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**Early Voting Set to Expand  
General Election Two Weeks from Today**

**(Columbus)** The latest figures from the Franklin County Board of Elections show nearly 23,000 voters have requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 3 general election including roughly 2,000 voting early in- person.

The numbers have already passed absentee turnout from 2013 when 21,856 voted early, but trail the absentee pace set in 2011 when 88,172 voted early on a statewide health referendum as well as a host of local issues.

Turnout is expected to accelerate when early voting hours expand next week,-the final week before Election Day. In-person hours, now running weekdays from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., will stretch to 7:00 p.m. leading to weekend voting Saturday, Oct. 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting will end Monday, Nov. 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

More than 831,242 are registered to vote in Franklin County for this election. Local polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voters can find their polling location and see the issues on their ballot by checking the [Sample Ballot](#) link on our Web site.

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