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**Seventy-Nine Voted Absentee Ballots Returned by Mistake
Voters Being Notified**

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections is contacting 79 voters who have cast absentee ballots by mail for Tuesday's primary election and have had their ballots mailed back to them.

Board employees discovered the error when they began to sort incoming ballots that will be counted after the polls for the March primary close at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. The ballots in question were mistakenly combined with outgoing mail and returned to their voters.

The following steps are being taken to correct the error:

- The board of elections will send two employees-one Democrat and one Republican-to retrieve each ballot between now and Tuesday.
- Voters also are being called to let them know they can deliver their ballot to our offices at 1700 Morse Road until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
- If the voter hasn't gotten their ballot back, the board will deliver a second ballot and allow the voter to cast it on-site instead waiting for their first ballot to arrive.

More than 32,000 voters have requested absentee ballots for the primary. Mailed-in ballots can arrive as late as March 25 to be counted in this election so long as they are postmarked no later than March 14.

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