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BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPDATES PRECINCTS USING GIS MAPPING

BOARD WILL CONTACT SOME VOTERS TO FIX ADDRESS PROBLEMS

The Butler County Board of Elections, working with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps from the Butler County Engineer's and Butler County Auditor's offices, completed records maintenance in its voter registration database. The maintenance was performed in conjunction with the integration of newly drawn precincts in several districts earlier this year.

"GIS technology has made it possible for us to make our voter registration system more accurate and to ensure all of our voters are voting in the correct precinct and district," explained Lynn Kinkaid, Director of the Butler County Board of Elections.

Board staff worked tirelessly through the summer to ensure that every voter is properly placed in the correct precinct using tax mapping and GIS information.

"We are more confident than ever that voters going to the polls in November will be voting in the correct districts and on the correct issues for which they pay taxes," said Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro. "This project was undertaken in part to correct human error inherent in maintaining precinct maps by hand, and to match our voter records with the Auditor's tax maps."

Some voters will receive letters from the Board of Elections requesting verification of their address. Those voters' addresses could not be located in the Auditor's or Engineer's records and/or in the U.S. Postal Service system.

"Some voters' addresses were not in the new system, usually because a number was transposed in the voter's registration card or the maps did not contain their address point," continued Director Kinkaid. "Those voters will receive a letter and form they can return to the Board of Elections to ensure their registration is up to date and we have them in the correct precinct."

The Board voted in May to reduce the number of precincts in Milford Township, Wayne Township, Madison Township, Liberty Township, West Chester Township, St. Clair Township, Trenton and part of Hamilton. Precincts were consolidated in part to address overcrowding in some areas and to reduce inefficiencies in elections administration.

Voters have until Monday, October 7, at 9:00pm to register to vote or to update their voter registration in order to vote in this November's election. Voters may download a registration form or find a link to update their address online by visiting the Board of Elections website at www.butlercountyelections.org. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Polls in Ohio are open from 6:30am until 7:30pm. Early voting for all voters will open on Tuesday, October 1. For more information about voting, please contact the Board of Elections at 513-887-3700.