



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### ABSENTEE VOTING DATES ANNOUNCED

**(Columbus)** Franklin County voters living in the cities of Gahanna, Hilliard, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington and Whitehall, Jefferson, Mifflin and Truro Townships, and the New Albany Plain Local School District may cast absentee ballots for the May 8, 2007 election starting tomorrow.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is Saturday, May 5 at noon. Applications are available online at [www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/boe](http://www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/boe), at all local public libraries, or by calling 462-3100.

Voters may also cast their absentee ballot in person at the Franklin County Board of Elections located at 280 East Broad Street, in downtown Columbus weekdays- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 5- 8 a.m. to noon.

Absentee ballots must be received by the board by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Extended deadlines are available to registered voters who are active duty military personnel and their families and other voters living in foreign countries. Overseas and military ballots must be postmarked no later than May 8 and received by the board no later than May 18.

Matt Damschroder, Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, expects absentee ballots to be a continued popular option for voters. "With no-excuse absentee voting, Franklin County voters can cast their ballot in the convenience and privacy of their own home as opposed to trying to fit Election Day into their already busy schedule." Absentee votes accounted for more than 103 thousand votes, or 27 percent, of the 385,863 ballots cast in Franklin County's November 2006 General Election.

Applicants for absentee ballots must be registered voters who provide their name, address, and identification in the form of the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number, the voter's driver's license number, or a copy of another form of acceptable identification. New registrations and changes of address for the May 8, 2007 election are required by April 9.

The mission of the Franklin County Board of Elections is to provide election services, information and education to the residents of Franklin County so they can exercise their right to vote and have confidence that the elections are fair, impartial and accurate.

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