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**DIRECTIVE 2017-10**

August 8, 2017

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

Re: Updated Election Official Manual and Related Directives

**BACKGROUND**

Consistent with our goal of continuing to provide clear and uniform instructions for all boards of elections, today we are issuing replacement permanent Directives for seven existing chapters of the Ohio Election Official Manual (EOM). These chapters were previously published as draft Directives on the Secretary of State's website and available for public comment.<sup>1</sup>

As such, the previous Directives that constitute these seven chapters are hereby rescinded. All Directives no longer in effect are archived on the Secretary of State's website as required by Ohio law.<sup>2</sup>

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The following updated permanent Directives, and the corresponding chapters of the [EOM](#), are hereby issued and in full, immediate effect:

Directive 2017-11	Chapter 2	Election Administration
Directive 2017-12	Chapter 3	Voter Registration
Directive 2017-13	Chapter 8	Canvassing the Votes
Directive 2017-14	Chapter 9	Post-Election Activities
Directive 2017-15	Chapter 11	Petitions
Directive 2017-16	Chapter 14	Statewide Initiative and Referendum
Directive 2017-17	Chapter 15	Miscellaneous Duties

Boards of elections' members, directors, deputy directors, and staff are strongly encouraged to bookmark the EOM in the web browser that each person most frequently accesses and use it on a regular, if not daily, basis as an important election administration resource. It is designed for ease of use as an electronic document that contains links to the relevant supporting documentation (e.g., statutes, court decisions, etc.). Because it is an electronic document that can be updated, it is less likely to become an outdated resource as compared to a printed hardcopy. The EOM is available at:

<https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/elections-officials/rules/>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3501.053(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3501.053(B).

If you have any questions regarding these Directives, or any of the EOM-related Directives, please call the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Husted