Ohio: Leading Early Voting Efforts

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Latest on Ohio Early Voting

- Available In-Person 29 days before the election, and up until 5 PM the Monday before the election.
  - Recent court decisions on uniformity of hours (Economus)

- SB 238 – Eliminated the so-called “Golden Week”
  - SB 205 further helped to ensure uniformity from county to county

- In 2012 Presidential Election, over 600,000 Ohioans utilized Early-In Person voting
Ease of Voting in 2014 General Election in Ohio

- Set uniform hours for in-person absentee voting to ensure equality and fairness for every voter.

- Four weeks of in-person absentee voting, includes two Saturdays and Sunday before Election Day.

- Mailing every active voter an absentee ballot application ahead of General Election – giving voters convenience of 24/7 voting from the comfort of their own home.

- Ohio’s absentee voting period of 29 days well above national average of just 19 days.

- Recent PEW study found voters waited an average of 11 minutes to vote on Election Day in Ohio.
One Vote Matters

- 2014 May Primary – 16 local races and four local issues decided by one vote or a tie.

- 2013 General Election – 35 local races and eight local issues decided by one vote or a tie.

Addressing Voter Irregularities

- Compiled first-ever statewide voter fraud and suppression report following 2012 Presidential Election.

- 270 voter fraud cases referred to law enforcement for investigation, zero suppression cases referred.

- Conducted review of voter rolls and discovered 291 non-citizens registered to vote, 17 of which cast ballots in 2012 Presidential Election and were referred to attorney general.