VOTING A REGULAR BALLOT AND CASTING YOUR VOTE:
Before marking your ballot, make sure that there are not any marks already on it.

Read the directions on the ballot carefully
If the ballot allows you to cast one vote for an office or issue, you may fill in only one oval or arrow on your ballot.

If the ballot allows you to cast multiple votes for the same office, you may fill in the maximum amount of ovals or arrows allowed by the directions.

Use only the special quick-drying marking pen to vote on the optical scan ballot.

Completely fill in the oval or arrow to the left of the candidate or issue position (“YES” or “NO,” or “FOR” or “AGAINST”) you want to vote for.

To cast a vote for an eligible write-in candidate:
• Find the blank line provided on the ballot under the list of candidates.
• Fill in the oval or arrow to the left of that blank line.
• Clearly write the name of the write-in candidate on the blank line.

When you have completed voting, thoroughly check your ballot. If you have questions or make a mistake, ask the election officials for assistance.

Errors
If you make an error while marking your ballot, take your ballot to election officials; do not put the mismarked ballot in the ballot box. The election officials will void that ballot and give you a new one. You may request new ballots up to three times.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRANTS WHO ARE FIRST-TIME VOTERS
If you registered to vote in Ohio by mail after January 1, 2003, did not submit acceptable documentary proof of your identity with your voter registration application, and have not previously voted in an election for federal office in Ohio, you must, before voting, provide acceptable documentary proof of your identity, which includes:
• A current and valid photo identification, or
• A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

If you are voting in person:
You must present to the election officials at the appropriate county board of elections office, or to the pollworkers at the appropriate precinct polling location, acceptable documentary proof of your identity.

If you do not present acceptable documentary proof of your identity to election officials when you appear to vote, you may cast a provisional ballot under section 302(a) of Help America Vote Act of 2002.

If you are voting by mail:
You must submit with your ballot acceptable documentary proof of your identity.

If you do not submit the acceptable documentary proof of identity with your ballot, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot under section 302(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT
Procedure
Eligible voters may vote a provisional ballot as provided by state or federal law. If, in accordance with federal law, you declare that you are a qualified elector of the precinct who is eligible to vote in the election, but your name does not appear on the poll list in an election for federal office, you will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot at the polling place after completing, in the presence of an election official at the polling place, a written affirmation that you are a qualified elector of the precinct in which you desire to vote, and eligible to vote in the election.

If you are an Ohio voter who moved from one Ohio precinct to another Ohio precinct and did not update your voter registration, you may vote a provisional ballot as provided by state law.

Election officials at the polling place will provide you with a ballot and a provisional ballot envelope.

After voting your provisional ballot, you will place the marked ballot in the envelope and seal the envelope; if you are a provisional voter under state law, you also will complete and sign the voter information section of the envelope.

Election officials will transmit the sealed envelope containing your provisional ballot to the county board of elections for verification. If the county board of elections determines that you are eligible to vote that ballot, your provisional ballot will be counted in the official canvass of the election.

Confirmation
As a person voting by provisional ballot in an election for federal office, you are entitled to written information describing how you may learn, through a free access system, whether your provisional ballot was counted by election officials, and if it was not counted, why not.

J. Kenneth Blackwell, Ohio Secretary of State