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**Board of Elections Enters Last Weekend to Vote Early before Tuesday, May 8 Election**

**(Columbus)** Weekend voting will be available to cast absentee ballots in-person for the 2018 Primary Election. The Franklin County Board of Elections will be open tonight until 7:00 p.m. The Board will be open eight hours Saturday and four hours Sunday. Early voting ends Monday with an additional six hours of in-person voting until 2:00 p.m. As of yesterday over 20,000 registered voters in Franklin County have either voted in-person or requested an absentee ballot.

Registered voters that want to vote early in-person can visit the Board of Elections at 1700 Morse Road during the following hours below.

Friday, May 4 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 6 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you have already requested an absentee ballot and plan on hand delivering it to the Board of Elections it must be received at 1700 Morse Road by 7:30 p.m. on May 8, no exceptions.  Completed absentee ballots cannot be dropped off at any Election Day voting location. If mailed, it must be post marked by Monday, May 7, 2018 and received by the Board of Elections no later than Friday, May 18, 2018 to be counted.  It is recommended that you take your ballot to a post office facility and have it hand stamped to assure it is post marked by May 7.

Sample ballots for this election are posted on our website, http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov. ADA accessible sample ballots are also available on our website to assist the disabled community.

The Franklin County Board of Elections will staff its 358 voting locations with over 3,000 poll workers on Election Day. The polls open May 8 at 6:30 a.m. and won't close until 7:30 p.m.

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