# Official Canvass Certification Data Cuyahoga County, Ohio 

February 8, 2011 Special Election

## FINAL RESULTS

Final Election Results for the February 8, 2011 Special Election are attached in the Election Summary Report.

## SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL COUNT

A total of 7,114 ballots were counted during the Official Canvass.

|  | Ballots Counted | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Election Day | 1,858 | $26.12 \%$ |
| Post Election Day | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Absentee | 5,055 | $71.06 \%$ |
| Post Election | 133 | $1.87 \%$ |
| Absentee | 68 | $0.96 \%$ |
| Provisional | 7,114 |  |
| Total Ballots Counted |  |  |

Ballots Counted


## ABSENTEE VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 5,950 voters requested a Vote by Mail/Absentee Ballot. Of those requests, 5, 279 ballots were returned (88.7\%). The Ballot Department counted 5,188 (87.1\%) Vote by Mail/Absentee Ballots, the remaining 92 were challenged for the reasons listed below.

| Description | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Returned Late: | 51 |
| Ballot Not Placed Inside the Identification Envelope: | 13 |
| No Identification on the Identification Envelope: | 13 |
| Identification Envelope Not Returned: | 5 |
| Invalid Signature on the Identification Envelope: | 3 |
| No Ballot Returned with the Identification Envelope: | 3 |
| No Printed Name on the Identification Envelope: | 3 |
| No Signature on the Absentee Identification Envelope: | 1 |
| Total number of Absentee ballots challenged: | $\mathbf{9 2}$ |

Percentage of Challenges by Category


Historical Absentee Data

|  | Aug-08 | Feb-09 | Feb-10 | Aug-10 | Feb-11 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED | 6,783 | 5,843 | 8,000 | 11,749 | 7,114 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED | 581 | 159 | 5,127 | 7,046 | 5,188 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CHALLENGED | 33 | 11 | 44 | 177 | 92 |
| BALLOTS CHALLENGED FOR RETURNING LATE | 26 | 5 | 27 | 80 | 51 |
| \% CHALLENGED OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST | $5.37 \%$ | $6.47 \%$ | $0.85 \%$ | $2.45 \%$ | $1.74 \%$ |
| \% CHALLENGED NOT INCLUDING LATE | $1.14 \%$ | $3.53 \%$ | $0.33 \%$ | $1.34 \%$ | $0.78 \%$ |

## ABSENTEE VOTING TREND



The above graph illustrates the number of Absentee Ballots counted in comparison to the total number of all ballots counted for previous Special Elections.

## CHALLENGE RATE



The above graph illustrates the number of Absentee Ballots challenged in comparison to the total number of Absentee Ballots returned to the Board of Elections for previous Special Elections.

## PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 77 Provisional Ballots were cast in house and on Election Day. Of those Provisional Ballots cast, the Ballot Department counted 68. The remaining 9 were rejected for the following reasons.

| Wrong Precinct | $2^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| No Printed Name | 2 |
| Missing Identification | 1 |
| Not Registered | 3 |
| Ineligible to Vote in Election | 1 |

*Correct Location/Wrong Precinct = 2

## Percentage of Rejections by Category



Historical Provisional Data

|  | Aug-08 | Feb-09 | Feb-10 | Aug-10 | Feb-11 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED | 6,783 | 5,843 | 5,127 | 11,749 | 7,114 |
| PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST | 75 | 41 | 178 | 198 | 77 |
| PROVISONALS COUNTED | 70 | 29 | 143 | 174 | 68 |
| PROVISIONAL BALLOTS REJECTED | 5 | 12 | 35 | 24 | 9 |
| \% REJECTED OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST | $6.67 \%$ | $29.27 \%$ | $19.66 \%$ | $12.12 \%$ | $11.69 \%$ |
| \% OF TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED | $1.03 \%$ | $0.50 \%$ | $2.79 \%$ | $1.48 \%$ | $0.96 \%$ |

## PROVISIONAL VOTING TREND



The above graph illustrates the number of Provisional Ballots counted in comparison to the total number of all ballots counted for previous Special Elections.

REJECTION RATE


The above graph illustrates the number of invalid Provisional Ballots received in comparison to the total number of Provisional Ballots cast for previous Special Elections.

## BALLOT RE-MAKES

A total of 16 ballots were remade in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Procedure approved by the Board on August 24, 2010. During the Unofficial Canvass we processed 15 remakes; the remaining remake was processed during the Official Canvass. A breakdown by category is below:

| 1 - Ripped or torn ballot. | 12 |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2 - One oval is dark and another oval is lightly marked. | 1 |
| 3 - One choice is crossed out, the intent is clear. | 1 |
| 12 - Green ink was used to fill in an oval(s). | 2 |

## RECOUNTS

There are no automatic recounts for this election. The deadline for a requested recount is Monday, March 7, 2011.

## OVER-VOTES

A total of 2 over-voted races were recorded in this Special Election. This is a $0.03 \%$ over-vote rate.

## DOUBLE-VOTING

There were no instances of double voting in this election.

## POLL BOOK JUSTIFICATION AND BALLOT RECONCILIATION

The number of signatures equals the number of Election Day ballots cast in each of the 25 precincts this election. The number of the ballots cast is also equivalent to the number of ballots issued.

