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Mailing Alerts Voters to Important Information for Primary Election

(Columbus) Postcards are in the mail to Franklin County's registered voters with important information concerning the March 6, 2012 primary election. The mailing will list their Election Day voting location and their congressional, Ohio House and Ohio Senate districts- any or all of which may have changed because Ohio has redrawn voting boundaries based on the 2010 U.S. Census.

The first postcards were mailed today to more than 755,000 voters- some 600,000 of them will now be voting in a different precinct and in different congressional and legislative districts than they did last year. The balance of the postcards is scheduled for mailing on Monday.

"The changes don't impact all voters, but we've decided to notify everyone eligible for the primary because changes are so widespread," board of elections Director Bill Anthony said. "We now have election districts from 18 counties overlapping into Franklin County, compared to five to seven counties in previous elections," he added.

"It's important for voters to read this mailing from us, but they also have the option of checking their sample ballot on our Web site," added Deputy Director Dana Walch. "The site will not only show them the candidates and issues on their primary ballot, but other information including their election districts for Congress and the Ohio legislature."

Sample ballots are posted at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>. Voters may access the information when they enter their name, address and birth year or an individual Web ID number listed on the postcard mailed to them.

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