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Primary Election Tomorrow

(Columbus) Levies for schools, safety forces and parks, and nominees for city offices in Hilliard and Reynoldsburg will be on the ballot tomorrow for Franklin County's May 3 primary election. There are 152,863 voters eligible.

There are no countywide issues on the ballot. One hundred ninety-two precincts will be open while 608 others will be closed because they have no issues or not enough candidates to require a primary.

Local ballots will have levies in the Canal Winchester, Gahanna-Jefferson and Hilliard school districts. Some precincts will show levies that overlap from neighboring counties for Jonathan Alter, Licking Heights and Olentangy Local schools. There will be levies for safety forces in Madison and Mifflin Townships and a parks levy in New Albany.

There are contested Republican primaries in Hilliard and Reynoldsburg for city council. Hilliard voters will nominate three candidates from a field of five to appear on the November ballot. Voters in Reynoldsburg's first ward will advance one of two candidates to the general election. Reynoldsburg's city charter also requires that uncontested races for other municipal offices will be listed on the ballot as well.

Voters are urged to inspect their sample ballot online at http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov to become familiar with the candidates and issues in their precinct and also to find out if there will be an election in their precinct. A sample ballot for precincts voting tomorrow.

Voters will need identification to cast a regular ballot. Acceptable forms include a photo I.D. such as an Ohio driver's license, military identification or another document with the voter's name and address such as a utility bill, pay stub or government document so long as the document isn't issued by the board of elections.

Local polling places with an election will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Election results will be posted on the board's Web site after the polls close and updated throughout the evening.

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