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LAROSE SHARES DESIGN OF THE VOTE-BY-MAIL POSTCARD WHICH WILL SOON ARRIVE IN MAILBOXES

COLUMBUS – Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose today released the postcard that Ohio voters will soon receive as part of the effort to complete the 2020 Ohio primary election. In-person voting on March 17th was blocked by an order from Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton to combat the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19, following an announcement by Governor Mike DeWine on March 16th that Ohioans over the age of 65 should remain home and barring gatherings of greater than 50 people.

The Ohio General Assembly then met to set April 28th as the date on which the primary election would be complete, and directed Secretary LaRose to mail a postcard to all registered voters in the state informing them about how to request an absentee ballot to vote by mail. The legislation, H.B. 197, passed the General Assembly with a unanimous, bipartisan vote.

The 7.8 million postcards are currently in the data validation and printing phase. They are expected to begin arriving in mailboxes next week. Printing, applicable fees, and postage is estimated to be \$2.4 million.

Interested voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot in one of the following ways:

1. Visit [VoteOhio.gov](#), print, and fill out the vote-by-mail ballot request form, sign it, affix postage, and mail it to your county board of elections.
2. Call your county board of elections and ask them to send you a ballot request form, fill out the form, sign it, affix postage, and mail it to your county board of elections.
3. Voters who can't print their own form may also simply write the following information on a blank sheet of paper and mail it to their board of elections:
 - Full name
 - Date of birth
 - Full registration address including county

- Address where ballot should be mailed if different from your registration address
 - **One of the these:** Ohio driver's license number **OR** last four of your social security number **OR** include a copy of an acceptable form of ID
 - State that "I'm a qualified elector and I'm requesting an absentee ballot for the march 17th Ohio primary"
 - **Indicate if you want a:** Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, **OR** Issues Only ballot (choose only one)
 - Sign it
 - Today's date
 - Phone number (optional, but suggested)
 - Email address (optional, but suggested)
- **April 28th is fast approaching**, so we need to use every tool at our disposal to spread the word and ensure voters have the opportunity to cast a ballot. We appreciate your help, and encourage you to continue pointing people to VoteOhio.gov as their one-stop shop for election information. Below are some other useful links.

VoteOhio.gov

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