup>3</sup> except any holiday established by state law<sup>4</sup>)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)

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- Week Three of Voting
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday
  
- Week Four of Voting
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election<sup>5</sup>
  - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the election<sup>5</sup>
  
- Week of Election Day
  - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election<sup>5</sup>

**C. Regular Municipal Elections,<sup>8</sup> Primary Elections,<sup>9</sup> and Special Elections<sup>10</sup>**

- Weeks One, Two and Three of Voting (beginning with the day after the close of registration for the election,<sup>3</sup> except any holiday established by state law<sup>4</sup>)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  
- Week Four of Voting
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each weekday (Monday through Friday)
  - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election<sup>5</sup>
  - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the election<sup>5</sup>
  
- Week of Election Day
  - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election<sup>5</sup>

Any voters in line at the end of these regular business hours must be permitted to make their application and vote.<sup>11</sup>

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

Sincerely,



Jon Husted

<sup>1</sup> *Obama for America v. Husted*, Case No. 2:12-cv-636, June 11, 2014 Memorandum Opinion and Order, pgs. 7-8.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3501.02(A).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3509.01(B) and R.C. 3511.10, as amended. See, Am. S.B. 238 (130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 1.14.

<sup>5</sup> *Obama for America*, pgs. 7-8.

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 3501.01(D)(2).

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 3501.01(C).

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 3501.01(B).

<sup>9</sup> R.C. 3501.01(E)(1).

<sup>10</sup> R.C. 3501.01(D).

<sup>11</sup> R.C. 3509.01(B)(3).