



DIRECTIVE 2019-11

August 6, 2019

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

Re: Updated Election Official Manual and Related Directives

BACKGROUND

Consistent with our goal of continuing to provide clear and uniform instructions for all boards of elections, and in preparation for the upcoming presidential election, we are today issuing replacement permanent Directives for eight existing chapters of the Ohio Election Official Manual (“EOM”). These chapters were previously published as draft Directives on the Secretary of State’s website and were available for public comment.¹

As such, the previous Directives that constitute these eight chapters are hereby rescinded. All Directives no longer in effect are archived on the Secretary of State’s website as required by Ohio law.²

INSTRUCTIONS

The following updated permanent Directives, and the corresponding chapters of the EOM, are hereby issued and in full, immediate effect:

Directive 2019-12	Chapter 2	Election Administration
Directive 2019-13	Chapter 3	Voter Registration
Directive 2019-14	Chapter 5	Absentee Voting
Directive 2019-15	Chapter 7	Election Day Voting
Directive 2019-16	Chapter 8	Canvassing the Votes
Directive 2019-17	Chapter 11	Petitions
Directive 2019-18	Chapter 12	Candidates
Directive 2019-19	Chapter 15	Miscellaneous Duties

All boards of elections’ members, directors, deputy directors and staff are strongly encouraged to review the new directives and bookmark the EOM in their web browsers so that each person may easily access and use it on a regular basis as an important administration resource. With links to relevant supporting documentation (e.g., statutes, court decisions, etc.) and regular updates, the electronic format of the EOM is designed for ease of use and is less likely to become an outdated resource as compared to a printed hardcopy. The EOM is available at:

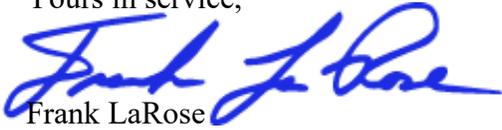
<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/rules/>

¹ [R.C. 3501.053\(A\)](#).

² [R.C. 3501.053\(B\)](#).

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, or any EOM-related Directives, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



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