



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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842,000 Registered for General Election

(Columbus) Registration for the Nov. 3, 2009 general election ended yesterday.

Figures released by the board of elections this morning show more than 842,000 eligible to vote in the upcoming election- that's roughly 4,000 fewer than the number registered for last year's presidential election, but 64,000 more than eligible to vote in November 2007 when a similar mix of state and local issues was on the ballot in Franklin County.

"A get out the vote campaign by groups backing a statewide casino gambling initiative has driven the demand for absentee ballots in Franklin County," said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano who noted that a pro casino mailing has accounted for more than half of the 11,000 absentee ballots requested to date.

"We project that more than 20 percent of eligible voters will cast ballots this fall as they did in 2007," added Deputy Director Matt Damschroder.

In-person early voting at the board of elections will continue through Nov. 2. Voters may cast ballots weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **on one Saturday**, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be no voting on Monday, Oct. 12 when the board of elections will close for Columbus Day.

Voters may request absentee ballots by mail by downloading an application from the board's web site, vote.franklincountyohio.gov or by calling the board of elections at 462-3100.

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