

# BE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

## ELECTION 2008

### Check Your Registration

If you do not receive a notification card from your Board of Elections in the mail, you may not be registered. To find out:

- ✓ Call your county Board of Elections OR
- ✓ Call the statewide Election Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683) OR
- ✓ Call the Secretary of State's office at 1-877-767-6446

Check right away if you have moved or have any doubts about whether your registration is still good. If you need to register again, you can fill out forms at public libraries, motor vehicle bureaus, city halls, and many state agencies. They will send them to your Board of Elections. Also, if you did not receive the notification card, you will need to bring acceptable ID that shows your current address, when you go vote.

### Take the Right ID to the Polls

You must present ONE of the following in order to vote:

- ✓ A government photo ID (Ohio's Driver's license or State ID – showing either your current or your former address, as long as the ID has not expired),
- OR one of the following that shows your current address
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| ✓ military ID,                    | ✓ paycheck,  |
| ✓ copy of a current utility bill, | ✓ government check, or                                       |
| ✓ bank statement,                 | ✓ government document showing your name and current address. |

Note: You cannot use the notice you received from the Board of Elections.

If you are a registered voter but don't have any acceptable form of ID when you come to the polls you still have the right to cast a provisional ballot, which should be counted if:

- ✓ You truthfully affirm in writing that you are an eligible and registered voter, AND
- ✓ You do just one of the following things: (1) provide the last four digits of your Social Security number at the polling place, (2) provide either a valid form of ID or the last four digits of your Social Security number within 10 days of the election, (3) if you don't have any acceptable form of ID OR a Social Security number, you affirm that fact in writing.

ABOVE ALL, if you are at the correct precinct, don't leave the polls without at least voting a provisional ballot.

## Other Tips

- ✓ Voting polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The middle of the day is usually the least crowded.
- ✓ If you're voting on a touch-screen machine be sure that your vote matches the paper record on the machine. If not, report it to the poll worker immediately.
- ✓ Take this notice with you when you go to the polls, so you can show it to the poll worker if you run into problems. Also, if you need additional help or want to report a problem, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683).

You can vote before Election Day and ID requirements are simpler. Here's how:

- ✓ By MAIL. Call your Board of Elections to ask for an Absentee Ballot Request Form. Return the completed form to the Board of Elections and they will send you an Absentee Ballot. Fill it out and return it with the correct postage immediately. Your ballot must be received by Election Day
- OR
- ✓ At your BOARD OF ELECTIONS. Call your Board of Elections, find out their hours, and fill out their absentee ballot request. If your registration is OK, you can vote immediately right there. If you can supply your driver's license number OR the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, you won't need any of the other forms of ID described on the other side of this flyer.

**Be informed on the issues and the candidates! Besides the media, check out the League of Women Voters Guide at [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org).**

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