

DIRECTIVE 2025-51

September 12, 2025

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

Re: Release for Electronic Pollbook Use for November 4, 2025 General Election

SUMMARY

On March 27, 2025, I issued Directive 2025-24, requiring counties to pause the use of electronic pollbook systems for the May statewide election. The directive followed a report to our Election Integrity Unit of a single electronic pollbook device that appeared to violate Ohio's election security compliance standards. We immediately opened an investigation into the device and the circumstances that led to its questionable performance, and, as a precaution, I ordered a security compliance audit of all electronic pollbook systems statewide. My office set a deadline of September 19, 2025, to remediate any issues identified during that review.

I commend the bipartisan teams of election officials across Ohio who successfully adapted to this temporary but necessary change in administrative procedure with little to no impact on their respective voters. As we near the audit's completion, I am pleased to announce the process by which county boards of elections may resume the use of their electronic pollbooks.

SUCCESSFUL AUDIT AND RELEASE

Prior to being permitted to use electronic pollbooks in the November 2025 election, your board of elections must be compliant with all security requirements identified by my office during the audit. This includes successful remediation by both the board and its supporting electronic pollbook vendor of any issues identified by our team, as well as completion of the audit requirements checklist and a meeting with your assigned cyberliaison to verify compliance.

Upon verification of all required standards and remediations, my office will issue a clearance letter to each board seeking to resume the use of electronic pollbooks.

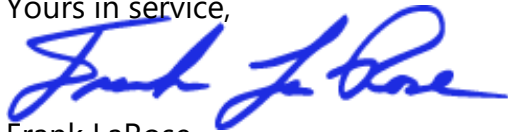
SECURITY EVENT REPORTING

Please re-read [Election Official Manual Chapter 3, Section 3.04](#) concerning the reporting of security events. If a security event occurs in your county, including unusual activity on a pollbook or voting system, you must immediately notify the Secretary of State's office at [REDACTED].

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring the security of the electronic pollbook technology used in Ohio and voter confidence in the integrity of our elections.

If you have any questions about this directive, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 614-466-2585.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State