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To: Athens County Board of Elections
Fulton County Board of Elections
Medina County Board of Elections

Re: Protests Filed Under Ohio Revised Code Section 307.95.

BACKGROUND

Ohio Revised Code Section 307.95 allows for the filing of a protest against a board of election's findings on the validity or invalidity of a county charter petition or any signature on the petition and requires the Secretary of State to decide any protest. Protests have been filed against proposed county charter petitions with the Athens County, Fulton County, and Medina County Boards of Elections.

The procedure for review of those protests is outlined below.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Athens County, Fulton County, and Medina County Boards of Elections sent what appear to be timely-filed protests that were received via certified mail by my office today, August 3, 2015. Those documents will be considered as part of the protest review. Any additional briefing or filing in the protests shall proceed as follows:

- Parties to the protest may submit written briefs or arguments and any supporting documentation simultaneously to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015.
- Interested parties may submit amicus briefs to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015.
- All submissions to the Secretary of State must be sent via regular mail or e-mail by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2015 to the following address:

Ohio Secretary of State Elections Division
Attn: Carrie Kuruc
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My office will thoroughly review the materials submitted and render a decision, according to statute, no later than August 13, 2015.¹ If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact Carrie Kuruc, Senior Elections Counsel, at 614-995-4541.

Sincerely,



Jon Husted

¹ R.C. 307.95(C).