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FROM

TED W. BROWN
Secretary of State

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Spirit
of '76
REGISTER AND VOTE!!!



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STATE PRIMARY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 8
GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

In 1976 Ohio voters will elect:

President and Vice-President	County Engineer
United States Senator	County Coroner
23 Representatives to Congress	Two Justices of the Ohio Supreme Court
State Senators (about half)	Court of Appeals Judges
State Representatives	Common Pleas Judge (Some counties)
County Commissioners (Two per county)	County Court Judge (Some counties)
Prosecuting Attorney	Members of County and State Central Committees of Political Parties
Clerk of Courts	Members of State Board of Education (about one-third)
Sheriff	
County Recorder	
County Treasurer	

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States:
- You are at least 18 years old on the day of the election at which you seek to vote.
If you will be 18 on or before November 2, you may vote in the primary election June 8. You may vote for candidates only and not on issues.
- You have been a resident of your county and precinct for at least 30 days before the election. (If you move within those 30 days you may vote in the precinct from which you moved).
- You are registered (assuming you live in registration territory—see pages 9 and 10).

How is residence determined?

- By law your residence is the place to which, whenever you are absent, you have the intention of returning. Leaving for temporary purposes, such as military service or school attendance, need not result in a change of residence for voting purposes.

Can a student vote from his school address?

- Yes, if he regards that place as his residence. Otherwise, he must vote in his home community.

Just married?

- If you have changed your name by marriage or other legal action, you must report the change to the Board of Elections before you will be again permitted to vote. The report may be made either in person or by mail. Change of name notice cards may be obtained from the Board upon request.

- If you marry within a period of 60 days before an election, you may vote in that election under your former name.
- **Caution:** A change of residence may require notification of change of address to the Board or possible re-registration. The usual rules of residence are applicable.

REGISTRATION

Does everyone have to register?

- In most areas of Ohio, yes. Check the list on pages 9 and 10 of this pamphlet to see if your county requires registration.

Where do I register?

- At the office of the Board of Elections.
- At temporary or permanent branch registration offices established by the Board.
- The Board may set up special registration offices on announced days before an election.
- The Board may provide for registration in each precinct on one day prior to the close of registration.

Do I declare my politics when I register?

- No.

Will I ever have to re-register?

- No, unless:
 1. You move into a different county.
 2. You do not vote in any election for two successive years.
- However you must notify the Board of Elections if you change your place of residence from one precinct to another within a county.

Disabled?

- If sickness or physical disability prevents you from registering in person at the office of the Board or any other registration place, you may apply for registration forms by calling or writing to the Board.

- The forms, together with your statement concerning your disability, must be filled out and signed by you and returned to the director or registrar by a responsible person who is aware of your disability and the facts in your statement. This person will be examined under oath on these matters.

Absentee registration?

If you are out of the county during a registration period you may:

- Register by mail or
- Go to the office of the Board of Elections of another county and register. Your registration will then be transferred to the proper county.

REGISTRATION CLOSES:

- For June 8 Primary Election—
MAY 10, 1976
- For Special elections—
11 days before Election Day
- For November 2 General Election—
OCTOBER 4, 1976

VOTING PROCEDURES

Where do I vote?

- Each voter must cast his ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which he resides. If you are in doubt as to the location of this polling place, you should check with your county Board of Elections.

Then what?

- The first step in casting a ballot involves signing your name and address in the poll list. If you live in an area where registration is required, your signature on the poll list will be compared with your signature on the registration card. If the signatures compare to the satisfaction of the precinct officials, you will then be allowed to vote.

Instructions for marking ballots or operating machines.

- In areas where paper ballots are in use, each ballot contains detailed instructions for marking that ballot.
- In counties where voting machines or marking devices are used, detailed instructions on the use of these machines or devices are provided at the polling place.

What can I do if I spoil my ballots?

- If you tear, soil, or erroneously mark a ballot, you may return it to the precinct officials and another ballot will be given to you. Before you return the spoiled ballot, be sure to conceal any marks you have made on it.

Can a voter ever receive assistance in voting?

- Persons who are physically unable to mark ballots may be assisted in the voting booth by a relative. If no relative is at hand, two judges of elections of opposite political parties may enter the voting booth to assist. These judges may not disclose any information about how you voted.
- A blind or illiterate person may be assisted by anyone of his own choosing.

PRIMARIES

What is the difference between a primary and a general election?

- In a primary election the members of each party nominate candidates for the general election.
- In a general election all voters elect officials from the party nominees and independent candidates.

May I "split my ticket" in a primary election?

- No. Only persons who are affiliated with a political party may participate in choosing who its candidates shall be. "Splitting the ticket" may only be done in a general election.

How do I establish which party's ballot I am entitled to vote?

- If you are a new voter, you may vote the primary ballot of any political party. You are declaring

yourself a member of the party whose ballot you request, and may not vote in the primary of another party unless you change your affiliation and sign a sworn affidavit to that effect.

May I vote on issues in a primary without declaring my politics?

- Yes. If you are qualified to vote on issues at a primary election, you may vote on such issues without voting for the candidates of a political party. Issues are on a separate non-partisan ballot.

ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote by absentee ballot if:

- You will be absent from the county on election day.
- You are 62 years of age or older.
- You will be hospitalized on election day.
- You have had an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency.
- You have a personal illness or physical disability. (A doctor's certificate is no longer needed.)
- You are an election official.
- You cannot vote on election day because of religious observances.
- You will be in jail for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial.

How do I apply?

Write or go to the Board of Elections in your county and request absentee ballots, giving the following information:

- Your name and voting residence.
- Your reason for being absent from the polls on election day (from the list above).
- Your party choice if the election is a primary.

Can application be made in person?

- o Yes. If you apply in person you must vote the ballots while you are in the office of the Board of Elections.

What is the deadline for applying for absentee ballots?

Your written request for ballots must be received at the Board by:

- o 12 noon of June 5 for the June 8 Primary Election.
- o 12 noon of the third day before a special election.
- o 12 noon of October 30 for the November 2 General Election.

Note: The deadline is 3 p.m. on election day in the case of medical emergencies.

ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BOARD OFFICE BY 7:30 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

ARMED SERVICE ABSENTEE VOTING

Who may vote armed service absentee ballots?

- o If you serve in the U.S. armed forces, you or your spouse may vote by armed service absentee ballot if you otherwise meet the requirements for voting in Ohio.
- o Your spouse may not vote by armed service absentee ballot unless he or she has left Ohio to be with you.

What is the voting residence of a service member?

- o That place where he resided when he first entered the service, unless he establishes a voting residence elsewhere in Ohio.

Must armed service absentee voters register?

- o No.

How do I apply for armed service absentee ballots?

- o Write to the Board of Elections in your county and request armed service absentee ballots, giving the following information:

- Your name and voting residence.
- That you are serving in the U.S. armed forces or are the spouse of a service member.
- The election for which ballots are requested.
- Your party choice if the election is a primary.
- The mailing address to which ballots are to be mailed.
- Your spouse or a near relative may request the Board to mail ballots to you. Application may be made in person or by mail.

Can I apply in person?

- Yes. If you apply in person you vote the ballots while you are in the office of the Board of Elections.

What is the deadline for applying?

Requests to have ballots mailed must be received at the Board by:

- 12 noon of June 5 for the June 8 Primary Election.
- 12 noon of the third day before a special election.
- 12 noon of October 30 for the November 2 General Election.

Requests to vote ballots in person at the Board office must be made by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

How can I vote if I am discharged before the election but after the close of registration?

- If otherwise qualified to vote by armed service absentee ballots, you or your spouse may vote at the office of the Board of Elections at any time before 7:30 p.m. on election day. If you are registered or reside in non-registration territory, you may vote at the polling place on election day.

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

Former resident?

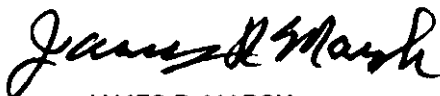
- If you move from Ohio after October 3, 1976 and you are not eligible to vote in your new state because of so recent a move, you may be eligible to vote in Ohio for President and Vice-President but not for other offices. You may vote the presidential ballot only and vote by absentee ballot.

County	Population, 1970	Number of Electors Voting Nov., 1972	Regis- tration	Marking Devices or Voting Machines
Adams	18,957	8,391	C	....
Allen	111,144	40,960	C	D
Ashland	43,303	17,372	C	M
Ashtabula	98,237	39,676	C	....
Athens	55,747	21,588	C	D
Auglaize	38,602	17,527	C	....
Belmont	80,917	34,186	P	M (part)
Brown	26,635	11,285	C	....
Butler	226,207	80,083	C	D
Carroll	21,579	9,281	..	....
Champaign ..	30,491	12,972	C	D
Clark	157,115	57,096	C	M
Clermont	95,887	32,883	C	D
Clinton	31,464	11,336	C	....
Columbiana ..	108,310	44,883	P	....
Coshocton	33,486	12,528	C	M
Crawford	50,364	21,509	C	....
Cuyahoga	1,721,300	683,990	C	M
Darke	49,141	21,753	..	....
Defiance	36,949	13,994	C	....
Delaware	42,908	18,225	C	....
Erie	75,909	29,174	C	M
Fairfield	73,301	31,546	C	....
Fayette	25,461	9,779	..	....
Franklin	833,249	350,928	C	M
Fulton	33,071	12,520	C	....
Gallia	25,239	9,466	C	....
Geauga	62,977	24,030	C	M
Greene	125,057	42,166	C	D
Guernsey	37,665	15,225	P	....
Hamilton	923,205	374,156	C	D
Hancock	61,217	26,240	C	M
Hardin	30,813	13,038	C	M
Harrison	17,013	7,331	..	....
Henry	27,058	11,791	..	....
Highland	28,996	12,689	..	....
Hocking	20,322	8,868	..	....
Holmes	23,024	6,025	C	....
Huron	49,587	17,694	C	M
Jackson	27,174	11,433	..	....
Jefferson	96,193	39,763	C	....
Knox	41,795	17,053	C	M
Lake	197,200	73,532	C	M
Lawrence	56,868	23,829	C	....
Licking	107,799	43,263	C	D
Logan	35,072	15,773	P	D
Lorain	256,843	92,945	C	M
Lucas	484,370	185,614	C	M
Madison	28,318	11,315	..	....
Mahoning	304,545	132,578	C	M
Marion	64,724	26,369	C	....
Medina	82,717	33,023	C	....
Meigs	19,799	8,819	..	....
Mercer	35,558	15,499	..	D
Miami	84,342	31,824	C	D
Monroe	15,739	6,623	..	....
Montgomery ..	608,413	213,379	C	M
Morgan	12,375	5,576	..	....
Morrow	21,348	10,046	..	....
Muskingum ..	77,826	32,102	C	....

County	Population, 1970	Number of Electors Voting Nov., 1972	Regis- tration	Marking Devices or Voting Machines
Noble	10,428	5,097	..	....
Ottawa	37,099	17,305	..	....
Paulding	19,329	7,284	C	....
Perry	27,434	11,226	..	....
Pickaway	40,071	13,240	C	M
Pike	19,114	9,287	C	....
Portage	125,868	46,117	C	D
Preble	34,719	13,190	C	....
Putnam	31,134	12,789	C	....
Richland	129,997	46,782	C	M
Ross	61,211	22,523	C	M
Sandusky	60,983	25,010	C	....
Scioto	76,951	33,266	C	D
Seneca	60,696	23,469	C	....
Shelby	37,748	15,252	C	....
Stark	372,210	151,350	C	....
Summit	553,371	230,963	C	....
Trumbull	232,579	88,160	C	M
Tuscarawas ..	77,211	32,138	..	D
Union	23,786	11,286	..	....
Van Wert	29,194	13,816	..	....
Vinton	9,420	4,630	..	....
Warren	85,505	28,553	C	....
Washington ..	57,160	21,280	C	M
Wayne	87,123	30,850	C	....
Williams	33,669	13,990	C	....
Wood	89,722	36,534	C	....
Wyandot	21,826	9,716	..	..
		<u>4,219,645</u>		

- C — the county has registration throughout the county.
P — the county has registration in part of the county.
M — voting machines are used in the county.
D — marking devices are used in the county.

**THE VOTE IS THE MOST BASIC AMERICAN
RIGHT AND OUR FOREMOST CIVIC DUTY.
WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?**



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POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 A.M.—CLOSE AT 7:30 P.M.