

DIRECTIVE 2008-36

March 4, 2008

To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Polls Remaining Open until 9:00 p.m. in Sandusky County and No Reporting of Results until 9:00 p.m.

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

Because of alleged voting shortages in Sandusky County for the March 4 Primary Election, a Sandusky County Court of Common Pleas Judge has ordered the Sandusky County Board of Elections to keep its precincts open until 9:00 p.m. to allow voting for the March 4 Primary Election.

All Counties in the State: No Reporting of Results

Because polls in Sandusky County will remain open until 9:00 p.m., no board of elections in the state may publicly report or disclose results of ***any race***, including to the Secretary of State's office, until 9:00 p.m. on election night. With the exception of Sandusky County, boards of elections may begin counting votes after the polls close at 7:30 p.m., **but these may not be reported until 9:00 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 must remain in session until all of the results 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 Sandusky 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