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To: All County Board of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors and Board Members

Re: Polling Locations using Electronic Pollbooks

SUMMARY

Pursuant to R.C. 3506.021(B), my office has the authority to issue Directives and Advisories regarding the use of electronic pollbooks. This Advisory is to 1) prescribe an alternative method for printing and posting the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. list of registered electors for those precinct polling locations that utilize electronic pollbooks and 2) remind boards that electronic pollbooks must be programmed to allow a voter to access “any line, any time” in a multi-precinct polling location.

EXPLANATION

Precinct election officials are required to post the official registration list at each polling location and place a mark on the list next to the name of each elector who has voted both at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.¹ In lieu of the traditional method of marking and posting copies of the official registration list, it is acceptable for a precinct election official to print from an electronic pollbook a list of only those voters who have voted in that polling place at 11:00 a.m. and again at 4:00 p.m. Each list of voters, with their address, must be posted at the appropriate time in a conspicuous place next to the complete official registration list that is posted before the opening of polls. As a reminder, the complete official registration list that is posted at 6:30 a.m. is an alphabetical listing of all of the qualified registered voters in the precinct (or in the polling location) and must contain each voter’s name, address, and political party (whose ballot the elector voted in the most recent primary election within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years).²

Each electronic pollbook must be programmed to process any voter assigned to the polling location. In multi-precinct polling locations, the pollbook must contain the information of every voter from every precinct assigned to vote at that location, so a voter can access “any line, any time” upon appearing to vote at the polling location. (For counties without electronic pollbooks, *see*, “Set-up for Multiple Precinct Polling Locations,” [Ohio Election Official Manual](#), Chapter 2, pages 2-80).

¹ R.C. 3503.23(B).

² R.C. 3503.23(A).

If you have questions regarding your electronic pollbooks' ability to service multiple precincts or print the list of voters, please contact your vendor. If you have questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Husted". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jon" is written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Husted".

Jon Husted