



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

MOBILE POLLS

I, GREG ESSENSA, CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, under the authority of subsection 4.4(1) and 14(5) of the Election Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. E.6 (as amended) (the “**Act**”), do hereby direct that, for this election, mobile polls will be held in all electoral districts. The times and locations of the mobile polls shall be included in the electoral district notices, as required by sections 14(7) and (8) of the Act.

I hereby direct that polls held under section 14 of the Act may be held on Day 2 of the election calendar, as well as on polling day.

If election officials cannot access one or more of the mobile polls designated by this directive, alternative voting options shall be arranged by the returning officer and shall be communicated to the public by Elections Ontario on the Elections Ontario Website. In addition, the returning officer shall also notify the candidates, directly, of any alternative voting options.

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Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

August 5, 2026

Date

Excluded and Modified Sections of the Act

In order to facilitate the changes to the mobile poll voting process set out in this Directive, the following specific sections of the Act will be modified: 14 (5), 14 (6)(2)(ii), and 14 (7).

The modifications are as follows in the chart immediately below.

<i>Election Act</i>	Process Being Modified	Modified Voting Process
14 (5)	C.E.O.'s direction re mobile poll	Mobile polls may now be held on the second day before polling day (Day 2), as well as on polling day.
14 (6)(2)(ii)	C.E.O. specifying time period for mobile polls	Mobile polls may now be held on the second day before polling day (Day 2), as well as on polling day.
14 (7)	Notice for mobile polls	The notice regarding the institutions that will be served by mobile polls and the times at which they will be served shall also indicate if the poll is to be held on the second day before polling day (Day 2) or on polling day.