

ADVISORY 2009-03

February 23, 2009

TO: All County Boards of Elections

RE: Biennial adjustment of recount charges

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072, in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts the security deposit amount required for a recount under R.C. 3515.03 and the minimum and maximum per precinct charge for a recount under R.C. 3515.07. The Secretary of State calculates the biennial adjustments according to a formula explained in R.C. 3515.072(A), which is based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index.

Based on the Secretary of State's calculations in January 2009, boards of elections are hereby advised that for the period beginning February 25, 2009, through February 24, 2011, recount charges are adjusted as follows:

- The minimum per precinct security deposit required by R.C. 3515.03 **shall be increased from \$50.00 per precinct to \$55.00 per precinct.**
- The maximum per precinct charge for a recount required by R.C. 3515.07 **shall be increased from \$50.00 per precinct to \$55.00 per precinct.**
- The minimum per precinct charge for a recount required by R.C. 3515.07 **shall remain at \$5.00.**

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072(B), on or before February 25 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall create a report setting forth the adjusted recount charges and a summary of how the adjusted recount charges were calculated. The report, entitled *2009 Procedure and Findings for Recount Charges*, is attached to this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact one of the elections administrators.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner