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**DIRECTIVE 2015-21**

**November 3, 2015**

To: All County Boards of Elections  
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Court Order – Voting locations in Hamilton County **ONLY** to remain open until 9:00 PM; No County may release statewide election results until 9:00 PM; Reporting of results must continue to Secretary of State.

**SUMMARY**

Late this evening, a lawsuit was filed in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court resulting in an Order to keep voting locations in Hamilton County **ONLY** open until 9:00 PM. This Directive instructs all counties on the proper methods of adhering to the Court's order.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

No county may release election results until 9:00 PM. However, all counties (except Hamilton County) must continue their unofficial canvass (i.e., tabulating) and continue reporting results to the Secretary of State's election night reporting system on the county's assigned interval (i.e., beginning with absentee votes at 7:45 PM and on regular intervals thereafter consistent with [Directive 2015-19](#)). Results through the Secretary of State's election night reporting system will be embargoed and not available until polling places in Hamilton County have closed at 9:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary of State's Office at (614) 466-2564.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Husted