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To: Counties of the 5th Congressional District:
Ashland, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam,
Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood (most populous) and Wyandot

RE: Special Congressional Election for Ohio's 5th Congressional District

On September 14, 2007, the Secretary of State's office issued Directive 2007-15 informing the boards of elections of the dates of the special congressional election on December 11, 2007, and, if necessary, of the special congressional primary election on November 6, 2007, due to the death of U.S. Representative Paul Gillmor. In conjunction with Directive 2007-15, our office issued the 2007 Expedited Special Election Calendar.

The United States Department of Justice contacted the Secretary of State's office expressing concern that armed service members and overseas citizens voting absentee ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may need additional time to return their ballots for the special congressional election to be held December 11, 2007.¹

In order to provide additional time for armed service members and overseas voters to return their absentee ballots, a Revised 2007 Expedited Special Election Calendar is provided as a part of this directive. **Please note that the dates of the special congressional primary election (November 6, 2007) and the special congressional election (December 11, 2007) have not changed.**

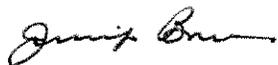
The date for boards of elections to begin the official canvass has been moved to January 2, 2008, to allow UOCAVA absentee voters a total of thirty-five (35) days to return their absentee ballots for the special congressional election to the board of elections. Any UOCAVA absentee ballot received by the board of elections by the close of business on December 31, 2007, shall be considered timely. As a result of the change in the date of starting the canvass, the date for the boards to complete the official canvass and to certify the results to the Wood County Board of Elections has been moved to January 11, 2008.

Boards should have their UOCAVA absentee ballots ready to be mailed as soon as possible prior to the special congressional primary and special congressional elections. For more information about UOCAVA, please review Advisory 2006-07.

¹ The date for the official canvass of the November 6, 2007 Special Congressional primary election necessitates that absentee and UOCAVA ballots for the Special Congressional general election on December 11, 2007, will not be ready for mailing until October 16, 2007, just 24 days before that election. UOCAVA voters normally have 45 days for absentee voting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Elections Division legal staff assigned to your board at 614-466-2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Brunner".

Jennifer Brunner

2007 Expedited Special Congressional Election Calendar (Revised)

*To Fill a Vacancy That Occurred September 5, 2007 in the
Office of Representative to Congress – Ohio 5th Congressional District*

Issued by Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner

- Sept. 14 Writ issued by Governor ordering special Congressional election to be held on December 11, 2007, and a primary, if necessary, on November 6, 2007, to fill a vacancy that occurred September 5, 2007 in the office of Representative to Congress in the Ohio 5th Congressional District.
- Sept. 28 Declarations of Candidacy or Declarations of Intent (write-in candidates) and filing fees for partisan candidates must be filed with the Wood County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. (39 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 2 Wood County Board of Elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (35 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 3 Protests against partisan candidacies, including write-in candidacies must be filed with the Wood County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (34 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 4 Wood County Board of Elections must certify names of candidates to the 15 other boards of elections within the 5th Congressional District (33 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 6 Wood County Board of Elections must complete hearings on any protest of a partisan candidacy (31 days before special Congressional primary).
- *Oct. 9 Voter registration deadline for November 6 special primary election (30 days before Congressional primary).
- Oct. 16 Special Congressional Primary absentee ballots must be available for voting (21 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 23 Boards of elections within the 5th Congressional District must post precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 26 Deadline for political parties, or groups of five or more primary candidates, to file notice of observer appointments with the boards of elections (11 days before special Congressional primary).
- Oct. 27 Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before special Congressional primary).
- Nov. 5 Nominating petitions of independent candidates or Declarations of Intent (write-in candidates) must be filed with the Wood County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (1 day before special Congressional primary).
- Nov. 6 Special Congressional Primary Election (35 days before special Congressional election).**

- Nov. 8 Wood County Board of Elections must certify independent candidates' petitions (33 days before Congressional election).
- Nov. 9 Protests against independent candidates' petitions or write-in candidates must be filed with Wood County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (32 days before special Congressional election).
- Wood County Board of Elections must certify names of all candidates for the special Congressional election to the 15 other boards of elections within the 5th Congressional District (32 days before special Congressional election).
- *Nov. 13 Voter registration deadline for special Congressional election (30 days before special Congressional election).
- Nov. 13 Deadline to complete hearings on protests filed against independent or write-in candidates (28 days before special Congressional election).
- Nov. 16 UOVAVA absentee ballots must be received by this date to be counted (10 days after special Congressional primary).
- Nov. 17 Boards of elections shall complete official canvass of special Congressional primary and certify the results to Wood County Board of Elections (11 days after special Congressional primary).
- Wood County Board of Elections announces results of official canvass (11 days after special Congressional primary election).
- Deadline to request recount of special Congressional primary election must be filed (after official canvass results announced).
- Nov. 19 Recount of special Congressional primary, if necessary (2 days after requested recount).
- Nov. 26 Absentee ballots for the special Congressional election must be available for voting (15 days before special Congressional election).
- Nov. 30 Deadline for political parties, or groups of five or more candidates, to file notice of observer appointments with the boards of elections (11 days before special Congressional election).
- Dec. 1 Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before special Congressional election).
- Dec. 4 Boards of elections within the 5th Congressional District must post precinct voter registration lists (7 days before special Congressional election).
- Dec. 11 Special Congressional Election**
- Dec. 31 UOVAVA absentee ballots must be received by this date to be counted (20 days after special Congressional election).
- Jan. 2, 2008 Boards may begin official canvass (22 days after special Congressional election).
- Jan 11 Boards of elections shall complete official canvass of special Congressional election and certify the results to Wood County Board of Elections (31 days after special Congressional election).
- Wood County Board of Elections announces results of official canvass (31 days after special Congressional election).

*As the statutory deadline falls on a date the office of the Secretary of State and county boards of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the next day the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are open, pursuant to R. C. 1.14.