

Office of the
Chief Electoral Officer
of Ontario



Bureau du directeur
général des élections
de l'Ontario

**DIRECTIVE FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION
FOR ALL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS Returning Officers are reporting above normal requests for home visits.

AND WHEREAS section 3.7 of the *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c E.6 (the “**Act**”) authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to give directions in cases of mistake, miscalculation, emergency, unusual, or unforeseen circumstances.

AND WHEREAS to enable electors that qualify for a home visit to cast their ballots on polling day, I will invoke section 3.7 of the Act to extend the period to apply for a special ballot under s. 45.2 (4) until six p.m. on polling day for electors voting pursuant to s. 45.4.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that the period to apply for a special ballot is extended to the close of polls on polling day for electors voting by home visit pursuant to s. 45.4 of the Act.

I HEREBY DIRECT, pursuant to section 3.7 of the Act, that special ballots cast by electors voting by home visit shall be counted at the returning office.



Greg Essensa
Chief Electoral Officer

February 26, 2025

Date