



**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 PROCESS
TO ELIMINATE CERTIFICATES TO VOTE**

This Directive, pursuant to section 4.4 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the “**Act**”), describes modifications to the voting process during an election to eliminate the requirement to issue certificates to vote.

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

This Directive provides for the addition of electors directly to the list of electors up to and including the day immediately preceding election day, and accordingly, certificates to vote are no longer necessary.

This Directive provides for the addition of electors to the list of electors up to and including the day immediately preceding election day, as a result of the transfer of electors appointed to act as deputy returning officers, poll clerks or scrutineers at a voting location other than their own, but in the same electoral district.

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.

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Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

August 5, 2026

Date

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Application

1. This Directive authorizes the addition of electors to the list of electors up to and including the day immediately preceding election day.
2. This Directive authorizes the addition of electors to the list of electors up to and including the day immediately preceding election day, due to the transfer of electors appointed to act as deputy returning officers, poll clerks or scrutineers at a polling place other than their own but in the same electoral district.

Elimination of Certificate to Vote

3. Upon approval of an application made under sections 22 or 24 of the Act, the elector shall be immediately added to the list of electors, and a certificate to vote will no longer be issued to the elector.

Excluded and Modified Sections of the Act

4. In order to add electors directly to the list of electors up to and including the day immediately preceding election day, the following specific sections of the Act will be modified: 15 (3), 21 (9) and (10) (a), 22 (1), 24 (2) and 47 (3).

<i>Election Act</i>	Process Being Modified	Modified Voting Process
15 (3)	Issuing of certificate to vote	The reference to the certificate to vote no longer applies.
21 (9)	List of persons issued a certificate to vote	This provision becomes redundant, as certificates to vote will no longer be issued to electors. Therefore, candidates and registered parties will no longer be able to request the list of persons to whom a certificate to vote has been issued.
21 (10) (a)	Issuing of certificate to vote	An elector added to the list of electors under s. 22 (1) or 24 (2), will no longer be required to present a certificate to vote to receive a ballot because their name will already appear on the list of electors.
22 (1)	Issuing of certificate to vote	An elector added to the list of electors under s. 22 (1) will no longer be required to present a certificate to vote to receive a ballot because their name will already appear on the list of electors.
24 (2)	Issuing of certificate to vote	An elector added to the list of electors under s. 24 (2) will no longer be required to present a certificate to vote to receive a ballot because their name will already appear on the list of electors.
47 (3)	Issuing of certificate to vote	The section is now superfluous because the elector will no longer be issued a certificate to vote.