



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### **Board of Elections Certifies Primary Election Results Also Approves Issues for Aug. 4 Special Election**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections certified results of the May 5, 2009 primary election today and placed two issues on the ballot for a special election in August.

The official canvass of the May election shows 92,645 or 10.89 percent of registered voters casting ballots. The totals include 8,030 voting absentee by mail or in person. There were 798 provisional ballots cast with 758 determined by the board to be valid and tabulated. Official totals will be posted online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> later this evening.

A proposed increase in Columbus income taxes and an operating levy for the South-Western City School District will be decided in a special election August 4. Voters registered in 521 Columbus precincts are eligible to vote on the tax question. The South-Western levy will be on the ballot in 104 precincts including 53 within the city of Columbus.

Absentee voting for the special election begins Tuesday, June 30. Voters will have the option of casting absentee ballots by mail or in person at the Franklin County Board of Elections.

The board of elections also rejected an appeal today from an individual hoping to run for the Columbus School Board in November. The nominating petition for Carol Perkins was not certified at an earlier meeting due to a lack of valid signatures.

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