

## IMPROVE YOUR VOTING EXPERIENCE

### ABSENTEE VOTING

- Vote early! A reason is not required to vote absentee; however, you still need to complete an application for an absentee ballot.
  - The Board of Elections is open 8:30 AM to 4 PM Monday - Friday
  - On February 6, 2012 the office will be open from 8:30 am to 9 pm to register to vote and for absentee voting. Voter registration closes at 9 pm on February 6, 2012.
  - **Absentee voting ends at 6 PM on Friday, March 2, 2012.**
  - Extended hours for absentee voting:

February 6, Monday -----	8:30 am to 9 pm
February 25, Saturday -----	9 am to Noon
February 28, Tuesday -----	8:30 am to 6:30 pm
March 1, Thursday-----	8:30 am to 6:30 pm
March 2, Friday -----	8:30 am to 6 pm

### POLLING PLACES

- The polls are open on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Election Day, from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. The surrounding states have different voting hours.
- The polls are typically busy early in the morning and after 4 pm when people vote after work. To avoid a line, vote after 9 am and before 4 pm.
- If you are in line at 7:30 pm when the polls close, you will be permitted to vote. The presiding judge(s) will use the time as shown on their cell phone to open and close the polls. The time on cell phones are set to a national standard so they should all agree on the correct time.

### WEB SITES

- Use the Board of Elections' web site at [www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Canton](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Canton) to familiarize yourself with the candidates and issues so you know how you want to vote when you enter the voting booth. This will speed up the process and prevent long lines. Voters should attempt to complete their ballot in five minutes or less. Please ask the elections officials for assistance if you have questions.
- Tools are available on the web site to:
  - Verify voter registration
  - Locate your polling place
  - Review identification requirements
  - Review your precinct's sample ballot
- The Ohio Secretary of State's website address is *OhioSecretaryofState.gov*.

## VOTING AT THE POLLS

- Every voter must verify their name and address are correct in the signature book and sign the book.
- After voting, **the voter removes** the ballot stub (fold or crease the stub once or twice to make it easier to remove the stub), hands the stub to the election official and **the voter inserts** their ballot into the scanner.
- The voter should wait a moment to see if the scanner indicates you voted for too many (over vote) or too few (under vote) candidates in a particular race. If so, you are given an opportunity to correct your ballot if you wish to do so.
- Provisional voting is a good thing. It allows registered voters who did not notify the board they moved or changed their name, for example, to update their information and then vote. The voter provides certain information and places their ballot in a yellow provisional envelope rather than in the scanner so the voter's status can be verified. Provisional ballots are counted during the official count, usually conducted two weeks after the election.
- Please be considerate of your fellow voters and the election officials if turnout is high and you have to wait in line a few minutes to vote. Sometimes we have to wait in line at the bank, grocery or gas station too. Exercising your right to vote is too important to rush.
- Results will be posted to the Board of Elections' web site several times throughout election night. A monitor will display the web site to candidates, supporters and the media in the court house hallway.
- Please call the Board of Elections at 937-382-3537 or email [vote@cinci.rr.com](mailto:vote@cinci.rr.com) if you have questions or concerns regarding your voting experience. The Director and the Board Members sincerely want to hear voters' election questions or concerns.
- Link to **Voting Rights Information: Voters' Rights**
- Link to **Special Voting Instructions** (identification and provisional voting)
- Link to **How To Vote Using an Optic Scan Ballot and AutoMark**

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