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League of Women Voters Clermont County



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US SUPREME COURT DELAYS OHIO EARLY VOTING

The nation's highest court on Monday granted an emergency plea from state officials to block a lower court's order expanding statewide early voting days and times. The last-minute decision means early voting will not start Tuesday, but instead will be delayed one week. Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted said Monday evening he will implement the schedule he set in June, which eliminates one Sunday and extra weeknight evening hours from the statewide schedule he set on Sept. 12.



"Today's ruling validates what I have long said, elections in Ohio should be run by the same rules in every county and Ohioans should have the right to make those rules through their elected representatives," Husted said in a statement. "Ohioans can have confidence that it remains easy to vote and hard to cheat in our state."

Husted and Attorney General Mike DeWine asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse or delay the district court order restoring Golden Week, a week-long window when people could both register to vote and cast a ballot in Ohio, forcing Husted to add more early voting hours to the statewide schedule and allowing county boards of election to set additional hours. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, who oversees the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals where the case was appealed, referred the case to the full court, which voted 5-4 to grant the stay.

The court issued its order without an opinion or explanation, noting the court's liberal Justices Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Kagan would not have granted the stay. Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy voted to grant the stay.

The stay will remain in effect until the court acts on an appeal from state officials, which has not yet been filed. Meanwhile, Husted directed boards of election to follow hours he set in June following an earlier federal court ruling restoring early voting on the last three days before Election Day.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which filed the original suit against the state on behalf of the Ohio chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and League of Women Voters and several African-American churches, said Monday it was disappointed with the court's decision.

"While not a final decision on the merits of the case, this is a real loss for Ohio voters, especially those who must use evenings, weekends and same-day voter registration to cast their ballot," ACLU of Ohio Legal Director Freda Levenson said in a statement. "Early voting works-cutting popular days and hours is unnecessary and only hurts voters. To make it even worse, this last-minute decision will cause tremendous confusion among Ohioans about when and how they can vote."

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LEAGUE MOVES MONTHLY MEETINGS TO NEW HOME

The League has a new “home” for its remaining 2014-15 programs! We will meet in the Harry Hodges community room at the Milford Administration Building at 745 Center Street, at Five Points in Milford. Five Points is at the intersection of Route 28 and Route 50. Enter in the rear of the building. Thank you to the City of Milford!



OCTOBER 28 MEETING FEATURES A CHILI DINNER

Members are invited to bring their favorite chili, crackers, corn-bread, dessert or beverages for a potluck meeting on October 28 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place at our new location in the Milford Administration Building.



Our guest speaker will be Julianne Nesbit, our county Health Commissioner, who will talk with us about public health issues in Clermont County. Come and bring a friend!



CANDIDATE FORUM A GREAT SUCCESS

The LWV candidate forum held on September 23 is being lauded as the best forum LVW Clermont County has ever held. “I have never seen all the candidates deliver to the level that they did last night. I think we raised the bar for us and for them as well,” said Voter Services chair Marcia Oganowski. The event was an-



chored by National Voter Registration Day which was also September 23. In addition, 28 students attended our Candidate Forum from 6 schools for extra credit. We applaud the participation of the schools, teachers and students in this important civic exercise. The event was videorecorded by Ron Kidd.

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2014 Voters' Guide



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Clermont County Commissioner
US Congressional District 2
Ohio District 65
Ohio District 66
Ohio Board of Education

- Go to www.vote411.org
- Enter your address.
- Compare and choose candidates.
- See the candidates' views on the issues. Find information on Ohio's voting process.
- Print your sample ballot.

Election Day November 4, 2014
Ohio polls open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Voting days, early voting, requirements:

www.clermontelections.org

Check your voter registration:

<http://bit.ly/OHVoterLookup>

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2014 General Meetings

General Meetings and Programs
All Meetings begin at 6:30 pm

October 7

Open Board Meeting

6:00 to 7:30 PM

Union Township Library

Meg Fleck,

Ohio League of Women Voters

Susan Steele, Cincinnati Area LWV

**Topic: Membership and Leadership
Development**

Open to all League members

GENERAL MEETINGS

October 28

**Chili Supper and Monthly
Meeting**

6:00 to 7:30 PM

**Milford Administration
Building**

**Julianne Nesbit, Health
Commissioner**

**Topic: Clermont County
Public Health Issues**

December 2

Annual Christmas Dinner

6:00 Social Time

6:30 to 8:00 Dinner

**Pinebrook Retirement Living
Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Road,
Miami Township**

**For more information:
(513)752-8011**

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- \$85 Dual (2 adults same household)
- \$99 Family
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