



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Board of Elections Refers Possible Vote Fraud Cases to Prosecutor Remakes Ballots to Ensure Voter Intent

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections met today to discuss suspected cases of voter fraud and to deal with disputed paper ballots from the Nov. 4, 2008 general election.

The board voted to continue referring individuals suspected of vote fraud to the Franklin County prosecutor for further investigation based upon alleged double voting.

Board members also voted to remake approximately 50 pages of absentee ballots consistent with state law. In each instance, intended votes were not clear because the ballot was not marked in places where a vote should have been recorded. The board has already processed more than 700,000 pages of ballots for the nearly 250,000 absentee voters.

Approximately 30 provisional ballots were reviewed to determine whether or not the voter was indeed a qualified elector, which is necessary in order for the provisional ballot to be counted. The provisional ballots reviewed today are not among others involved in ongoing litigation due to a missing signature or printed name on the outer envelope.

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