



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Franklin County Voters Mailed Important Reminder

(Columbus) Notices are in the mail to 296,776 Franklin County voters to remind them where to vote and the identification they'll be asked to present at the polls on Election Day.

The mailing targets those who have registered to vote, updated their address within the county or whose polling location has moved since the last presidential election in November 2004. Voters who've requested an absentee ballot for this year's general election will not receive the mailing.

"We believe this discretionary mailing is going to play an important role in reducing confusion on Election Day," said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano. "Even though we mail out voting locations notices as soon as someone registers to vote, changes their address, or their polling place changes, some voters may not have voted since receiving their last notice." Over 320 voting locations have changed since the last presidential general election.

The mailing, which cost approximately \$200,000 and was sent via presorted First-Class Mail, also reminds voters to bring identification with them to the polls. Ohio law requires that on Election Day, voters present a form of current and valid photo identification such as an Ohio driver license with the their name and current or former address, a military identification, or other current documents such a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or another government document.

Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of their Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification will still be able to vote a provisional ballot by signing an affirmation swearing to their identity under penalty of election falsification.

Franklin County voters also may use a new automated phone system to confirm their polling location by calling 462-3100. Additional information, including the voter's sample ballot and driving directions from their residence to their polling place is available by visiting the board's Web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>.

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