



**ADVISORY 2017-06**

August 3, 2017

To: Athens 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 and Medina County Boards of Elections.

The procedure for review of those protests is outlined below.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The Athens County and Medina County Boards of Elections have received protests against proposed county charter petitions. These 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 Thursday, August 10, 2017;
- Interested parties may submit amicus briefs to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017; and
- All submissions to the Secretary of State **must be received via regular mail, e-mail, or in person delivery** by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017 to the following address:

Ohio Secretary of State Elections Division  
Attn: Carrie Kuruc  
180 East Broad Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
[ckuruc@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov](mailto:ckuruc@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov)

My office will thoroughly review the materials submitted and respond according to statute.<sup>1</sup> If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact Carrie Kuruc, Senior Elections Counsel, at (614) 995-4541.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jon Husted in black ink.  
Jon Husted

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 307.95(C).