



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Absentee Voting Begins Next Week for Primary Election

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the May 5, 2009 primary election begins next Tuesday, March 31. Voters will have the option of casting absentee ballots by mail or in person at the Franklin County Board of Elections at the following dates and times:

- Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 4
- Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon

Voters may download applications for absentee ballots on the Web at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or request that a ballot be mailed to them by calling the board of elections at 462-3100. Voted ballots must be returned to the board by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Out-of-country civilian and military ballots are due by May 15.

The deadline to register for the primary is Monday, April 6. Registered voters who have changed their name or address since the last election should also update their registration by then.

Voters with outdated registrations will be required to cast a provisional ballot. Board offices will be open for provisional voting during the absentee period and also on Election Day for provisional voting only. Voters may also cast provisional ballots in their home precinct on the day of the election.

Franklin County election officials project a turnout for the primary election of 76,000 voters or roughly nine percent of those registered. A levy for metro parks will be on ballots countywide. School levies and other spending questions will appear on some local ballots. The cities of Hilliard and Reynoldsburg will hold primaries for municipal offices.

Polls throughout the county will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

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