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Board of Elections Releases First Week Absentee Numbers for 2012 Primary

(Columbus) Numbers released this morning by the Franklin County Board of Elections show 7,688 voters requesting absentee ballots by mail and 384 voting early at the board as of 5 p.m. yesterday. Early voting for the primary began Jan. 31.

By comparison, 81 had voted early in person and 50,943 had requested ballots by mail in the 2008 primary when voters turned out in record numbers. Forty-two percent of those eligible voted in that election.

Absentee ballot applications are available online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by phone at (614)525-3100. In person voting at the board of elections, located at 280 East Broad Street, will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through March 2, with additional voting on the following days:

- Monday, February 20, President's Day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25 from 8 a.m. to noon
- Friday, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Local polling places on Election Day, March 6, will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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