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**NEW BALLOT DROP BOX MAKES EARLY VOTING
MORE CONVENIENT**

Hamilton - The Butler County Board of Elections installed a new drop box for absentee ballots designed to make voting easier for Butler County voters.

The curbside drop box is located in front of the Board of Elections building at 1802 Princeton Road in Hamilton. It is situated to enable voters to simply drive up and drop in their voted absentee ballot or completed voter registration form.

“We want to make voting as convenient as possible for all voters,” said Director Diane Noonan. “The drop box will enable voters to cast their absentee ballots on their schedule, rather than worrying about when our office is open and without the need for postage.”

The drop box is under 24-hour video surveillance and is kept locked at all times. The key to unlock the box is kept in a double lock box within the Board of Elections office, with separate keys held by a Democrat and Republican employee to ensure that only a bipartisan team of election officials can access the box and retrieve the voted ballots

“We do not have to sacrifice election security for convenience,” said Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro. “We hope this will be another way voters can cast their ballot with confidence that their vote is secure.”

Under Ohio law, voters do not need to state a reason to cast an early (absentee) ballot. Voters wishing to request an absentee ballot may submit an application by mail or in person at the Butler County Board of Elections, 1802 Princeton Road, Suite 600, Hamilton, OH 45011.

Applications are available on the Board of Elections website at butlercountyelections.org, and must be received at the Board office no later than Noon on Saturday, March 12th.

Voters may also vote early in person at the Board of Elections. In-person early voting hours for the March 15, 2016 Primary are Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with extended hours to 7:00pm on Monday, February 29, through Friday, March 4. Weekend voting hours include Saturday, March 5, and Saturday, March 12, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday, March 13 from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The final day to cast an in-person early ballot is Monday, March 14 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

