

ADVISORY 2008-12

July 23, 2008

To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Use of a Military Identification Card for the purpose of voting

On September 24, 2008, those portions of Amended Substitute House Bill 562 that concern the use of military identification cards as a means for establishing the identity of a qualified elector will become effective. With these changes, valid military identification cards or copies of such cards presented for the purpose of identifying an individual as a qualified Ohio elector must be accepted regardless of whether that identification contains the individual's name or current address. Such IDs must allow the elections official to whom the ID is presented to verify the identity of the individual presenting it.

Specifically, House Bill 562 will delete the language requiring military identification to display the voter's name and current address from the following Ohio Revised Code sections: *3501.19; 3503.14; 3503.16; 3503.19; 3503.28; 3505.18; 3505.181; 3505.182; 3505.183; 3509.03; 3509.031; 3509.04; 3509.05; 3511.02; and 3511.09.*

In a forthcoming directive, your office will receive more detailed information about military identification cards and other acceptable forms of identification.

If you have any questions concerning this advisory, please contact your assigned elections attorney at 614-466-2585.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner