

**DIRECTIVE 2008-53**

July 11, 2008

To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Procedures to List Previously-Affiliated Voters Where No Party Affiliation was Recorded at March 4, 2008 Primary Election

In any county where **both** of the following applies, the board of elections must post the primary voting history of each voter as it appeared in the board's records **prior to** the March 4, 2008 primary election:

- the board of elections did not instruct precinct election officials or they failed as instructed for the March 4, 2008 primary election to challenge any voter who requested a primary ballot of a political party other than the political party whose primary ballot the person had voted within the current year and the immediately preceding two calendar years, as indicated in the person's primary voting history **and**
- the precinct election officials failed to mark in the poll book or on the poll list whether a previously affiliated voter took a party ballot at the March 4, 2008 primary election.

Also, the board of elections in each county where either of these situations occurred shall, after updating the primary voting history to include the March 4, 2008 primary election, generate and print for each precinct affected by the situation described above a master list of voters affected by those circumstances. This list shall be titled "Register of Electors Whose Party Affiliations May Not be Up-to-Date," shall specify the date of the election, and shall be made available for public inspection.

In each county where either of the situations described above occurred, a board that so desires may generate and print a master list of all registered voters in both affected and unaffected precincts. That list shall be titled "Master Voting History List of All Electors," and must include the voting history for the March 4 election as well as the primary election history for 2006 and 2007, must specify the date of the election, and must be made available for public inspection.

**Voter Request to Change Precinct Registration List**

Any voter who believes that the board of elections' records regarding that voter's political party affiliation or non-affiliation are incorrect for the March 4, 2008 primary election and wishes to correct the precinct registration list may do so by filing SoS Form 257. In accordance with R. C. 3503.24, an application for the correction of a precinct registration list may be made by any qualified elector of the county at the board of elections office not later than 20 days before the next election in which the voter desires to vote.

**Updating Voter History**

Please remember that whenever a change is made to voting history in your county database, you must submit your county's updated voter history to the Ohio secretary of state's office. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding voter history updates, please contact Robin Fields at (614) 644-0770 or [rfields@sos.state.oh.us](mailto:rfields@sos.state.oh.us).

If you have any questions regarding the procedures for generating a master voting history listing, please contact the Elections Division at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

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