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Final Week of Absentee Voting Begins

(Columbus) The final week of absentee voting for the general election began this morning. Franklin County voters have until Saturday to cast in-person absentee ballots at the board of elections.

As of this morning, 16,100 voters had requested ballots by mail with another 1,073 voting in person at the board of elections. This compares to 80,167 voting early in 2011 when statewide issues were on the ballot. Only local issues are on this year's ballot.

Our offices are located at 280 East Broad Street and will be open for early voting from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Friday and next Saturday, Nov. 2-the final day for in-person absentee voting- from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Voters may apply for a ballot by mail by downloading at application on the Web <u>http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/absentee/</u> or by calling us at (614) 525-3100.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Nov. 4 and arrive at our offices by Nov. 15 to count in this election. Absentee ballots may also be dropped at the board of elections until the polls close on Election Day, however: they will not be accepted at any polling location opened that day.

Polling places throughout the county will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. Voters will elect candidates for judge, school board, city council and township trustee and determine the outcome of school levies, tax questions and liquor options.

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