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Absentee Voting Enters Second Week for Special Election

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the Aug. 2 Special Election opened its second week this morning at the Franklin County Board of Elections.

The latest totals show 173 voting in-person at the board of elections with another 1,574 requesting absentee ballots by mail

Early voting began Wednesday, July 5 for two issues. Columbus voters are deciding whether to amend the city charter to elect council members by wards rather than at-large. Voters in the Village of Minerva Park have a 3 point 2 mill levy for general expenses on their ballot.

The board of elections will be open for early voting at the following times:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekdays through July 22
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 25 to Friday July 29
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday July 30
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1

Local polling places in Columbus and Minerva Park will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 2.

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