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Registration Closes for General Election

(Columbus) Registration for the Nov. 4, 2008 general election in Franklin County ended tonight and along with it, the opportunity to register to vote and cast an in person absentee ballot at Veterans Memorial.

Voter registration forms submitted today at the board of elections and at various state and county offices will be added to the voter registration rolls in the coming weeks to prepare for the general election. Registrations mailed and postmarked by today are considered timely filed.

From Sept. 30 through today, 9,264 Franklin County voters cast in person absentee ballots at the county's lone designated location for that purpose. Of these, 1,776 completed voter registration forms immediately before voting and another 1,802 updated their voter registration record, most commonly updating their residential address in the county. The daily breakdown is as follows:

DATE VOTED	COUNT	NEW REGISTRATION	UPDATED REGISTRATION
09/30/2008	833	72	98
10/01/2008	918	144	151
10/02/2008	994	154	149
10/03/2008	1,389	298	251
10/04/2008	1,610	286	276
10/05/2008	1,112	198	233
10/06/2008	2,408	624	644
	9,264	1776	1802

In person absentee voting will continue daily through Nov. 3 at Veterans Memorial from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

An additional 174,764 voters have requested an absentee ballot be mailed to them. The board of elections will accept mailed absentee ballot applications until noon on Nov. 1. Voted ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 14 if being returned by mail or received by the board no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4. Out-of-country military and civilian absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 4 and are due at the board by Nov. 14.

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