

DIRECTIVE 2024-01

January 05, 2024

To: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe, Noble, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Washington County Boards of Elections

Board Members, Directors, and Deputy Directors

Re: Special Congressional Elections in Ohio's 6th Congressional District

BACKGROUND

On January 2, 2024, U.S. Representative Johnson announced that he plans to resign his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives on January 21, 2024, leaving a vacancy in Ohio's 6th Congressional District. Pursuant to Ohio law, the vacancy must be filled by a special congressional election, and partisan candidates for that election must be nominated in a special congressional primary.¹ Governor DeWine issued a writ of election on January 4, 2024, to establish the dates of the special congressional primary and special general elections.

The special congressional primary election for Ohio's 6th Congressional District will be conducted on March 19, 2024. The special congressional general election for the remainder of the unexpired term will be held on June 11, 2024. The general election for the subsequent full term beginning January 3, 2025 will be held on November 5, 2024.

The special congressional elections calendars accompany this directive.

PETITIONS

All petitions must be filed with the Mahoning County Board of Elections – the most populous county in the 6th Congressional District. Ohio law requires each candidate filing a Declaration of Candidacy or Nominating Petition for the remainder of an unexpired term to designate the date on which that unexpired term will end.² For the anticipated vacant seat, the last day of the term is January 3, 2025.

¹ [R.C. 3521.03](#); [3513.32](#).

² [R.C. 3513.08](#); [3513.28](#).

Persons seeking the nomination of a political party for Representative to Congress for Ohio's 6th Congressional District (unexpired term ending January 3, 2025)³ must file [Form 2-E](#) (Declaration of Candidacy - Party Primary Election for District Office - Representative to Congress). Persons seeking to run as an independent candidate must file [Form 3-F](#) (Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy – Representative to Congress). Persons seeking to run as a write-in candidate must file [Form 13-C](#) (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for Office of United States Senator or United States Representative).⁴

If a prospective candidate has additional questions regarding signature and petition requirements, you may refer them to the [2024 Candidate Requirement Guide](#), which is available on the Secretary of State's website.

BALLOT LAYOUT & CANVASSES OF ELECTION

The Secretary of State's office will provide additional information, including ballot layout, unofficial and official canvass instructions, and reimbursement for costs associated with these special elections in separate directives. Thank you for your work in preparing for and conducting these elections. If you have questions, please contact my office's Elections Counsel at 614-728-8789.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

³ U.S. Const. Amend. XX, Sec. 1, provides that "[t]he terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3rd day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin."

⁴ Please note that the filing deadlines for persons seeking to become a candidate under any of these methods may differ from the deadlines stated on the referenced forms. The filing deadlines stated in this directive and accompanying calendars supersede any filing deadlines listed on any forms or within the 2024 Candidate Requirement Guide for the special congressional election.