DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THE ABOVE CITED STATUTES

“Current”

The reference in the statutes to the “current” status for ID documents presented in the statute(s) related to voter identification, including R.C. 3505.18, is a document, which is dated not more than six months from the date that it is presented to the election official. For purposes of those documents that are provided on election day, for instance, the date of the document presented should be no earlier than April 7, 2006.

“Government Document”

As used in the Statutes, “government document” means any local, state or federal government document that shows the voter’s name and current address.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING “DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER”

A driver’s license or state identification card that does not contain the current address of the voter is acceptable for use as an ID document. The procedure as stated above is that the voter is to provide the last four digits of the driver’s license number or state identification number and the precinct official is to mark the poll list or signature pollbook to indicate that the elector has provided a driver’s license or state identification card number with a former address and record the last four digits of the driver’s license or state identification card.

A driver’s license contains a field, which states, “License No.” on the document. This number is the driver license number. There is another number, which is on the license located on the photograph of the voter, which is not the driver’s license number. Upon the receipt of an absentee ballot, which purports to contain the driver’s license number but contains the number above the photograph or some other number which is not the driver license number, acceptable proof of identity has not been provided.

If you have any question regarding these instructions, please contact the Elections Division at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

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