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**New General Election Filing Deadlines for Candidates and Issues**  
**Absentee Ballots Mailed Overseas Sooner**

**(Columbus)**- The Franklin County Board of Elections reminds candidates and taxing authorities they face a new, earlier filing deadline for the Nov. 2, 2010 general election.

**Tax levies and petitions for local candidates or issues, must be filed by 4:00 p.m. Aug. 4.**

A recent change in state law requires filings 90 days prior to any election.

The change was prompted by a new federal deadline to mail absentee ballots to military and civilian voters overseas. The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act requires that absentee ballots be sent overseas 45 days before an election- 10 days earlier than the previous deadline.

In response to the earlier deadline to mail military ballots, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation adjusting some of Ohio's election deadlines, including the date for filing candidate and issue petitions, to enable county boards of elections to meet the new 45 day mailing requirement.

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