



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### **Reynoldsburg Resident Indicted for Election Law Violations**

(Columbus)— A Reynoldsburg resident was indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury today on four felony counts of election law violation stemming from an investigation launched by election officials in Franklin and Licking Counties.

Claudel Gilbert is accused of casting votes in both Franklin and Licking Counties for the Nov. 7, 2006 General Election and faces the following charges:

- Falsely registering in Franklin County while residing in Licking County.
- Providing false information to Franklin County
- Voting in Franklin County when he was ineligible to do so.
- Voting in Franklin and Licking Counties in the same election.

Election records indicate Gilbert registered to vote Sept. 25, 2006 at 329 Douglas Fir Drive in Franklin County after registering to vote at 8465 Reynoldswood Drive in Licking County on Sept. 13. Gilbert's two addresses were discovered when Boards of Elections in both counties screened a statewide data base to verify voter registration.

"Registration in more than one county normally indicates a voter has moved from one county to another and registered at their new address without canceling their previous registration," said Matt Damschroder, director of the Franklin County Board of Elections. "When a voter is flagged on the statewide voter registration database as being a duplicate, the two counties research the voter's activity to determine which county should keep the voter. In this case, Mr. Gilbert had activity at the same election in both counties. By working closely with our colleagues in Licking County, we were able to determine that Gilbert was not only improperly registered at more than one address, but also voted in both counties in the same election," Damschroder added. "These are serious allegations."

The Franklin County Board of Elections referred the matter to Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney Ron O'Brien on Monday of this week.

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