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Franklin County Board of Elections Conducts Full Review of Congressional Boundary Lines

(Columbus) During the May 8th Primary Election, the Board of Elections became aware of an isolated instance of voters being assigned to the wrong congressional district. The Board of Elections immediately sent an employee to the voting location in Grandview Heights to ensure that voters were casting ballots in the correct congressional district.

Subsequently, the Franklin County Board of Elections determined that it was prudent to conduct a full review of every voter's profile in the county to determine and verify their correct congressional district. The Board coordinated with the mapping department of the Franklin County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's office maintains similar maps for the collection of county taxes. The Board also used data mapping programs to cross reference data received back from the Auditor.

Today the Board of Elections will send out 790 notification letters to voters in the 12th Congressional District whose district assignments needed to be corrected after the review. Those 790 voters live in 291 buildings/households throughout the district. The letters are being mailed today because the early voting period for the upcoming August 7th Special Election will begin Tuesday, July 10th. Additional letters to impacted registered voters in the 3rd and 15th Congressional Districts will go out before early voting starts for the 2018 November General Election. Recorded phone messages will also be utilized to contact impacted votes. This press release along with other media outreach will be used to inform voters.

It is important that the Board of Elections be open and transparent in this process regarding what we found and how we fixed the mistake on behalf of registered voters in Franklin County. To put this change in perspective, slightly more than 3/10th of 1% of voters countywide had their congressional district modified.

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