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Absentee Voting Begins

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the March 6, 2012 primary election began this morning with in-person voting at the board of elections and the first absentee ballots mailed to voters who have requested to vote by mail.

Twenty voters had cast absentee ballots in person by 11:30 p.m. More than 2,600 absentee ballots were mailed this morning to voters who have requested to vote by mail.

Voters may view their sample ballots online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/me/> to see the candidates and issues on the ballot in their precinct.

Voters will be asked to write down the last four digits of their Social Security number or their Ohio driver license number to vote absentee by mail or in person. No documents are required to present this information. However, voters who cannot provide either of these numbers will be asked to show a photo identification or a document bearing their current name and address such as a utility bill, pay stub or government document so long as the document isn't from the board of elections.

The Franklin County Board of Elections is located at 280 East Broad Street, Columbus and will be open for voting weekdays through March 2. Most weekday voting will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional voting will be available at the following dates and times:

- Monday, February 6 (Primary Registration Deadline Day) 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Monday, February 20 (President's Day) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25 8 a.m. to Noon
- Friday, March 2 8: a.m. to 6:p.m.

Voters may register and vote on the same day through the February 6 voter registration deadline.

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