



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### **General Election Absentee Voting Starts Tomorrow**

**(Columbus)** Absentee voting begins tomorrow for the Nov. 3, 2009 general election in Franklin County.

Voters may cast 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 Nov. 2
- Saturday Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon

There will be no voting on Oct. 12 when the board of elections will close for Columbus Day.

Applications to receive a ballot by mail must be received at the board of elections by noon on Oct. 31. Absentee applications are available by phone at 462-3100 or on the board's Web site, <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>. The site also includes a "Where Do I Vote" link making it possible for voters to view the sample ballot for their precinct.

Voted ballots must be returned to the board by 7:30 p.m. Nov.3. Out-of-country military and civilian ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 13.

Voters must register by Oct. 5 to eligible for this election. Those who have changed their name or address since the last election should update their registration by then.

Candidates for judge, a children's services levy and three proposed amendments to the state constitution will appear on general election ballots countywide. Many local ballots also will list candidates for municipal offices and school boards in addition to levies for safety forces, schools and street improvements. Liquor options will appear on many local ballots as well.

Polls throughout Franklin County also will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

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