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Election Changes Coming To Ohio

State of Ohio, March 2023: Changes resulting from the passage of House Bill 458 (HB458) will be in effect for the May 2, 2023 primary/special election in Ohio.

A major change affects voter identification. Generally, voters will be required to provide a photo ID to vote in person; whether at boards of elections' offices or at Election Day polling locations. Accepted Photo IDs include: driver's license, state-issued ID card, Military ID (including National Guard or Veterans Administration ID card) or a US passport. Voters without photo ID will be required to cast a provisional ballot. If a voter has a religious objection to being photographed, they may complete an affidavit of religious objection.

Vote by mail, identification requirements consist of: a driver's license number, state ID number, last four digits of their social security number, or a copy (front and back) of their photo identification.

HB458 also incorporates changes to voting-by-mail. Absentee ballot requests must now use the updated form 11-A provided by the Ohio Secretary of State. The deadline for those requests will now be end of business the Tuesday before each election. Voters who need to "cure" their ballot – correcting information on their absentee ballot – will have until the Saturday after the election to do so (4 days).

The hours for in-office early voting in Ohio no longer include the Monday before the election - those hours have been added to the last week of early voting. The early voting hours for the May primary/special election are as follows:

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING HOURS

April 4-7:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	April 25:	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
April 10-14:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	April 26-28:	7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
April 17-21:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	April 29:	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 24:	7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	April 30:	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The last major change to Ohio elections relates to secure ballot drop boxes. Clermont County currently has one secure drop box for accepting ballots, registrations, and absentee applications. This drop box is located directly outside the entrance to the Board of Elections' main office and is monitored at all times by video surveillance. Beginning with the 2023 Primary election, video footage will be available to the public through boards of elections' websites. Contact our office with questions at 513-732-7275.

The voter registration deadline for the May 2, 2023 primary/special election is April 3, 2023.

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