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To: Butler, Clark, Darke, Mercer, Miami, and Preble County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Members

Re: Republican Party Ballot for March 15, 2016 Primary and Special Congressional Primary
Elections

SUMMARY

This Directive provides the certified form of the Official Republican Primary Ballot to be used in the March 15, 2016 Primary and Special Congressional Primary Elections in Ohio's 8th Congressional District.¹ Boards of elections in Ohio's 8th Congressional District must use the Official Democratic Party Primary Ballot, Official Green Party Primary Ballot, and the Official Questions and Issues Ballot certified to the boards of elections on December 31, 2015. These boards also must include on the Official Republican Primary Ballot the candidates certified to the boards of elections with [Directive 2015-42](#) and follow all other instructions contained in that Directive.

I. SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD ELECTORS

A 17-year-old elector who will be 18 years old on or before June 7, 2016 may vote in the special congressional primary election for nominees to Representative to Congress for the 8th District, unexpired term ending January 3, 2017.²

A 17-year-old elector who will be 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016 may vote in the Presidential Primary Election for *nominees* for all other offices. It is important to remember that state and county central committee members and presidential delegates are *elected* and not *nominated* at the Primary Election. Accordingly, a 17-year-old elector is not permitted to vote for the following:

- Presidential delegates (both at-large and congressional district delegates);
- State Party Central Committee;
- County Party Central Committee; and
- Any questions or issues appearing on the ballot.

¹ The filing deadline for a write-in candidate is January 4, 2016. Accordingly, the Secretary of State's Office will certify the names of any valid write-in candidates after the filing deadline.

² R.C. 3503.01; 3503.011; 3503.07.

II. ORDER OF OFFICES FOR REPUBLICAN BALLOT³

The order of offices for the **Republican** ballot shall be as follows:

Representative to Congress, Unexpired Term Ending January 3, 2017
Delegates at-Large (name of delegates' first choice for presidential candidate)
Congressional District Presidential Delegates (name of delegates' first choice for
presidential candidate)
U. S. Senator
Representative to Congress
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Justices of the Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals
Member of State Central Committee Man
Member of State Central Committee Woman
State Senator
State Representative
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas
County Commissioner
Prosecuting Attorney
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
Sheriff
County Recorder
County Treasurer
County Engineer
Coroner
County Auditor (if a vacancy occurred that requires an unexpired term election)
Member of County Central Committee

If you have any questions regarding this Directive, [Directive 2015-42](#), or [Directive 2015-26](#), please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted

³ R.C. 3513.13; 3513.151.