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DIRECTIVE 2007-24

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To: Putnam County Board of Elections

Re: Polls Remaining Open until 9:00 p.m. in Putnam County and No Reporting of Results for the Special Congressional Primary until 9:00 p.m.

Putnam County Precincts to Remain Open until 9:00 p.m.

Because of alleged voting problems in Putnam County for the Special Congressional Primary Election, a Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judge has ordered the Putnam County Board of Elections to keep its precincts open until 9:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Court Order and state and federal law, all voting from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. must be under the following conditions:

- **Special Congressional Primary Only:** Putnam County precincts are to remain open until **9:00 p.m.** to allow voting to continue for the Special Congressional Primary Election past the closing of the polls for the regular general election. **Voting for the General Election in Putnam County ends at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Provisional Voting Only:** In accordance with federal law, all votes cast between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in Putnam County for the Special Congressional Primary Election **must** be by provisional ballot only. Please remember that pursuant to Secretary of State Directive 2007-06, no provisional voting may take place on a direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machine.
- **Separation of Provisional Ballots:** Provisional ballots voted from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. must be maintained separately from other provisional ballots cast on Election Day. Under R.C. 3505.183(A), when the ballots are delivered to the board of elections office from the precincts, the board must separate provisional ballot envelopes from the rest of the ballots. Provisional ballots voted between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. must be further separated from other provisional ballots. Teams of employees of the board consisting of one member of each major political party must place the two sets of sealed provisional ballot envelopes in a secure location within the board office. The sealed provisional ballot envelopes must remain separated and in that secure location until the validity of those ballots is determined. Please refer to R.C. 3505.183(B) and Secretary of State Directive 2007-06 for instructions on determining the validity of provisional ballots.

All Counties in the 5th Congressional District: No Reporting of Results for the Special Congressional Primary

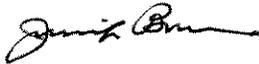
Because polls in Putnam County will remain open until 9:00 p.m., no board of elections in the 5th Congressional District may publicly report or disclose results of the Special Congressional Primary Election, including to the Wood County Board of Elections or to the Secretary of State's office, until 9:00 p.m. on election night. With the exception of Putnam County, boards of elections in the 5th Congressional District may begin counting votes for the Special Congressional Primary after the polls close at 7:30 p.m., but the results may not be reported until 9:00 p.m. Boards **may** begin publicly disclosing only the election results from the **General Election** after the polls close at 7:30 p.m.

Additionally, R.C. 3505.30 requires boards of elections to remain in session until the results of the election are communicated to the Secretary of State. Accordingly, all boards of elections in the 5th Congressional District must remain in session until all of the results of the Special Congressional Primary are communicated to the Secretary of State's office. Log-ins to the Secretary of State's election night reporting system will not be permitted before 9:00 p.m.

Attached to this Directive is the Order issued by the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's Election Division at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Brunner