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Absentee Voting for Primary Election Begins Tuesday January 31

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the March 6, 2012 primary election begins next Tuesday, January 31 with the start of in-person early voting at the board of elections. Early voting will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays through March 2 with additional voting on the following days:

- Monday, February 6 (Primary Registration Deadline Day) from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Monday, February 20 (President's Day) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25 from 8 a.m. to noon
- Friday, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other Important Dates to Remember:

- Voters have until March 3 to request a ballot by mail or until March 5 to ask for one in person at the board of elections.
- Absentee ballots returned in person must arrive at the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on March 6.
- Ballots returned by mail from within the United States must be postmarked by March 5 and returned to the board of elections by March 16.
- Out-of-country military and civilian ballots need not be postmarked by a specific date but must be received by March 16.

Please Note:

The board of elections will not mail unsolicited absentee ballot applications for this election.

Voters must request an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Applications are available by phone at 525-3100 or on the board's Web site <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> .

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