



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Polling Locations Announced for May Primary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections announced voting locations for the May 5, 2009 primary today.

There will be 855 precincts open on Election Day with 580 serving as multi precincts. These locations will combine two to six precincts under one roof, save tax dollars by sharing poll workers and offer more convenient parking than previously available at many sites.

Other polling places have moved because they were no longer available or suitable for voting, including several Columbus Parks and Recreation Centers that recently closed because of budget cuts.

Post cards are being mailed beginning today to voters whose polling places have moved since November. Voters can also find their polling place online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by calling our office at 462-3100.

Polls throughout Franklin County will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Officials project that nine percent of those registered or about 76,000 will turn out based upon voting in other off year primaries.

Voters have the option of casting their ballots early by mail or in-person at the board of elections. Mailed absentee ballot applications must be received by the board of elections before noon on May 2, 2009.

A levy for metro parks will be the only countywide issue on the primary ballot. Additional issues such as school levies and other spending questions will be on some local ballots. The cities of Hilliard and Reynoldsburg will hold primaries for a number of municipal offices.

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