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## **POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERS 318 BALLOTS TO BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AFTER ELECTION DEADLINE**

HAMILTON, OH: Absentee Ballots were in USPS Possession for 14 Days.

Yesterday morning, the United States Postal Service delivered 318 ballots to the Butler County Board of Elections. The ballots were postmarked on or before April 27th, the last day before the end of Ohio's primary election.

That means the USPS was in possession of the ballots for 14 days.

"We are deeply disappointed by the failure of the postal service to deliver these properly cast ballots prior to the May 8th deadline," said Director Diane Noonan. "It was our understanding that the USPS was instituting additional checks to ensure all ballots were properly delivered, and that clearly didn't happen."

House Bill 197, the legislation that set out the procedures for the completion of the March 17, 2020 primary election states: "ballots received by mail at the office of the board after 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020, and not later than May 8, 2020, are eligible to be counted if they are postmarked on or before April 27, 2020..."

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