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Board of Elections Remakes Ballots for March Primary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections met this afternoon to review and remake some 700 paper ballots cast in the March 4 Primary Election. The remade ballots will replace absentee, provisional, and optional Election Day paper-preference ballots that could not be read by optical scanning machines.

The action ensures that all valid ballots will be accurately counted and complies with a recent directive from the Ohio Secretary of State for election board members, rather than staff, to review and approve individual ballots to be remade based upon the Board's determination of voters' intent. Instances when a ballot had to be remade included the voter marking out one vote to make another in the same contest or when a ballot could not be tabulated because it was torn or smudged.

The ballots will be remade and counted between now and Friday, the deadline for boards of elections to certify votes from the primary. Unofficial totals show a record turnout for a Franklin County primary with 299,688 voters, or 38 percent of those registered, casting ballots by mail or at the polls.

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