



**DIRECTIVE 2018-01**

January 5, 2018

To: Delaware, Franklin, Licking, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, and Richland County Boards of Elections Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Special Congressional Primary & General Elections in Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

**Background**

On January 3, 2018, U.S. Representative Patrick J. Tiberi announced that he planned to resign as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives effective January 15, 2018, leaving a vacancy in Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Pursuant to Ohio law, the vacancy must be filled by a special congressional election, and candidates for that election must be nominated in a special congressional primary.<sup>1</sup> Governor Kasich issued a writ of election today, January 5, 2018, establishing the dates of the Special Congressional Primary and General Elections.

The Special Congressional Primary Election for Ohio's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District will be conducted in conjunction with the Primary Election on **May 8, 2018**. The Special General Election for the remainder of unexpired term will be held on **August 7, 2018**.

Accompanying this Directive is an Expedited Special Congressional Election Calendar.

**Petitions**

Persons seeking the nomination of a political party for representative to Congress for Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (unexpired term ending January 3, 2019<sup>2</sup>) must file Form 2-E (Declaration of Candidacy - Party Primary Election for District Office - Representative to Congress).

Persons seeking to run as an independent candidate for representative to Congress for Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (unexpired term ending January 3, 2019) must file Form 3-F (Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy – Representative to Congress).

Persons seeking to run as a write-in candidate for representative to Congress for Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (unexpired term ending January 3, 2019) must file Form 13-C

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3521.03; 3513.32.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Const. Amend. XX, Sec. 1, provides that "[t]he terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin."

(Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for Office of United States Senator or United States Representative).

All petitions must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections – the most populous county in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The deadlines for filing are listed in the Expedited Special Congressional Election Calendar.

Please note that Ohio law requires each candidate filing a Declaration of Candidacy or Nominating Petition for the remainder of an unexpired term to designate the date on which that unexpired term will end.<sup>3</sup>

If a prospective candidate has additional questions regarding signature and petition requirements, you may refer him or her to the [2018 Candidate Requirement Guide](#), which is available on the Secretary of State's website.

### **Ballot Layout & Canvasses of Election**

The Secretary of State's office will provide additional information, including ballot layout and unofficial and official canvass instructions, in separate directives.

Thank you for your work in preparing for and conducting these elections. If you have questions, please contact the Secretary of State's elections attorney assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Husted

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3513.08; 3513.28.