



Issued Pursuant to Court Order

DIRECTIVE 2017-21

October 23, 2017

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

Re: Pursuant to a Court Order – Directives 2016-39, 2016-41, and 2016-45 Apply to
November 7, 2017 General Election

SUMMARY

Prior to the General Election in 2016, the Secretary of State issued Directives 2016-39, 2016-41, and 2016-45, pursuant to Court Orders in the case of *Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute et al. v. Husted*.¹ A subsequent Court Order also required those Directives to be implemented for the May 2, 2017 Primary/Special Election.²

Because this case currently is pending before the United States Supreme Court on a writ of certiorari, the District Court has ordered that “[u]ntil issuance of the Supreme Court’s decision, the prior Orders * * * shall be applicable to every state and local election in Ohio.”³

INSTRUCTIONS

Accordingly, pursuant to Court Order, Directives [2016-39](#), [2016-41](#), and [2016-45](#) shall be in effect for the November 7, 2017 General Election.

If you have any questions regarding this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State’s elections counsel assigned to your county.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted

¹ *Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute et al. v. Husted*, Case No. 2:16-cv-303, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

² See [Directive 2017-07](#).

³ *Id.*, Order issued May 31, 2017.