

DIRECTIVE 2024-05

April 9, 2024

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

Re: Ballot for June 11, 2024 Special Congressional General Election in the 6th Congressional District

SUMMARY

This directive provides the certified form of the official ballot to be used in the June 11, 2024 Special Congressional General Election in Ohio's 6th Congressional District.

INSTRUCTIONS

Each board of elections must use the certified form of the Official Ballot attached to this directive. Please note that, in lieu of issuing a separate directive with specific details covering ballot layout, proofing, and quantities, the Secretary of State's office is issuing only this directive, which must be used in conjunction with directive 2023-25, [Chapter 5 \(Ballots\) of the Election Official Manual](#) when preparing ballots for this election. [Chapter 5](#) provides specific instructions on the following subjects:

- Ballot format;
- Voter instructions;
- Ballot stubs;
- Candidate ballots (names, restrictions, political party, rotation, etc.);
- Ballot proofs;
- Bid requirements;
- Ballot quantities;
- Logic and accuracy testing; and
- Public test.

I. WRITE-IN VOTE BLANK SPACE

If the most populous board of elections for the 6th Congressional District receives any valid declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, a write-in space must be provided on the ballot.¹

¹ [R.C. 3513.14](#) and [3513.041](#).

II. CURING ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

If a board of elections receives an absentee ballot application that does not contain all of the required information, the board must promptly notify the voter of the additional information required. Boards must utilize telephone numbers and email addresses to complete this process as quickly as possible. However, if electronic contact is not possible, boards must attempt to correct the missing information by mail. Boards should ultimately retain a completed application from the voter at the board office.²

III. ABSENTEE BALLOTS

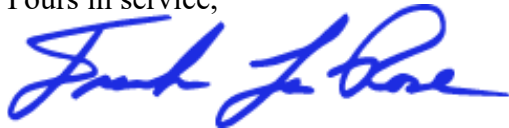
Each board of elections must have absentee ballots printed and ready for use by Friday, April 26, 2024 (46 days before the June 11, 2024 Special Congressional General Election) for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (“UOCAVA”) voters.³ Absentee voting, by mail and in-person for non-UOCAVA voters, begins on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 for regular (non-UOCAVA) absentee voters.⁴

Boards of elections must send a copy of each absentee ballot to the Secretary of State’s office at least 47 days before the election, by Thursday, April 25, 2024. Absentee ballots must be uploaded to the SharePoint site.

The Secretary of State’s office will issue a directive regarding the unofficial and official canvass procedures for the June 11, 2024 Special Congressional General Election. That directive will include additional information regarding the cure period for absentee and provisional ballots.

If you have any questions regarding this directive or [Chapter 5 of the EOM](#), please contact the Secretary of State’s elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

² [R.C. 3509.04\(A\)](#).

³ [R.C. 3511.04](#).

⁴ [R.C. 3509.01](#).