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DIRECTIVE 2012-55
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To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Mandatory Review of Directives Prior to Election Day

SUMMARY

This Directive provides all county boards of elections with important Directives to re-read prior to the November 6, 2012 general election. This is not to say that the other instructions issued by my office are somehow less important, but I believe these Directives will help you address the questions and issues most relevant to you as you execute your statutory duties in the coming days and weeks.

On another note, I want to thank you for the hard work and preparation that you have put in – and the increasingly long days you will put in – to ensure Ohioans can exercise their right to vote and have confidence in the outcome. Thank you.

INSTRUCTIONS

Every member of a county board of elections, and every director and deputy director, must re-read each of the following Directives no later than Sunday, November 4, 2012:

- [Directive 2012-54](#) (Provisional Ballots)
- [Directive 2102-51](#) (Official Canvass)
- [Directive 2012-49](#) (Unofficial Canvass and Election Night Reporting)
- [Directive 2012-46](#) (Security)
- [Directive 2012-29](#) (Voting Location Conduct)¹

¹ See also, email from Matt Damschroder of October 26, 2012 (9:06 a.m.), which reads, in relevant part, “Please note that Directive 2012-29 should not be construed to require that members of the media obtain consent from voters who merely appear in the background or in wide-angle or ‘crowd shot’ images of polling places. Rather, members of the media are only required to obtain consent from an individual voter who will be the subject of an individual interview.”

- [Directive 2012-27](#) (Backup Optical Scan Ballots for Voters in Counties using DRE Voting Machines as their Election Day Voting System for the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election)
- [Directive 2012-26](#) (Absentee Voting)²
- [Directive 2012-22](#) (Remaking Optical Scan Ballots)
- [Directive 2012-21](#) (Observers) (see also, [Directive 2012-21-2](#))
- [Directive 2012-20](#) (UOCAVA)
- [Directive 2012-09](#) (Access to Polling Locations for People with Disabilities and Verification of Accessible Polling Locations)
- [Directive 2011-33](#) (Directing Voters to the Correct Precinct and Voting Location)
- [Directive 2008-80](#) (Voter Identification Requirements)³

Board members, Directors, and Deputy Directors should also review the Secretary of State's [Precinct Election Official Manual for November 6, 2012](#), keep a copy of the Secretary of State's [Precinct Election Official Quick Reference Guide for November 6, 2012](#) with them on Election Day (printed version flip-chart version with tabs previously provided to your office), and familiarize themselves with [Directive 2012-52](#) (Recounts).

If you have any questions about this Directive, or the November 6, 2012 general election generally, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2564 or (614) 466-2585. The Secretary of State's Elections and Legal Divisions will be at the office and available to answer your questions on Sunday, November 4, from noon until 5 p.m.

Sincerely,



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² See also, Directives [2012-48](#) and [2012-48-2](#) regarding contacting absentee voters

³ In the NEOCH consent decree, the Court adopted [Directive 2008-80](#) as an order of the court.