

DECLARATION OF CARRIE DAVIS
(Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1776)

My name is Carrie Davis and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

1. I am the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (“LWVO”).
2. As the Executive Director of LWVO, an organization founded to ensure that every eligible voter has access to a fair and free election, I have an interest and responsibility in keeping aware of issues relating to elections including incidents of voter fraud.
3. From my experience as the Executive Director of LWVO, I have seen no connection or relationship between voter fraud and Golden Week. Those that claim Golden Week impedes election workers’ ability to verify registrations prior to Election Day misunderstand the process. A voter cannot simply walk into a board of elections office and cast a ballot. In fact, until this year when Golden Week was eliminated, there was a specific protocol on how to handle absentee ballots cast by individuals registering and voting at the same time. Directive 2012-36 established a procedure whereby an absentee ballot cast by an individual registering and voting the same day would be segregated from the pile of absentee ballots to be counted. This way, that person’s ballot would not be processed until the registration of the voter was verified.
4. I was present during legislative hearings on Senate Bill 238. At one of those hearings, Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Election Officials, submitted testimony to the Ohio Senate State Government Oversight and Reform Committee on Senate Bill 238. His testimony stated that he had conversations with elections officials who have allegedly had votes counted by people who fraudulently registered during Golden Week because the election officials could not confirm their

registration status before Election Day. Mr. Ockerman offered no evidence that these incidents were pursued as voter fraud, such as records of official investigations or prosecutions.

5. I am not aware of any reports of voter fraud investigations, prosecutions or convictions relating to simultaneous same-day registration and voting during Golden Week..
6. I am not aware of any reports of BOE officials being investigated or disciplined for not properly following the process mandated in Directive 2012-36.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 15 2014


Carrie Davis