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To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors and Board Members

Re: Implementation of Electronic Pollbooks in 2016

DEADLINE TO IMPLEMENT ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS IN 2016

Any county board of elections that has not deployed electronic pollbooks in a countywide election by the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election¹ may not deploy them for the first time in any precinct or polling location on Election Day for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Likewise, a county cannot implement electronic pollbooks in a portion of the county or specific precincts in the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election and then implement them in the remainder of the county or additional precincts in the November 8, 2016 General Election. This prohibition includes pilots of electronic pollbooks.

A county may use electronic pollbooks for the first time in the November 8, 2016 General Election only during in-person absentee voting either at the board of elections' office or other site designated for in-person absentee voting but cannot deploy them to polling locations on Election Day.

PURCHASING ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS

Nothing in this Directive prohibits boards of elections from purchasing or making plans to purchase electronic pollbooks after the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. This Directive prohibits only the implementation and use of electronic pollbooks for the first time at the November 8, 2016 General Election.

The funding that has been allocated to boards of elections by the Ohio General Assembly for the purchase of electronic pollbooks is available through June 20, 2017.

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

Sincerely,


Jon Husted

¹ The only exception to this prohibition is as follows: A county that is part of the 8th Ohio Congressional District may deploy electronic pollbooks for the first time during the June 7, 2016 Special Congressional Election.