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**Anthony Leave Extended  
Retirement Expected**

**(Columbus)** The Franklin County of Elections this afternoon extended leave with pay for Director William A. Anthony, Jr. to the board's next meeting Aug. 15 with the expectation that he will retire on that date.

Anthony was placed on administrative leave July 15 following his indictment by a Franklin County Grand Jury on charges of theft in office and falsification of payroll records. He has pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Anthony has served as director of the board of elections since March of 2010. He has been a member of the board since 1997 serving at times as both a member and chairman. He is also a former chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Party.

Democrat Zach Manifold, director of absentee voting for the board of elections, will continue to serve as interim director of the board until a permanent replacement for Anthony is announced.

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