



**DIRECTIVE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, BY-ELECTIONS
FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF
HAMILTON EAST—STONEY CREEK,
SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST and YORK—SIMCOE**

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE VOTING TO MODERNIZE INFORMATION
REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS**

This Directive, pursuant to section 4.4 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the “**Act**”), describes a modification to the voting process during an election.

An elector shall no longer be required to state their sex in an application to be named in the register of absentee electors.

This section modifies s. 45.13 (4) (b) (i) by removing the requirement that an elector provide their sex in order to be named in the register of absentee electors.

The objective of these modifications is to improve the voting process for electors, achieve administrative efficiencies, and maintain the integrity of the voting process.

Following the by-elections, I will include a report on the provisions to the process modified by this Directive in accordance with section 4.4(11) of the Act.




August 5, 2026

Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

Date