



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Franklin County Sample Ballots Available Online

(Columbus) Absentee voting won't start until next week in Franklin County, but registered voters can see what their official ballot will look like regardless of whether they plan to vote early or on Election Day. Sample ballots for every county precinct are posted on the board of elections' Web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

Visitors who click on the "Lookup Polling Location/Sample Ballot" link will be asked to enter their name to view the sample ballot for their precinct. From the "voter profile page", voters can choose the link to view their sample ballot. If no voter search results are available, or if the query returns a former residential address, the voter may need to complete a voter registration form by Oct. 6.

Franklin County has 1,155 different versions of ballots that list the countywide and local candidates and issues for voters in all 854 precincts.

"The sample ballots posted online give voters the chance to examine the candidates and study the issues before voting begins and make informed choices regardless of whether they plan to vote absentee in person, by mail, or at their local polling place on Election Day," said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano.

"The sample ballots include the same detailed descriptions of the issues you'll see on an official ballot," added Deputy Director Matt Damschroder. "If voters read them ahead of time, it can help reduce their waiting time at their polling place."

The advanced functionality of the Franklin County Board of Elections Web site also allows voters to track if the board has received their absentee ballot application and to view directions from their home to their assigned polling place.

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