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DIRECTIVE 2007-28

November 7, 2007

To: COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS OF THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Ashland, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam,
Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot.

Re: **Official Canvass - 5th Congressional District - November 6 Special Congressional
Primary Election**

Timeline for Official Certification

In accordance with R.C. 3505.32(A), the official canvass of the November 6, 2007, special Congressional primary election may begin no earlier than 11 days after the election (Saturday, November 17). Your board must conduct and complete the official canvass and certify the results all on the same day-**Saturday, November 17, 2007**--as provided on the 2007 Expedited Special Congressional Election Calendar that accompanied Directive 2007-15.

Prior to November 17, boards may examine pollbooks, poll lists or signature pollbooks and tally sheets and compare them to the summary statements. Any errors, defects or omissions shall be noted and reconciled. Boards may verify the eligibility of persons casting provisional ballots and the validity of the required provisional voter statements. (*See Dir. 2007-06*)

Instructions for Voting Systems

All Voting Systems: In order for a board to declare and certify official results, all valid ballots cast in the November 6, 2007, special Congressional primary election--including eligible ballots cast at the polls, provisional ballots and all absentee ballots-- must be included in the official canvass.

- **Optical scan**

1. **Central Count:** In accordance with R.C. 3505.32(C), each board first must scan and tally all eligible ballots that were not included in the unofficial canvass. Set the central scanners to reject blank ballots *and* overvoted ballots. The board must designate inspection teams comprised of an equal number of board employees from each major political party to inspect the rejected ballots and, if possible, determine voter intent.

As stated in R.C. 3506.21(B), voter intent is determined by examining the ballot for a consistently made mark that is contrary to voting instructions. *Examples:* Rather than filling in the oval or box, the voter underlined or circled choice; circled oval or box by choice; made an "X", checkmark or other recognizable mark beside the choice; or marked the ballot with a writing instrument not recognized by tabulator.

2. **Precinct Count:** Each board then must rerun the precinct/polling place memory card and verify the count matches the unofficial. If it does not, the board must run all ballots through the tabulator and set it to reject blank ballots and overvoted ballots. The board must designate inspection teams consisting of an equal number of board members and/or employees from each major political party to efficiently inspect the rejected ballots and to determine voter intent.

- **DRE**

1. In accordance with R.C. 3505.32(C), each board first must tally all eligible ballots that were not included in the unofficial canvass. The board must run the cartridges, PCMCIA cards and other removable memory devices on which the uncounted ballots are stored.
2. The board then must rerun the precinct cartridges, PCMCIA cards and other removable memory devices and verify that the count matches the unofficial. If it does not, the board must compare the audit trail or the internal program on the voting machine to the cartridge results and determine the cause of the difference.

NOTE: The seal on the canister or the tape on the verified voter paper audit trail (VVPAT) is not to be broken to determine official results. If the seal must be broken for any auditing reason other than for recount purposes, the board must notify the Secretary of State's office immediately.

Instructions for Reporting Official Results

Boards must certify the results to both the board of elections of the most populous county for the 5th Congressional District (Wood County) and to the Secretary of State's Elections Division.

Please transmit the results, first by fax and then by U.S. Mail, to the Wood County Board of Elections and to the Secretary of State's office using the **Official Special Primary Election Report** form provided with this Directive. Following is the information for faxing and mailing the results:

- **Fax your results to:**
Wood County Board of Elections: 419-354-1730
Secretary of State's Elections Division: 614-752-4360
- **Promptly mail the completed *original* report to:**
Wood County Board of Elections
1 Court House Sq.
Bowling Green, OH 43402
- **Promptly mail a *copy* of the completed original report to:**
Secretary of State's Office - Elections Division
ATTN: Denise Sherrod
PO Box 2828
Columbus OH 43216

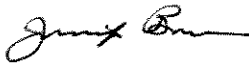
The Wood County Board of Elections must transmit the **Official Certification by Most Populous County** forms (Democratic Special Primary and Republican Special Primary) immediately after the Board has certified on Saturday, November 17, 2007, the results of all the counties of the 5th District

Congressional District Primary Election to the Secretary of State's office. The Board shall do the following:

- **Fax the *Official Certification by Most Populous County* forms to:**
Secretary of State's Elections Division: 614-752-4360
- **Promptly mail the completed signed original certification forms to:**
Secretary of State's Office - Elections Division
ATTN: Denise Sherrod
PO Box 2828
Columbus OH 43216

If you have any question regarding this directive, please call the Elections Division: 614-466-2585.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Brunner

5th Congressional District

Democratic Special Primary
Official Certification by Most Populous County

November 6, 2007

The Board of Elections of

WOOD

County hereby certifies that in the

5TH

Congressional District Special Primary Election held November 6, 2007, the votes cast for candidates for **Representative to Congress - 5th District**, unexpired term ending 1/3/2009, were as follows:

Candidates are listed **alphabetically**. Indicate successful candidate with an **asterisk**.

Dem. Candidates →	George F. Mays	Robin Weirauch
County	Vote	Vote
ASHLAND (part)		
CRAWFORD		
DEFIANCE		
FULTON		
HENRY		
HURON		
LUCAS (part)		
MERCER (part)		
PAULDING		
PUTNAM		
SANDUSKY		
SENECA		
VAN WERT		
WILLIAMS		
WOOD		
WYANDOT (part)	0	0

	<i>Chairperson</i>
	<i>Member</i>
	<i>Member</i>
	<i>Member</i>
	<i>Director</i>
	<i>Date</i>

5th Congressional District Official Special Primary Election Report

The Board of Elections of _____ County , Ohio hereby certifies that in the Special Congressional Primary Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, official votes cast for the Democratic and Republican candidates for **Representative to Congress - 5th District**, unexpired term ending January 3, 2009, were as follows:

Democratic

Democratic Candidates →	George F. Mays	Robin Weirauch
# of Votes Received		

Republican

Republican Candidates →	Steve Buehrer	Mark Hollenbaugh	Robert E. Latta	Fred Pieper	Michael R. Smitley
# of Votes Received					

Registered Voters and Electors Voting

Number of Precincts	Number of Registered Voters	Number of Electors Voting

Witness our official signatures at _____ Ohio this _____ day of _____ 2007

Signed:

	<i>Chairperson</i>
	<i>Director</i>