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### **Absentee Voting Hours Announced for Primary Election**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections approved a schedule for in person absentee voting for the May 3, 2011 primary election today and set guidelines for voters to request absentee ballots by mail and in person.

Absentee voting will be held at the board of elections weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from March 29 to May 2 and on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Those planning to vote absentee by mail must download an application from the board's Web site <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> , request an application by phone at 525-3100 or in person at the board of elections. Ballots will be mailed beginning March 29 to voters requesting them.

The board of elections also denied an appeal at today's meeting filed by Dauryce Sowell, an unsuccessful candidate for Reynoldsburg City Council. Sowell fell short of being certified for the primary ballot in part because two voters had printed rather than signed their names to his petition as required under Ohio law.

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