# Election Notice for use with the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

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## Issued by the Mercer County Board of Elections

BOE to check one: ☐ Initial notification (to be posted 100 days prior to date of election)
**X** Updated notification (to be posted 46 days prior to date of election)

## SPECIAL ELECTION
(August 8, 2023)

| State Issues | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Number** | **Title** | **Precincts** |
| | **Issue 1**<br>**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**<br>**Elevating the Standards to Qualify for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment and to Pass a Constitutional Amendment**<br>**Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly**<br>**To amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio**<br>**A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.**<br>The proposed amendment would:<br>• Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.<br>• Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the electors of each county based on the total vote in the county for governor in the last preceding election.<br>• Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio.<br>If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.<br><br>**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?**<br>**Yes**<br>**No** | All |

# INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER FOR INDICATING YOUR CHOICES ON A FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (FWAB):

To complete a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), go to www.fvap.gov.  You have the option of downloading a blank, hard copy FWAB to complete by hand, or proceeding through electronic completion of the FWAB using the website's FWAB Wizard.

The first page of the FWAB is a Voter Declaration/Affirmation you must complete in order for your ballot to count. After completing the Voter Declaration/Affirmation, use the initial election notice issued on the 100th day before the election and the updated election notice issued on the 46th day before the election as a guide to:

> (1) write the name of each candidate or issue contest for which you are casting a vote and then
> (2) write the name of your choice of candidate or choice for or against an issue.

After you have completed the FWAB, **you must PRINT the ballot and MAIL it to your county board of elections at this address: Mercer County Board of Elections 101 N. Main Street, Room 107, Celina, OH 45822**

A complete listing of all county board of elections mailing addresses and contact information is available at: https://ohiosos.gov/SOS/elections/electionsofficials/boeDirectory.aspx#dir.

**Do not send your ballot via e-mail or fax. Ohio law prohibits electronic transmission of a voted ballot.**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE NOTICE

- This form is provided as a Microsoft Word template that you may edit by removing contests not relevant to the election and adding additional lines for candidates, depending on the election notice requirement.
    - o To remove/delete contests, move your cursor over the text box you wish to delete; in the upper right corner a four-way arrow in a box will appear, right-click on that box, then select "cut" to remove the text box.
    - o To add lines to accommodate the correct number of candidates / offices under each category, click inside the last row of the category for which you need to add additional lines, then hit the Tab key on your keyboard.  Continuing to hit the tab key will add more rows.  If you are using Office 2007 or higher, you have the ability to right-click inside one of the cells then from the menu that appears, select "Insert" then "Insert rows above" or "below" depending on your intended outcome, etc.
- Be sure to "Save As" after you have started.
- In the event that a contest is non-partisan (i.e., the candidate's party affiliation does not appear on the ballot) place "N/A" in the column provided for Party.
- When providing the precinct designation, you should group precincts by the highest common description:
    - o County
    - o City, Village, or Township name
    - o Ward number
    - o Ward number, Precinct Number
    - o Precinct number
    - o Precinct number (part)
- Issue number is only necessary when an issue number has been assigned by the Secretary of State or the county board of elections.
- FTC means "Full Term Commencing" and UTE means "Unexpired Term Ending."

Examples for completing the form:

## U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress

| Name of Candidate | Office /District/Term | Party | Precincts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Name | U.S. Congress, 7th | R | City of Columbus, Wards 13-21, 25, 62-C, 71-B (part)<br>City of Whitehall<br>Truro Township, Precinct A<br>Village of Brice |
| Name | U.S. Congress, 7th | D | City of Columbus, Wards 13-21, 25, 62-C, 71-B (part)<br>City of Whitehall<br>Truro Township, Precinct A<br>Village of Brice |
| Name | U.S. Congress, 7th | write-in | City of Columbus, Wards 13-21, 25, 62-C, 71-B (part)<br>City of Whitehall<br>Truro Township, Precinct A<br>Village of Brice |

## County Court of Common Pleas or County Court

| Name of Candidate | Office /Division/Term | Party | Precincts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Name | Judge, General Div<br>UTE 12/31/2002 | | Franklin County |
| Name | Judge, Probate<br>FTC 1/3/2001 | | Franklin County |