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**DIRECTIVE 2007-25**

November 6, 2007

To: County Boards of Elections 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: 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. to allow voting for the Special Congressional Primary Election.

**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 these 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Brunner".

Jennifer Brunner