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**Absentee Voting for Primary Election Begins Tomorrow**

**(Columbus)** Absentee voting for the May 4, 2010 primary election begins tomorrow with the start of in-person voting at the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Absentee voting hours at the board of elections will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays through May 3 and on Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m. to noon.

More than 40,000 have requested absentee ballots by mail since applications were sent to some 600,000 active voters two weeks ago. Ballots will be mailed beginning Wednesday, March 31.

**Some key dates to remember:**

- Voters have until May 1 to request a ballot by mail or until May 3 to ask for one in person at the board of elections.
- Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the May 3 and returned to the board of elections by May 14. Otherwise, the ballot must be received at the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Absentee ballot applications are available by calling 462-3100 or on the board's Web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>. The site also includes sample ballots for each political party that registered voters can find by entering their name and home address through the voter search engine.

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