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Provisional Ballot Totals Released

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections released provisional ballot totals for the Nov. 4, 2008 general election this afternoon.

Unofficial returns show 27,306 voters cast provisional ballots in the following categories:

- 23,559 on Election Day
- 3,733 in-person absentee at the Veterans Memorial during the early voting period
- 14 by voters with disabilities on electronic voting machines at the Veterans Memorial

Provisional votes have accounted for five percent of the votes cast in each of this year's primary and general elections. Certified totals from the March 2008 primary show 16,349 provisional ballots or five percent of 331,046 votes cast.

The board of elections also mailed notices to approximately 5,000 absentee voters today to notify them additional identification will be needed before their ballots can be tabulated. The letters explain that the voter has until Nov. 14 to appear at the board of elections, 280 E. Broad Street, to correct omissions or errors on their absentee ballot envelope that would prevent, under Ohio law, an otherwise eligible vote from being counted.

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