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**Board of Elections Urges Voters to Check Sample Ballots Online**  
***Info Will Tell Voters if They Have a Primary In Their Precinct***

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections has posted sample ballots for the May 3, 2011 primary election online. Voters are urged to visit the board's Web site <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> to review the candidates and issues on their ballot and to determine if there will be a primary in their voting precinct.

All or part of 605 precincts will be open for voting on May 3 while 195 others will not due to an absence of local issues or enough candidates to require a primary.

Voters who will have a primary election in their precinct will find a copy of their ballot online when they enter their name and address under the Sample Ballot application on the board's Web page. Those without a primary election will see a message indicating that there is none.

"It's always a good idea to inspect your sample ballot before voting to become familiar with the candidates and issues," said board of elections Director Bill Anthony. "The information on our Web site also will save you a trip to the polls or the trouble of requesting an absentee ballot needlessly by alerting you if there isn't a primary in your voting precinct."

"We encourage everyone with a primary in their home precinct to vote on Election Day," added Deputy Director Nathan Burd. "Many precincts will be open in Franklin County and they'll have important local issues on their ballots."

Local ballots will include primaries for city council, levies for schools, safety forces and parks and liquor options. A complete list of candidates and issues is posted on the board's Web site.

Absentee voting for the primary begins March 29. Voters must register by April 4 if they are not presently eligible to vote.

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