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### **Board of Elections Meets Saturday to Determine Eligibility of Provisional Ballots**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections will meet Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10:00 a.m. to determine the validity of provisional ballots cast in the Nov. 8, 2011 general election. Ohio law requires the meeting be held before provisional ballots are opened.

**No provisional ballots will be opened or tabulated at the meeting.** Provisional ballots determined to be valid will be counted and included in the final official canvass of general election results on or before Nov. 29-the deadline to certify general election results. A date for certification has not been announced.

Certified vote totals will determine if any local races were decided by one half percent or less and subject to mandatory recount under Ohio law. If recounts are necessary, they will be scheduled within six to 10 days of certification.

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