



DIRECTIVE FOR ALL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

ON

SPECIAL BALLOT VOTING

FOR THE

2011 GENERAL ELECTION

I, GREG ESSENSA, CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, under the authority of subsection 4(7) and section 45.9 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c E.6 (as amended) do hereby direct that for the 2011 General Election:

- A. Returning Officers are directed, under my authority, to select and appoint Special Ballot Officers for their electoral districts.
- B. Returning Officers are also directed to identify hospitals in their electoral districts, in consultation with my office, where it is desirable to offer electors who are temporarily staying in hospital the services of Special Ballot Officers to apply for and cast Special Ballots from September 26 to 28, 2011.
- C. Electors who are temporarily staying in hospital from September 26 to 28, 2011 will be offered the assistance of Special Ballot Officers:
 - (1) in accordance with the privacy afforded electors at a home visit;
and,
 - (2) to facilitate the casting of their Special Ballots for candidates in the electoral districts where they are permanently resident.
- D. Special Ballots cast by electors who are temporarily staying in hospital from September 26 to 28, 2011 will be returned to the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer by Special Ballot Officers even if the hospital is located within the electoral district where the elector is permanently resident.

- E. Where Returning Officers have, in consultation with my office, identified hospitals in their electoral districts that will be attended by Special Ballot Officers from September 26 to 26, 2011, Returning Officers will:
- (1) upon request identify which hospitals Special Ballot Officers in their electoral district will be attending; and,
 - (2) remind candidates and others that scrutineers are not permitted to be present when electors apply for and cast Special Ballots in hospital and that hospital policies regarding visitors and campaigning must be observed.

Dated at the City of Toronto,
in the Province of Ontario
this 30th day of August, 2011.

Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer