



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Board of Elections Ready for Heavy Paper Ballot Demand Allows Upper Arlington Trash Issue to Remain on Ballot

(Columbus)- The Franklin County Board of Elections approved plans tonight to expand the inventory of paper ballots available on Election Day this fall. In addition, the Board allowed a trash collection issue to remain on the Nov. 4 ballot in Upper Arlington and took the first step to raise pay for poll workers this fall.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of approximately 250,000 paper ballots; an amount equal to 51 percent of Franklin County's turnout in the Nov. 2004 general election and double the minimum percentage of paper ballots recommended by the Secretary of State.

The board also announced, to best maximize voting machine allocation on Election Day, that most in-person absentee voting at Veteran's Memorial will be done on paper ballots. This decision allows for every available electronic touch screen voting machine, some 4,600 in all, to be stationed at the polls to reduce waiting time on Election Day. Two machines will remain at the Veteran's Memorial to assist voters with disability to vote independently with the assistance of such features as an audio ballot.

The board took no action on a protest by the City of Upper Arlington against an upcoming vote on trash collection allowing the issue to remain on the Nov. 4 ballot. The city had challenged the legality of an initiative petition filed by residents who want the city to take the job of collecting trash back from a private company.

The board also approved a pay hike for poll workers raising the base pay for Election Day service from \$107.91 to \$120.82. It also certified candidates for the Village of Obetz Charter Commission and a write-in candidate for Congress in the 15th District.

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