

DIRECTIVE 2008-65

August 13, 2008

TO: ALL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Members, Directors and Deputy Directors

RE: Precinct Polling Location Arrangement and Diagram for Counties Using DREs

In preparation of the anticipated large voter turnout for the November 4, 2008, general election, boards of elections using direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machines as their primary voting system are directed to devise a polling place arrangement and setup plan for each polling location that will accommodate a minimum of two lines, one line for voters to vote on the county's primary voting system, and another for those who wish to cast their ballot using an optical scan paper ballot. As noted in the memorandum accompanying Directive 2008-59, back-up paper ballots provide poll workers in a high turnout election with an orderly and efficient alternative means of voting in the event of long lines on Election Day.

The use of two different tables, as well as an additional shared table or area that is specifically designated for the poll list and/or poll book, is required. If the board of elections chooses to have another table for provisional balloting only, it may do so. Diagrams of suggested DRE county polling place arrangements are included with this directive.

All poll workers must be instructed regarding how to set up their precinct polling locations and must be provided with a copy of the appropriate recommended DRE County Polling Place Arrangement diagrams to assist them in performing their duties.

A county board of elections that already has a precinct polling location arrangement that incorporates the requirements listed above or wishes to develop its own alternate precinct polling location arrangement that incorporates the requirements listed above must submit both of the following to an elections administrator in the Secretary of State's office for review and approval:

1. a "request for waiver" that contains a description of the alternate proposed polling place arrangement and
2. a diagram of the proposed polling place arrangement.

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please contact an elections administrator at 614-466-2585 or via e-mail.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner