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**Absentee Ballot Applications Mailed**

**(Columbus)** Applications to vote absentee by mail in the Nov. 2, 2010 general election are in the mail to 637,980 active voters in Franklin County.

Voters who complete the forms and return them to the board will receive their general election ballot by mail accompanied by postage paid envelope to return the voted ballot.

“Voting by mail gives more people the opportunity to vote that might not otherwise have the time to do so between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Election Day,” said board of elections Director Bill Anthony.

“The trend since 2006 shows us that Franklin County voters prefer to vote early by mail. This helps to reduce wait times on Election Day without significant capital investment in voting equipment,” added Matt Damschroder, the board’s deputy director.

Franklin County has provided postage on return ballots to encourage absentee voting in recent elections. Absentee ballots accounted for more than 45 percent of all votes cast in the May 2010 primary election.

Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the board of elections by 7:30 pm on Nov. 2 or by November 12 if postmarked by November 1 to count in the general election.

Voters also have the option of casting their absentee ballots at the Franklin County Board of Elections from Sept. 28 through Nov. 1. The board will be open for voting from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays with additional voting until 9 pm on Monday, Oct. 4, the day registration closes for the election and until 7pm from Monday, Oct. 25 to Friday, Oct. 29. In addition, the board will open for absentee voters on two Saturdays, Oct. 2 and Oct. 30 from 8 am to 4pm.

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