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Franklin County Voters Answer Call to Update Addresses

(Columbus) More than 4,800 Franklin County voters have updated their addresses since 40,000 were notified by mail last month because records indicated they had moved or had not voted in the past two years.

The mailing was required under the National Voter Registration Act more commonly known as the “motor voter” law. Its purpose is to keep records current for registered voters and to identify others who are no longer eligible to vote.

Those contacted have two ways to update their addresses-by mail with a return postage paid envelope they received from the board of elections last month or at www.MyOhioVote.com Voters answering that they still live at the same address will remain active voters. Those who do not respond will be listed as inactive and have their registrations canceled in 2017 unless they vote or update their address in the meantime. Registrations will be canceled for other voters who provide a new permanent address outside Ohio.

The latest totals from last month’s mailing show 4,818 voters updating their address in Franklin County. Another 1,397 registrations were canceled for voters who have moved out of state. An additional 291 asked to have their registrations canceled because they no longer wanted to vote.

“Voters have four years to respond before any action is taken, but we hope the folks we contacted will confirm their address as soon as possible,” board of elections Director Bill Anthony said. Deputy Director Dana Walch added, “We don’t want to cancel a registration simply because someone forgot to update it.”

Voters who need further information should call the Franklin County Board of Elections at (614) 525-3100.

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