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DIRECTIVE 2014-01
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To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Uniform Days and Hours for In Person Absentee Voting (May 6, 2014 Primary Election)

Background

With a quickly approaching primary election and given the absence of legislative action creating equality and fairness for Ohio voters through uniform days and hours for elections in Ohio, I am once again left in the position of having to set the statewide in person absentee voting schedule for the primary election. The hours I am setting for this primary election should be familiar to all of you as they reflect the bipartisan recommendations set forth in the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAEo) proposal on absentee voting. To date, your OAEo plan is the only voting schedule that has garnered support from Republicans and Democrats, balancing both access for the voter and the legitimate administrative and cost concerns for large, medium and small counties.

Instructions

I hereby direct all county boards of elections to adopt the following as their regular business hours in order to ensure uniform days and hours across the state of Ohio for in person absentee voting:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from April 1, 2014 through April 4, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2014;¹
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, from April 8, 2014 through April 11, 2014;
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from April 14, 2014 through May 2, 2014; and
- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014

Any voter of the county may request and vote an absent voter's ballot (or a provisional ballot beginning April 8, 2014) in person during these regular business hours. Any voter in line at the end of these regular business hours must be permitted to make their application and vote.

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, contact the Secretary of State's elections attorney assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

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¹ R.C. 3501.10(B)