

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## Firstlink 2-1-1 gives voters greater access Election Day information

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections today joins Firstlink, a non-profit organization that connects residents to community services, in announcing that Franklin County voters can dial 2-1-1 to access critical information about voting on Election Day.

Firstlink 2-1-1 volunteers will be able to confirm a voter's registration status and direct voters to the correct voting location.

"The board of elections is pleased to support Firstlink with our online technology to be able to provide this needed resource to Franklin County voters," said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano.

Over 4,000 calls were placed to the board of elections on Election Day in Nov. 2006. Even more calls are expected this year for the presidential election.

"Having Firstlink provide this important information to the community will help make sure that even more voters seeking information on Election Day are served," said board of elections Deputy Director Matt Damschroder.

In addition to calling 2-1-1, voting location information is also available 24/7 using the board of elections automated phone system by calling 462-3100. Maps to voting locations and sample ballots are available online at www.vote.franklincountyohio.gov/voter.

More information is available at www.Firstlink.org.

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