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**Paper Ballot Total Approved for Primary**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County Board of Elections voted today to print 94,950 paper ballots for the March 6, 2012 primary election- a number that exceeds a recent directive from the secretary of state by not only printing enough paper ballots to match 10 percent of a precinct's turnout from the 2008 primary, but also enough to cover each provisional ballot cast in a precinct during the primary four years ago.

Ballots will be printed in the following numbers for four political parties:

- 43,175 Democrat
- 27,425 Republican
- 10,860 Green
- 10,860 Libertarian

Franklin County also will print 2,630 paper ballots for issues alone.

Voters have the option of using a paper ballot or a touch screen voting machine. Provisional ballots are used when a voter's eligibility must be verified before their ballot can be counted.

The board also approved spending \$24,474 to print and mail post cards to notify voters who have been moved to new districts or polling locations because of redistricting for the Ohio General Assembly and Congress.

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