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To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Substitute House Bill No. 312 - Handicapped Parking Spaces and Withdrawal of Question or Issue Petition

Substitute House Bill No. 312, which became effective August 22, 2006, made changes to certain sections of Title 35 of the Revised Code of Ohio. An electronic version of the enrolled act may be reviewed at:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText126/126_HB_312_EN_N.pdf

- **Handicapped Parking Spaces**

Sub. H.B. No. 312 requires the Director of the Board of Elections to sign a statement prior to each election day verifying that every polling place that will be used in that county at an election meets the requirements of R.C. 3501.29 (B)(1)(b) which states:

That the minimum number of special parking locations, also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, for handicapped persons are designated at each polling place in accordance with 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, and in compliance with division (E) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code.

The signed statement must be sent to the Secretary of State by certified mail. Attached is the prescribed form for your convenience in satisfying this new requirement.

- **Withdrawal of Question or Issue Petition**

Sub. H.B. No. 312 amends R.C. 3501.38 to provide that, no petition presented to or filed with the secretary of state, a board of elections, or any other public office for the purpose of the holding of an election on any question or issue may be resubmitted after it is withdrawn from a public office. However, a question or issue petition may be withdrawn by the filing of a written notice of the withdrawal by a majority of the members of the petitioning committee with the same public office with which the petition was filed prior to the 60th day before the election at which the question or issue is scheduled to appear on the ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Monty Lobb", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Monty Lobb
Assistant Secretary of State

Attachment

**OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE
VERIFICATION OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE PARKING**

R.C. 3501.29(B) and (E), and 4511.69 (E)

This form must be completed prior to each election day.

_____ County Board of Elections

I verify that each polling location within _____ County that will be used for the:

Primary Election to be held on _____

General Election to be held on _____

Special Election to be held on _____

meets the minimum number of special parking locations, also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, for handicapped persons.

Director's Signature

Telephone Number

*Please return your signed verification statement by **certified mail** to:*

Joy West, ADA Specialist
Office of the Secretary of State – Elections Division
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