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More Voter Data Moving Online

(Columbus) It takes a lot of work to analyze elections, but getting the information that political campaigns and others need to determine what happened on Election Day and why is now easier to find thanks to a new online posting from the board of elections.

Data posted <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> provides the names, addresses and political party affiliation, if any, of every current Franklin County voter dating back to 2000. When users hit the Voter Registration and Voter Data links, they can download information and sort it by the county's election districts and precincts.

"Until now, this information was only available if you visited the board of elections in person during our regular business hours or filed a public records request," said Director Michael Stinziano. "This is going to be an important research tool that allows anyone access to specialized elections data day or night from their own computers. It furthers the board's commitment to make the public records we maintain easily available."

Deputy Director Matt Damschroder added that the Franklin County Board of Elections has a history of embracing technology.

"In 2003, we created an online query system that was later enhanced to allow voters to review sample ballots and get driving directions from their homes to their polling places. In 2007, we added election night results and a map showing areas where votes had been counted. We're excited to make available yet another set of public records online."

The site also allows users to download the county's entire registry of more than 842,000 voter names and addresses.

Planned improvements for 2010 include an online service that will allow candidates to print petitions on their home computers rather than come to the board's offices for copies.

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