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Directive 2006-40
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ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS
TO: Members, Directors & Deputy Directors

REMOVAL OF NAME OF JIM TRAKAS FROM THE BALLOT

This is in response to the official notification of withdrawal of candidacy received today by this office from Republican candidate Jim Trakas for Secretary of State whose name appears currently on the official certified ballot. This directive supersedes directive 2004-38 related to removal of candidates' names from the official ballot. Am. Sub.H.B. No.3 effective May 2, 2006, amends R.C. 3513.30 (A)(2)(E) to require that when a candidate withdraws prior to the primary or general election after the sixtieth day before the day of the primary election, boards of elections shall not remove the name of the withdrawn candidate from the ballots. The effective date of this amendment to the statute is for the election on May 2, 2006 and therefore applies to all ballots to be used on May 2, 2006.

In accordance with R.C. 3513.30 (A)(2)(E) all board of elections shall do the following:

1. **Post a notice** at each polling place on the day of the primary election that votes for the withdrawn candidate will be void and not be counted.
2. **Enclose a notice** with each absentee ballot given or mailed that votes for the withdrawn candidate will be void and not be counted.

If you have any questions, please call the Elections Division at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monty Lobb".

Monty Lobb
Assistant Secretary of State