

PRESS RELEASE

(To be released the week of April 18th)

From: Franklin County Election Board

Subject: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016**

What Time Do the Polls Open and Close?

Polls in Franklin County will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Registered voters who are in line at 8:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Am I still registered to Vote?

To search for your voter registration status (Active or Inactive), your party affiliation, or your polling place address log onto the SURE Public Portal at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us, or call the Voter Registration Office at (717) 261-3886.

Where do I go to Vote?

There are seventy-five (75) polling places in Franklin County and you need to go to the polling place assigned to you based on your residence address. Check your registration card for the polling place location or log onto the SURE Public Portal at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us. This website will also provide directions from your home to your polling place.

Whom do I vote for?

Registered voters will be voting for the following offices: President of the United States, United States Senator, Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, Representative in Congress, Senator in the General Assembly-33rd Sen. Dist., Representative in the General Assembly – 78th, 82nd, 89th & 90th Leg. Dist., Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, Delegate to the Republican National Convention and Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention. There are also two Constitutional Amendment questions that all registered voters will be able to vote on. **A sample ballot is available on the County's website at www.franklincountypa.gov or may be obtained from the Franklin County Commissioners' Office, 14 North Main Street, Chambersburg beginning on Thursday, April 21st.**

IMPORTANT – Those voters that are registered with a party other than Republican and Democrat will only be allowed to vote for the two Constitutional Amendment questions. They will NOT be able to vote for President of the United States or any other candidate.

What do I Need to take with me to the Polling Place?

If you are voting in an election district for the first time, you will need an approved form of identification, either photo or non-photo. No other voter will be asked to present an ID.

Is My Polling Place Handicapped Accessible?

All polling places are considered handicapped accessible.

May I receive Assistance in Voting?

No person is allowed to receive assistance in voting unless his/her registration record indicates the need for assistance or the voter completes and signs a declaration of the need for assistance at the polling place prior to entering the voting booth. A voter may select anyone to assist them EXCEPT: 1) The Judge of Elections; 2) The voter's employer or agent of that employer; or 3) An officer or agent of the voter's union. **Also, each polling place will have a lighted magnifier w/ bifocal lens available to assist those voters who may have trouble reading their ballot.**

Are Candidates allowed to Pass Out/Display Campaign Literature at the Polling Place?

The Election Code states that those individuals or candidates that are campaigning must remain at least ten (10) feet distant from the entrance of the polling place during the progress of the voting.

Am I allowed to display or wear any type of attire with a candidate's name on it into the polls?

The Franklin County Election Board reminds all voters that NO electioneering is allowed within the polling place. This includes the display of candidate names on buttons, signs, or clothing within the polling place as well as items advocating a political party, etc. Voters will be asked to remove the item or to cover it up before receiving a ballot.

Where can I find information about the Candidates that will be appearing on the Ballot?

Check the local newspapers or contact either the Franklin County Democratic Committee (717-597-4332) or the Franklin County Republican Party (717-263-7999) for information.

Who do I Contact with Questions regarding voting or the election day process?

All voter registration questions should be directed to the Franklin County Voter Registration Office at (717) 261-3886. All election related questions should be directed to the Franklin County Election Board at (717) 261-3810.

What type of voting system do we use in Franklin County?

For information on voting in Franklin County, you may watch an online demo and/or instructional video on voting an optical scan ballot using a M100 Precinct Counter at the following website – www.votespa.com (Voting & Elections; Types of Voting; In Person). We also have an assistive marking device for the blind or visually impaired in each polling place that is called an AutoMark and a demo of this machine can be viewed at this website as well.

Important Notices regarding the General Primary:

ALL VOTERS: As a result of action by the General Assembly, Constitutional Amendment Ballot Question 1 (pertaining to the mandatory retirement age of justices and judges) has been **removed** from the primary ballot. **Ballot Question 1 will appear on the General Election ballot on November 8, 2016. Any votes cast on Ballot Question 1 in the primary will not be counted.**

REPUBLICAN VOTERS - We received notice after ballots were already being printed that August C. Stickel IV had withdrawn his name as Delegate to the Republican National Convention. All votes cast for Mr. Stickel will not be counted. Any voters wishing to vote for August Stickel IV for Delegate will need to cast a write-in vote for him. Mr. Stickel is still a candidate for Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Where can I view election results?

Franklin County results will be located on the County's website at www.franklincountypa.gov. To view results from other counties or for all of Pennsylvania, please use the Department of State's website which is www.electionreturns.state.pa.us.

REMEMBER, VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND EVERY VOTE COUNTS!