



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Board of Elections Certifies Primary Results

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified results of the March 4, 2008 election today confirming a record turnout for a county primary.

The canvass shows 331,046 or 42 percent of 777,837 of those eligible voting in the primary with record numbers of casting absentee and provisional ballots; 98,669 voted absentee in person and by mail while 16,349 others cast provisional ballots because they had failed to update their registration prior to Election Day.

The board also voted to hire three independent firms to audit results of the election. The Verified Voting Foundation of San Francisco, CA, New York University's Brennan Center for Justice and Cleveland State University's Center for Election Integrity will be paid a total of \$12,000 to recount today's certified results.

"This is a voluntary audit," said board of elections Director Dennis L. White. "We're conducting it to ensure that our voting system is accurate and will be free of problems for the general election this November."

Votes certified today are posted online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

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