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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)* (Public Law 107-252, Section 242, dated October 29, 2002), directs the Election Assistance Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to conduct a study on the best practices for facilitating voting by absent Uniformed Services voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*) and overseas voters (as defined in section 107(5) of such *Act*). *HAVA* provided a number of issues to consider in conducting the study. Highlights of the areas covered in this report are as follows:

- The *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (NDAA FY-02)* (Public Law 107-107) guarantees state residency for military personnel.
- *UOCAVA* ensures the rights of absent Uniformed Services voters and overseas voters to register to vote and cast absentee ballots for Federal offices. Citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* have the right to a secret ballot through state law.
- *HAVA* amended the *UOCAVA* to prohibit states from refusing to process a registration and/or absentee ballot request from an absent Uniformed Services voter because the form came in too early in an election year.
- Thirty-two states and territories allow for a total of 45 days of transmission time for the absentee ballot and 27 states have a State Write-in Absentee Ballot to help to ensure the voter can cast a ballot in time to meet the state's ballot deadline.
- The Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP's) post-election surveys and the U.S. Postal Service statistics indicate that a 45-day transit time is needed for absentee ballots sent through international mail or the military APO/FPO (overseas) post offices.
- FVAP helps to ensure the timely transmission of balloting materials to absent Uniformed Services voters and overseas voters by monitoring selected counties in each state prior to an election to help determine whether ballots are mailed in sufficient time according to state law and for the voter to receive, vote and return the ballot by the state deadline for casting votes.
- FVAP has developed a standard oath for state ballot return envelopes as required by the *HAVA*.
- *HAVA* amended the *UOCAVA* to allow for the use of a single application to request ballots through two subsequent general elections for Federal offices for citizens covered by *UOCAVA*.
- *NDAA FY-02* amended the *UOCAVA* to allow for the use of a single application to be used to request voter registration and to request an absentee ballot [see Section 102 (a)(4)].

- Forty-nine states and territories allow the use of facsimile machines to transmit absentee ballot applications.

Many states have developed best practices that enhance and facilitate absentee registration and voting by *UOCAVA* voters. This report serves as a vehicle to share these best practices with other state and local election officials who administer absentee voting programs for these citizens.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

After reviewing the studies and best practices provided by the Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program and the information found in the FVAP *HAVA* Interpretive Memo (Exhibit 1), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission recommends that each state:

- Mail absentee ballots at least 45 days prior to the deadline for receipt of voted absentee ballots. While many states already do this, a significant number do not mail ballots out until 30 days before the election. If the official ballot is not available by this time, military and overseas voters have a short period of time to receive, vote, and return their absentee ballots in order to be counted in the regular absentee ballot delivery process. Even though electronic transmission of election materials offers an alternative to speed ballot transit time, inadequate ballot transit time through the mail remains the primary obstacle to timely delivery of absentee ballots for those *UOCAVA* citizens who request them.
- Encourage further use of faxing and e-mail in the distribution of absentee ballots (see Section J of studies conducted), continue working with local U.S. post offices to expedite ballots, and consider alternative mailing methods such as U.S. Global Priority/Express Mail. *UOCAVA* voters are often in locations around the world that do not have timely or reliable mail delivery. Election officials can work with the FVAP to explore ballot delivery approaches that address these circumstances. (*HAVA* Title II, Section 241)
- Perform an internal survey of their election jurisdictions to determine compliance with state law for the mailing of absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* citizens. State elections officials are in the best position to help to ensure that sufficient time is allowed for distribution and return of absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* citizens.
- Ensure local election offices are aware of *UOCAVA* issues. Having a designated contact at the local level would simplify the dissemination of *UOCAVA* information and communications for *UOCAVA* voters to help ensure quality information is being provided. This is consistent with the *HAVA* goal of promoting methods of election administration that are convenient, accessible and easy to use for voters. (*HAVA* Title VII, Section 702)
- Prepare a *UOCAVA* voter guide for publication on their website and in hard copy to distribute to voters. This could be as simple as a one page flier such as Minnesota and Nebraska have done, or a more comprehensive booklet such as Indiana's. There is a great

deal of information that can be incorporated directly from the FVAP's website and other materials to minimize the amount of effort required. Providing a simple description of the *UOCAVA* process along with local election office contact information provides all the information a voter needs to register and/or make an absentee ballot request. (*HAVA* Title VII, Section 702) Local election offices should link to this state information on *UOCAVA* and should have hard copies for distribution. State and local websites should be made accessible to disabled *UOCAVA* citizens.

- Provide on their elections website procedures for *UOCAVA* citizens to follow pertinent to that state, as illustrated in Exhibit 7, the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division homepage (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections>). Since *UOCAVA* voters are located all over the globe, using the Internet is often the quickest and most convenient method for them to access information. It is important that information be easy to find and concisely presented since many forward deployed military voters, in particular, have limited time slots for Internet usage. (*HAVA* Title VII, Section 702)
- Ensure that election officials throughout the state receive training in the provisions of *UOCAVA*. Citizens covered by *UOCAVA* constitute approximately 3% of the U.S. voting age population. Consequently, some local election officials may not have much experience with this process. Training of local election officials will help ensure better service to this category of voters. FVAP trains local election officials at state conferences, provides a special section for local election officials on their website, and distributes a monthly memo to state and county election officials on *UOCAVA* issues. FVAP also provides policy guidance and recommended practices through interpretive memos, letters to state officials, a newsletter for Voting Assistance Officers and presentations at meetings of national and international election official organizations. (*UOCAVA* Title I, Section 101)
- Each state that requires postmarking on the ballot return envelope, consider using the date the voter provides on the envelope with his/her signature as evidence of when the voter cast the ballot. This avoids the problem of a ballot return envelope not being properly postmarked or the postmark being difficult to read. As further proof that this is the date the voter cast the ballot, the voter may be required to sign an oath attesting to the truth and accuracy of the information he/she has provided. (*HAVA* Title VII, Section 701)
- Consider changing election dates where necessary to allow sufficient time for local offices to print ballots and for the voter to receive, vote and return the ballot. In some states, primary election dates may be too close to the general election period to allow adequate time for preparing and mailing absentee ballots so they can be received and returned by the voters. (*HAVA* Title II, Section 241; *UOCAVA* Title I, Section 102)
- Provide a State Write-In Absentee Ballot to ensure *UOCAVA* citizens without access to regular mail service can cast a ballot. States should consider automatically mailing such ballots to voters if regular ballots are not available at least 45 days in advance of an election.

## INTRODUCTION

This report contains a number of studies that were directed by the *HAVA* of October 29, 2002. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) conducted these studies subsequent to the passage of this *Act* to forward to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to meet the requirements of the *HAVA*.

The EAC and FVAP appreciate the contributions made by state officials nationwide in the preparation of this report. Through the passage of legislation and utilization of technical innovations at the state level, the absentee voting process for Uniformed Services and overseas citizens has been greatly improved.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

(As required by Public Law 107-252, Section 242, dated October 29, 2002)

### **(A) The rights of residence of uniformed services voters absent due to military orders.**

In 2001, Section 1603 of the *NDAA FY-02* amended the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 to guarantee state residency for military personnel by stating that:

(a) For purposes of voting for any Federal office or a State or local office, a person who is absent from a state in compliance with military or naval orders shall not, solely by reason of that absence –

(1) be deemed to have lost residence or domicile in that State, without regard to whether or not the person intends to return to that State;

(2) to be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other State; or

(3) to be deemed to have become a resident in or a resident of any other State.

(b) in this section, the term State includes a territory or possession of the United States, a political subdivision of a State, territory, or possession, and the District of Columbia.

The FVAP in the Department of Defense provides general guidance on residency issues to citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* through its training workshops, website and printed informational materials.

### **(B) The rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to register to vote and cast absentee ballots, including the right of such voters to cast a secret ballot.**

Members of the Uniformed Services, the merchant marine and their eligible family members and all U.S. citizens overseas are able to vote for Federal Offices under the *UOCAVA*. Further, states allow members of the Uniformed Services, their family members and members of the merchant marine and their family members, who are U.S. citizens, to vote absentee in state and local

elections as well as for Federal Offices. Voting assistance officers at military installations, embassies and consulates and U.S. citizen organizations assist citizens covered by *UOCAVA* with materials and instructions produced by the FVAP on the absentee voting process.

The registration and absentee voting procedures and deadlines vary from state to state. The FVAP's biennial *Voting Assistance Guide* is a compendium of these absentee voting procedures. The *Guide* is distributed widely through the FVAP website (updated as necessary) and in hard copy to Voting Assistance Officers in the Uniformed Services, the U.S. Department of State, other Federal executive branch agencies, overseas citizen organizations and individuals covered by the *UOCAVA*.

Citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* have the right to a secret ballot through state law. If the voter determines there is not sufficient time to return the ballot by mail and the state allows receipt of a voted ballot by fax, the voted ballot may be transmitted by fax. The voter must waive the right to secrecy of the ballot and sign a statement on the fax transmittal cover page indicating, "I understand that by faxing my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot."

The FVAP also works with the states on suggested legislative initiatives to facilitate the absentee voting procedures for citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* while maintaining the integrity of the process.

**(C) The rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to submit absentee ballot applications early during an election year.**

*UOCAVA* was amended in 2002 by Section 706 of the *HAVA* to prohibit states from refusing to process a registration and/or absentee ballot request from an absent Uniformed Services voter (defined as a member of a Uniformed Service or merchant marine and a spouse or dependent of these members) because the form came in too early in an election year:

(e) PROHIBITION OF REFUSAL OF APPLICATIONS ON GROUNDS OF EARLY SUBMISSION. —A State may not refuse to accept or process, with respect to any election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee ballot application (including the postcard form prescribed under section 101) submitted by an absent Uniformed Services voter during a year on the grounds that the voter submitted the application before the first date on which the State otherwise accepts or processes such applications for that year submitted by absentee voters who are not members of the Uniformed Services.

The FVAP informed the states of this requirement through a published interpretive memorandum on the *HAVA* sent to each state chief election official (see Exhibit 1 and <http://www.fvap.gov/leo/havamemo.pdf>) as well as presenting the information at national level meetings of state and local election officials.

Six states still have laws requiring a "not earlier than" date for the receipt of absentee ballot requests (American Samoa, Georgia, Michigan, Montana, Ohio and Washington). It is the

understanding of the FVAP that these states will hold the individual's application form for processing on the date specified by state law.

**(D) The appropriate preelection deadline for mailing absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.**

The laws in 32 states and territories allow for a total of 45 days transmission time for absentee ballots to be mailed to the citizen and for the citizen to return the voted ballot. This includes time given after Election Day for absentee ballots to be returned as long as they are voted by the day of the election. These states are listed in Exhibit 2.

Also, 27 states have State Write-in Absentee Ballots available between 30 and 180 days before an election to help ensure the voter can cast a ballot in time for the election. These states are listed in Exhibit 2.

These ballots are designed for military and overseas citizens who because of a military contingency or location in a remote area will not be able to receive regular mail service during the period before an election when the regular state ballots are normally mailed and received.

The FVAP works closely with the states on suggested legislative initiatives to facilitate the absentee voting procedures for citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* while maintaining the integrity of the process.

**(E) The appropriate minimum period between the mailing of absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters and the deadline for receipt of such ballots.**

The most persistent problem that continues to face military and overseas voters is the extremely short period of time these voters have to receive, vote, and return their absentee ballots in order to be counted. FVAP post-election surveys and U.S. Postal Service statistics indicate that a 45-day transit time is needed for absentee ballots sent through international mail or the military APO/ FPO (overseas) post offices. This round trip transit time is especially necessary because of the remote location and mobility of many military personnel and overseas citizens such as sailors and marines aboard ship, airmen and sailors at isolated tracking sites around the world, as well as Department of State personnel, citizen employees of American multinational corporations and other U.S citizens living and working in remote areas.

Since 2002, local election officials in several states, including Illinois, Mississippi, Virginia, and Washington, have e-mailed unvoted ballots to overseas voters. The states required that the voted ballot be returned by mail, or in some cases allowed the voted ballot to be returned by facsimile transmission.

**(F) The timely transmission of balloting materials to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.**

The FVAP monitors selected counties in each state prior to an election to help determine whether ballots are mailed in sufficient time according to state law for the voter to receive, vote and return the ballot by the state deadline for casting votes.

If for some reason states are unable to mail absentee ballots within these timeframes, FVAP will work with the state on an ad hoc basis to allow alternative arrangements such as expedited mailing, late counting, use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Exhibit 3) for other than general elections and Federal offices and faxing of ballots. At times, assistance from the Department of Justice, which has enforcement responsibility for *UOCAVA*, to file litigation to remedy violations of *UOCAVA* and to obtain remedies that ensure *UOCAVA* voters will be able to cast their ballots is requested.

Forty-nine states and territories listed in Exhibit 2 mail absentee ballots 30 or more days prior to all elections as follows:

Alabama	Iowa	New Hampshire	South Dakota
Arizona	Kansas	New Jersey	Tennessee
Colorado	Kentucky	New Mexico	Texas
Connecticut	Louisiana	New York	Utah
Delaware	Maine	North Carolina	Vermont
District of Columbia	Maryland	North Dakota	Virginia
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	Virgin Islands
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Guam	Mississippi	Oregon	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wyoming
Idaho	Montana	Puerto Rico	
Illinois	Nebraska	Rhode Island	
Indiana	Nevada	South Carolina	

*The UOCAVA* establishes the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (Exhibit 3) to be used by *UOCAVA* voters outside the U.S. during general elections when these citizens have requested a regular state absentee ballot at least 30 days prior to the election and have not received the state ballot in time to be voted and returned to the appropriate local election official. The FVAP distributes and pre-positions this form worldwide to be available prior to elections. Unless otherwise authorized by the state, the FWAB is limited to federal offices. Eleven states have expanded the use of the FWAB to include its use as a registration form, an absentee ballot request and a ballot for other than general elections and/or other than Federal offices or for use from within the U.S. The states which have passed laws to include one or more of these FWAB expansions are Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

**(G) Security and privacy concerns in the transmission, receipt, and processing of ballots from absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters, including the need to protect against fraud.**

Ballots are transported from the local election official (LEO) to the voter and back from the voter using postage indicia mandated by the *UOCAVA* described in the United States Postal Service's Domestic Mail Manual section E080. The FVAP provides sample ballot transmission and return envelopes for use by local election officials when printing their envelopes (see <http://www.fvap.gov/leo/postal.html#envdes>).

Local election officials compare the signature on the voted ballot envelope with the signature on file to verify that the individual who initially registered is the same person who voted the ballot.

Local election officials use a variety of methods to protect the integrity of the process and identify attempts to reproduce and cast more than one ballot for a particular election. They include comparing the number of absentee ballots mailed out against the number of absentee ballots returned, using ballot stub numbers and manual examination of ballots for authenticity.

Individual voters also sign an affidavit on the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form (Exhibit 4) declaring that all the information stated on the form is true and that they are not registering or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States. The Federal Post Card Application form is also available on-line at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpga.pdf>. The required information may be typed in the appropriate spaces on the on-line version of the form, which must be printed, signed, dated and placed in an envelope with proper postage and mailed to the local election official.

Finally, the ballot return envelope from states that require oaths has the following oath that the *UOCAVA* citizen is required to sign upon completion of the ballot:

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

1. A member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty; or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member; or, A U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.; or, Other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.; and
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; and
3. I have not been convicted of a felony, or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under State or Federal law. I have not been influenced.  
My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document.  
The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Witness(es) or Notary signature and date: [if required]  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

**(H) The use of a single application by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for absentee ballots for all Federal elections occurring during a year.**

The *UOCAVA* was amended in 2001 by Section 1606 of the *NDAA FY-02* and in 2002 by Section 704 of the *HAVA* to allow for the use of a single application to be used to request ballots for Federal offices in two subsequent elections for Federal offices:

SEC. 104. USE OF SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL. —If a State accepts and processes an official post card form (prescribed under section 101) submitted by an absent Uniformed Services voter or overseas voter for simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot application (in accordance with section 102(a)(4)) and the voter requests that the application be considered an application for an absentee ballot for each subsequent election for Federal office held in the State through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office (including any runoff elections which may occur as a result of the outcome of such general elections), the State shall provide an absentee ballot to the voter for each such subsequent election.

The FVAP informed the states of this requirement through letters (see Exhibit 5) and a published interpretive memorandum on the *HAVA* (see Exhibit 1 and <http://www.fvap.gov/leo/havamemo.pdf>) sent to each state chief election official as well as presenting the information at national and state level meetings of state and local election officials.

In order to notify local election officials of their current mailing address, the FVAP will continue to recommend that *UOCAVA* citizens submit the official post card form (the FPCA, SF-76) (Exhibit 4) to their local election official annually in the month of January and whenever they move or change their mailing address.

**(I) The use of a single application for voter registration and absentee ballots by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.**

Section 1606 of the *NDAA FY-02* amended the *UOCAVA* in 2001 to allow for the use of a single application to be used to request voter registration and to request an absentee ballot. The *UOCAVA*, Section 102 (a)(4) now includes the following:

SEC. 102. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL. —Each State shall —

(4) use the official post card form (prescribed under section 101) for simultaneous voter registration application and absentee ballot application

The FVAP informed the states of this requirement through a letter to each state chief election official (see Exhibit 5) as well as presenting the information at national and state level meetings of state and local election officials.

**(J) The use of facsimile machines and electronic means of transmission of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.**

The FVAP operates an Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) to allow for electronic transmission of election materials between local election officials and citizens covered by the *UOCAVA*.

The ETS enables local election officials to transmit and receive election materials via fax or email to/from Uniformed Services members and overseas citizens. As a local election official, you may use the service at no cost.

The ETS can forward the documents as either a fax or email, whichever the local election official decides will best serve the voter. Also, citizens in the Uniformed Services and other citizens in 51 countries can fax election materials to their local election official toll free where state law allows (see <http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html>).

Forty-nine states and territories allow for electronic transmission of the FPCA form (Exhibit 4) for registration and/or absentee ballot request; 32 states permit delivery of blank ballots to voters by facsimile or other electronic means; 23 states permit return of voted ballot by facsimile (11 of these restrict use to special circumstances). These states are shown in Exhibit 2 and may be found at: <http://www.fvap.gov/vao/etschart.html>.

Some state and local jurisdictions, where state law permits, are using e-mail as another alternative delivery method of ballots to citizens:

Florida	All Counties
Illinois	Chicago/Cook County
Louisiana	All Counties
Mississippi	Pearl River County
Virginia	All Counties for Active Duty Military Counties Opt In To Pilot Program For Other UOCAVA Citizens
Washington	Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Franklin, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lincoln, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom & Yakima Counties

Los Angeles County, California has allowed voters to download ballots from their website using the citizen’s zip code and return them by mail.

**(K) Other issues related to the rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to participate in elections.**

The following are some other best practices by states that the FVAP has recognized:

- Minnesota has a special brochure titled *Minnesota Military Absentee Voting* (see Exhibit 6). The brochure is available on their website at [http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/Military\\_Voting.pdf](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/Military_Voting.pdf)
- The Texas Secretary of State’s Elections Division homepage (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections>, Exhibit 7) is a good example of providing a separate section specifically for *UOCAVA* absentee voters that is readily seen and accessed.
- Leon County, Florida works with their National Guard Family Assistance Center in Tallahassee to ensure that all members know how to vote by sending them an information packet that includes election dates and all mail voting deadlines and brochures titled *Frequently Asked Questions about Voter Registration*. They allow any registered voter of Leon County with access to the world wide web to request absentee ballots online from their website at <http://www.leonfl.org/elect> (see Exhibit 8). Many overseas civilians and military personnel from Leon County have utilized this service.
- Virginia Beach, Virginia has an easy to understand explanation of who gets what type of absentee ballot application. They state on their website at [http://www.vbgov.com/dept/voter/vote\\_info.asp](http://www.vbgov.com/dept/voter/vote_info.asp) - abmail:

“In order to apply for an Absentee Ballot:

You must be registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach.

Absent Active Duty Military, Virginia Voters Residing Overseas and Dependents residing with them MUST USE the Federal Post Card Application. You may file a single Federal Post Card Application, (form 76), at any time during the calendar year and receive ballots for all elections which you are eligible to vote if you are: 1) a member of a UNIFORMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-6(7), on active duty, or 2) a member of the MERCHANT MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES, or 3) a person temporarily residing outside the continental United States, or 4) the spouse or dependent residing with any person listed in (1), (2), or (3) above.

All other Virginia Beach registered voters must complete a separate absentee ballot application for each election in which you intend to vote absentee.

Items A through D and Part E, Assistant's Statement (if needed), of the Absentee Ballot Application must be completed. Applications cannot be accepted if they are not complete and signed by you.”

- The Supervisor of Elections in Okaloosa County, Florida, Ms. Pat Hollarn (850-651-7272 or phollarn@co.okaloosa.fl.us) suggested these practices:
  - Designated 2004 as the “Year of the Military Voter.” FVAP and local Voting Assistance Officers participated at the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections conference.
  - For change of address requests, encourage citizens to use not only the FPCA (see Exhibit 4), but also any other means of communication allowed by state law.
  - Local election officials should put their e-mail address on everything and ask for it from citizens on all forms, on their website, etc.
  - If the local election office receives over 500 absentee ballot requests in a day it is not always possible to process “on receipt”. The date stamped in becomes the registration or request date and every document should be expedited as much as is humanly possible.
- The Commonwealth of Virginia has created a new position at the State Board of Elections, that of *UOCAVA* Coordinator. Ms. Vickie R. Williams (800-552-9745 or vickie.williams@sbe.virginia.gov) will manage all aspects of contact with Uniformed Services and overseas citizens covered by the *UOCAVA*.
- Virginia has a ballot transmission pilot program. In 2004, Virginia continues a special pilot program that assists citizens in reducing the time involved in the transmission of absentee ballots. *UOCAVA* voters can request that their ballots be transmitted to them either by e-mail or facsimile. All Virginia counties will attempt to fax or e-mail ballots to active duty military. Other counties will opt in to the pilot program for other *UOCAVA* citizens. Voters are required to return their ballots by either the postal service or commercial courier. The pilot program significantly reduces the process time by all but eliminating delays in getting the ballot to the voter.
- Nebraska has a brochure devoted to members of the Armed Forces (see Exhibit 9). The Nebraska Military Voters Guide was designed in response to the increasing number of Nebraska’s citizen soldiers being deployed overseas. The Secretary of State, Mr. John A. Gale (402-471-2554 or sos08@nol.org) pursued this publication to ensure that our troops were informed of the process of casting a ballot while overseas. The guide has been posted on the Secretary of State’s website. They worked in cooperation with the Nebraska National Guard to have the guide posted on their family program website. They will also be e-mailing the guide to soldiers currently deployed. The guide can be found at: [http://www.sos.state.ne.us/Elections/milvote/military\\_guide.pdf](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/Elections/milvote/military_guide.pdf)
- The Supervisor of Elections office, Nassau County, Florida (Ms. Mary Mercer, 904-491-7500) conducted voter registration drives aboard the USS Kennedy (CVN-67) and at Naval Station Mayport and Naval Air Station Jacksonville to assist sailors to register and request absentee ballots.

- Indiana has a booklet that provides clear instructions for military voters, families of military voters and overseas voters for how to register and vote absentee. It includes copies of all the forms described in the instructions, the Indiana election calendar, and contact information for federal, state and county election offices. (See Exhibit 10 )
- The Missouri Secretary of State's web site has a section on military/overseas voter that is detailed and informative at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/military/default.asp>. It does an excellent job of explaining Missouri's laws and practices for *UOCAVA* citizens.
- Michigan has their Qualified Voter File serving double duty as a voter education product by attaching it to their Voter Information Center. This allows Michigan voters to access information such as verification of registration status, view a tutorial on how to properly mark a ballot and cast a valid vote, and local election official contacts.

## CONCLUSION

After the 2002 election, many areas of improvement to the U.S. election system became evident. Through legislation and practical aids, states have improved their processes and procedures. Undoubtedly, this has helped *UOCAVA* voters in exercising their right to vote. However, as this report indicates, more can be done to carry out this important responsibility to our Uniformed Services members and our overseas citizens.



## EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 FVAP *HAVA* Interpretive Memo
- Exhibit 2 Comparative Chart of State Policies
- Exhibit 3 Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF 186)
- Exhibit 4 Federal Post Card Application (SF 76)
- Exhibit 5 FVAP Letter to States After *NDAA FY-02* Passage dated 5/22/02 and FVAP Letter to States After *HAVA* Passage dated 12/20/02
- Exhibit 6 Minnesota Brochure
- Exhibit 7 Texas Elections Division Homepage
- Exhibit 8 Leon County, Florida Absentee Voting Homepage
- Exhibit 9 Nebraska Brochure
- Exhibit 10 State of Indiana *Military and Overseas Voter Guide 2004*  
(Full report provided under separate cover)





## Interpretation of the

# Help America Vote Act of 2002

Public Law 107-252 — October 29, 2002

Based on the Requirements for U.S. Citizens Covered by the

## Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act

42 USC 1973ff

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Federal Voting Assistance Program  
Washington Headquarters Services  
Department of Defense

### **Exhibit 1**

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**TITLE II—COMMISSION**

**Subtitle C—Studies and Other Activities To Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections**

**SEC. 242. STUDY, REPORT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR FACILITATING MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING.**

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall conduct a study on the best practices for facilitating voting by absent uniformed services voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) and overseas voters (as defined in section 107(5) of such Act).

(2) ISSUES CONSIDERED.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1) the Commission shall consider the following issues:

(A) The rights of residence of uniformed services voters absent due to military orders.

(B) The rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to register to vote and cast absentee ballots, including the right of such voters to cast a secret ballot.

(C) The rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to submit absentee ballot applications early during an election year.

(D) The appropriate pre-election deadline for mailing absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

(E) The appropriate minimum period between the mailing of absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters and the deadline for receipt of such ballots.

(F) The timely transmission of balloting materials to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

(G) Security and privacy concerns in the transmission, receipt, and processing of ballots from absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters, including the need to protect against fraud.

(H) The use of a single application by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for absentee ballots for all Federal elections occurring during a year.

(I) The use of a single application for voter registration and absentee ballots by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

(J) The use of facsimile machines and electronic means of transmission of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

(K) Other issues related to the rights of absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to participate in elections.

(b) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than the date that is 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a report on the study conducted under subsection (a)(1) together with recommendations identifying the best practices used with respect to the issues considered under subsection (a)(2).

FVAP Interpretation: Once the Election Assistance Commission is appointed, FVAP will work with the Commission in their study of the issues outlined above. The report is due to the President and Congress by April 29, 2004. FVAP is gathering data from a variety of program sources and soliciting information on the above topics from State and local election officials.

**SEC. 245. STUDY AND REPORT ON ELECTRONIC VOTING AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.**

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall conduct a thorough study of issues and challenges, specifically to include the potential for election fraud, presented by incorporating communications and Internet technologies in the Federal, State, and local electoral process.

(2) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED.—The Commission may include in the study conducted under paragraph (1) an examination of—

(A) the appropriate security measures required and minimum standards for certification

of systems or technologies in order to minimize the potential for fraud in voting or in the registration of qualified citizens to register and vote;

(B) the possible methods, such as Internet or other communications technologies, that may be utilized in the electoral process, including the use of those technologies to register voters and enable citizens to vote online, and recommendations concerning statutes and rules to be adopted in order to implement an online or Internet system in the electoral process;

(C) the impact that new communications or Internet technology systems for use in the electoral process could have on voter participation rates, voter education, public accessibility, potential external influences during the elections process, voter privacy and anonymity, and other issues related to the conduct and administration of elections;

(D) whether other aspects of the electoral process, such as public availability of candidate information and citizen communication with candidates, could benefit from the increased use of online or Internet technologies;

(E) the requirements for authorization of collection, storage, and processing of electronically generated and transmitted digital messages to permit any eligible person to register to vote or vote in an election, including applying for and casting an absentee ballot;

(F) the implementation cost of an online or Internet voting or voter registration system and the costs of elections after implementation (including a comparison of total cost savings for the administration of the electoral process by using Internet technologies or systems);

(G) identification of current and foreseeable online and Internet technologies for use in the registration of voters, for voting, or for the purpose of reducing election fraud, currently available or in use by election authorities;

(H) the means by which to ensure and achieve equity of access to online or Internet voting or voter registration systems and address the fairness of such systems to all citizens; and

(I) the impact of technology on the speed, timeliness, and accuracy of vote counts in Federal, State, and local elections.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 20 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall transmit to the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), including such legislative recommendations or model State laws as are required to address the findings of the Commission.

(2) INTERNET POSTING.—In addition to the dissemination requirements under chapter 19 of title 44, United States Code, the Election Administration Commission shall post the report transmitted under paragraph (1) on an Internet website.

FVAP Interpretation: Title XVI, Section 1604 of *The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct an electronic voting demonstration project. The project, called the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment (SERVE), will allow *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* citizens in participating States to register and vote via the Internet in the 2004 elections. Sec. 1604 mandates a report to Congress on the effectiveness of SERVE by June 1, 2005. The SERVE evaluation methodology is being structured to capture data on many of the issues identified in Sec. 245.(a)(2) of the HAVA.

The EAC report to the House and Senate Committees is due June 29, 2004. The Director, FVAP, (on behalf of the Secretary of Defense) will work with the EAC in formulating their report.

**TITLE III—UNIFORM AND NONDISCRIMINATORY ELECTION TECHNOLOGY AND  
ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Subtitle A—Requirements**

**SEC. 303. COMPUTERIZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR  
VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.**

**(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 6(c) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg– 4(c)) and subject to paragraph (3), a State shall, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, require an individual to meet the requirements of paragraph (2) if—

(A) the individual registered to vote in a jurisdiction by mail; and

(B) (i) the individual has not previously voted in an election for Federal office in the State; or

(ii) the individual has not previously voted in such an election in the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction is located in a State that does not have a computerized list that complies with the requirements of subsection (a).

**(2) REQUIREMENTS.—**

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An individual meets the requirements of this paragraph if the individual—

(i) in the case of an individual who votes in person—

(I) presents to the appropriate State or local election official a current and valid photo identification; or

(II) presents to the appropriate State or local election official a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

(ii) in the case of an individual who votes by mail, submits with the ballot—

(I) a copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

(II) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

(B) **FAIL-SAFE VOTING.—**

(i) **IN PERSON.**—An individual who desires to vote in person, but who does not meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)(i), may cast a provisional ballot under section 302(a).

(ii) **BY MAIL.**—An individual who desires to vote by mail but who does not meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii) may cast such a ballot by mail and the ballot shall be counted as a provisional ballot in accordance with section 302(a).

(3) **INAPPLICABILITY.**—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of a person—

(A) who registers to vote by mail under section 6 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–4) and submits as part of such registration either—

(i) a copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

(ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows the name and address of the voter;

(B) (i) who registers to vote by mail under section 6 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–4) and submits with such registration either—

(I) a driver's license number; or

(II) at least the last 4 digits of the individual's social security number;

and

(ii) with respect to whom a State or local election official matches the information submitted under clause (i) with an existing State identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided in such registration; or

(C) who is—(i) entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1 et seq.);

(ii) provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ee–

1(b)(2)(B)(ii)); or

(iii) entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other Federal law.  
(c) PERMITTED USE OF LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.—The last 4 digits of a social security number described in subsections (a)(5)(A)(i)(II) and (b)(3)(B)(i)(II) shall not be considered to be a social security number for purposes of section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a note).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) COMPUTERIZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each State and jurisdiction shall be required to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) on and after January 1, 2004.

(B) WAIVER.—If a State or jurisdiction certifies to the Commission not later than January 1, 2004, that the State or jurisdiction will not meet the deadline described in subparagraph (A) for good cause and includes in the certification the reasons for the failure to meet such deadline, subparagraph (A) shall apply to the State or jurisdiction as if the reference in such subparagraph to “January 1, 2004” were a reference to “January 1, 2006”.

(2) REQUIREMENT FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State and jurisdiction shall be required to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) on and after January 1, 2004, and shall be prepared to receive registration materials submitted by individuals described in subparagraph (B) on and after the date described in such subparagraph.

(B) APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUALS.—The provisions of subsection (b) shall apply to any individual who registers to vote on or after January 1, 2003.

**FVAP Interpretation:** When registering by mail, citizens covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* are exempt under SEC.303.(b)(3)(C) from the requirement to provide a copy of a valid photo identification or other documentation that shows the name and address of the voter as defined in paragraph (1) of SEC.303. UOCAVA citizens include members of the Uniformed Services, members of the merchant marine, and overseas citizens. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard); the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and family members of the above. Overseas citizens are defined as U.S. citizens who reside outside the United States.

## TITLE VII—VOTING RIGHTS OF MILITARY MEMBERS AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

### SEC. 701. VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.—Subsection (f) of section 1566 of title 10, United States Code, as added by section 1602(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 115 Stat. 1274), is amended—

(1) by striking “Voting assistance” in the first sentence and inserting “(1) Voting assistance”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) Under regulations and procedures (including directives) prescribed by the Secretary, a member of the armed forces appointed or assigned to duty as a voting assistance officer shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be given the time and resources needed to perform the member’s duties as a voting assistance officer during the period in advance of a general election when members and their dependents are preparing and submitting absentee ballots.”.

**FVAP Interpretation:** This section requires the Service Secretaries to ensure that Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are provided time and other support needed to accomplish their duties. Assignment as a VAO is a collateral assignment that is subordinate to the individual’s primary responsibilities. This direction emphasizes the importance of the VAO duties, especially leading up to a general election. The Department of Defense Directive 1000.4 and the Secretary of Defense’s Voting Action Plan includes these requirements.

(b) POSTMARKING OF OVERSEAS VOTING MATERIALS.—Subsection (g)(2) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable,

implement measures to ensure that a postmark or other official proof of mailing date is provided on each absentee ballot collected at any overseas location or vessel at sea whenever the Department of Defense is responsible for collecting mail for return shipment to the United States. The Secretary shall ensure that the measures implemented under the preceding sentence do not result in the delivery of absentee ballots to the final destination of such ballots after the date on which the election for Federal office is held. Not later than the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the measures to be implemented to ensure the timely transmittal and postmarking of voting materials and identifying the persons responsible for implementing such measures.”.

FVAP Interpretation: The postmarking measures addressed in this section were implemented starting with the 2002 General Election and the report to Congress was submitted in April 2003. These measures will guarantee postmarking of all absentee ballots to the maximum extent practicable and ensure that a postmark is placed on absentee ballot envelopes. In instances where a postmark is not evident, FVAP encourages election officials to accept the date the ballot envelope was signed and dated as evidence of when the voter cast the ballot.

(c) PROVIDING NOTICE OF DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS.— Such section is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) NOTICE OF DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of each military department, utilizing the voting assistance officer network established for each military installation, shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide notice to members of the Armed Forces stationed at that installation of the last date before a general Federal election for which absentee ballots mailed from a postal facility located at that installation can reasonably be expected to be timely delivered to the appropriate State and local election officials.”.

FVAP Interpretation: This section requires the commanders of military installations to publicize a recommended date for absentee ballots to be mailed from their location prior to a general election for Federal Office. This procedure parallels the general procedure of recommending mailing dates from overseas for holiday letters and packages. FVAP will continue to recommend that *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* citizens mail their voted ballots to their local election official by October 15, or as soon as they are received anytime up until election day, as many States have late-counting procedures in place.

(d) REGISTRATION AND VOTING INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) REGISTRATION AND VOTING INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS.—(1) The Secretary of each military department, using a variety of means including both print and electronic media, shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who are qualified to vote have ready access to information regarding voter registration requirements and deadlines (including voter registration), absentee ballot application requirements and deadlines, and the availability of voting assistance officers to assist members and dependents to understand and comply with these requirements.

“(2) The Secretary of each military department shall make the national voter registration form prepared for purposes of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act by the Federal Election Commission available so that each person who enlists shall receive such form at the time of the enlistment, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

“(3) Where practicable, a special day or days shall be designated at each military installation for the purpose of informing members of the Armed Forces and their dependents of election timing, registration requirements, and voting procedures.”.

FVAP Interpretation: This section requires the Services to publicly promote and advertise their voting programs including information on the availability of Voting Assistance Officers. This information is to be available to both Service members and voting age dependents. The FVAP continues to work with the Uniformed Services to ensure that each new enlistee receives an FPCA and instructions and assistance to complete the FPCA as part of basic training. This is a requirement of the Services through Department of Defense Directive 1000.4.

In even-numbered years, FVAP will continue to promote its Overseas Citizens Voters Week and Armed Forces Voters Week held around Independence Day and Labor Day, respectively. These events help to increase voter awareness of upcoming elections and provide an opportunity for citizens to receive assistance in completing the Federal Post Card Application form, which is used to apply for voter registration and to request an absentee ballot from the local election official in their jurisdiction of legal voting residence. FVAP encourages U.S. citizens, Uniformed Services and overseas Federal employee Voting Assistance Officers to hold voter registration and election awareness events year-round. FVAP distributes a biennial Voting Action Plan to the services that serves as a roadmap to carrying out voting assistance programs.

**SEC. 702. DESIGNATION OF SINGLE STATE OFFICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL VOTERS IN STATE.**

Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “Each State”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) DESIGNATION OF SINGLE STATE OFFICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR ALL VOTERS IN STATE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall designate a single office which shall be responsible for providing information regarding voter registration procedures and absentee ballot procedures to be used by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters with respect to elections for Federal office (including procedures relating to the use of the Federal write-in absentee ballot) to all absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters who wish to register to vote or vote in any jurisdiction in the State.

FVAP Interpretation: FVAP recommends that this central office provide specific information online regarding the absentee balloting process for *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* voters. The website should clearly differentiate between regular State absentee voters and UOCAVA absentee voters and include ways for voters to determine if they qualify to vote under UOCAVA status. FVAP suggests including information that allows the voter to:

- Determine if they meet State residency requirements;
- Obtain a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA);
- Access the Online Federal Post Card Application (OFPCA) via link to the FVAP site;
- Access the State specific pages in Chapter 3 of the *Voting Assistance Guide* via link to the FVAP site, which includes the proper mailing address (County, Parrish, City, etc.) for the submission of FPCAs.
- Get information concerning a State write-in absentee ballot (where applicable);
- Understand qualifications for receiving a ballot for primary and special elections;
- Read requirements concerning electronic transmission of election materials and information.

FVAP suggests the following sample language for the definition of UOCAVA voters on your website:

***Citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the family members of the above and overseas citizens. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard), merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and family members of all of the above. Overseas citizens are defined as citizens who reside outside the United States.***

The Texas Secretary of State’s website {<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections>} is a good example to refer to when differentiating between UOCAVA absentee voters and other State absentee voters.

Local websites offering information for UOCAVA citizens should follow the guidelines above.

“(2) RECOMMENDATION REGARDING USE OF OFFICE TO ACCEPT AND PROCESS MATERIALS.—Congress recommends that the State office designated under paragraph (1) be responsible for carrying out the State’s duties under this Act, including accepting valid voter registration applications, absentee ballot applications, and absentee ballots (including Federal write-in absentee ballots) from all absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters who wish to register to vote or vote in any jurisdiction in the State.”.

**FVAP Interpretation:** The goal of the FVAP in working with the States is to assure the quickest delivery of ballots to *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* citizens and the quickest return of ballots from *UOCAVA* citizens. FVAP recommends that States continue or adopt methods that achieve this end. We discourage any procedures that add a step or time delay into the process (i.e. a central State office address for receipt of registration forms which are then distributed to local election offices to be processed without a corresponding extension of mail transit time or registration and ballot due dates). The FVAP will work with any State considering a change to their current procedures to ensure the timely transmission and return of ballots to and from *UOCAVA* citizens.

**SEC. 703. REPORT ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS TRANSMITTED AND RECEIVED AFTER GENERAL ELECTIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1), as amended by section 702, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) REPORT ON NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TRANSMITTED AND RECEIVED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, each State and unit of local government which administered the election shall (through the State, in the case of a unit of local government) submit a report to the Election Assistance Commission (established under the Help America Vote Act of 2002) on the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the election and the combined number of such ballots which were returned by such voters and cast in the election, and shall make such report available to the general public.”.

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED FORMAT FOR REPORTS.— The Election Assistance Commission, working with the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors and the Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, shall develop a standardized format for the reports submitted by States and units of local government under section 102(c) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (as added by subsection (a)), and shall make the format available to the States and units of local government submitting such reports.

**FVAP Interpretation:** States are required to report the number of *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* ballots that are sent, returned and counted after a general election for Federal office to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The Director, FVAP, will work with the EAC and the States to improve the percentage of ballots returned and counted. The FVAP 2004 post-election survey of local election officials will collect related data which, coupled with the EAC data will discern the reason why ballots were not counted and lead to further improvement of the absentee voting process for *UOCAVA* citizens.

**SEC. 704. EXTENSION OF PERIOD COVERED BY SINGLE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION.**

Section 104(a) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1), as amended by section 1606(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 115 Stat. 1279), is amended by striking “during that year,” and all that follows and inserting the following: “through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office (including any runoff elections which may occur as a result of the outcome of such general elections), the State shall provide an absentee ballot to the voter for each such subsequent election.”.

FVAP Interpretation: Upon receipt and approval of an FPCA from a *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* citizen, the State shall provide the citizen with ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office. This becomes effective January 1, 2004.

Example 1: Johnson County receives an FPCA from a *UOCAVA* citizen qualified to vote in the jurisdiction on January 1, 2004. The State will provide the citizen with ballots for each election that includes Federal offices through the 2006 election cycle.

Example 2: Johnson County receives an FPCA from a *UOCAVA* citizen qualified to vote in the jurisdiction on November 30, 2004. The State will provide the citizen with ballots for each election that includes Federal offices through the 2008 election cycle.

In order to notify local election officials of their current mailing address, the FVAP will continue to recommend that *UOCAVA* citizens submit an FPCA annually in the month of January and whenever they move or change their mailing address.

**SEC. 705. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNEE UNDER UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT.**

(a) EDUCATING ELECTION OFFICIALS ON RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ACT.—Section 101(b)(1) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff(b)(1)) is amended by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “,and ensure that such officials are aware of the requirements of this Act;”.

FVAP Interpretation: Part of the FVAP’s mission in carrying out the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* is working with and ensuring the education of State and local election officials regarding the enfranchisement of *UOCAVA* citizens through presence at national election organizational conferences and meetings (e.g., The National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Association of State Election Directors, the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers, the Election Center, the National Association of Counties) as well as regional or State and local election officials conferences.

The Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, as a member of the Election Assistance Commission’s Board of Advisors, along with representatives from the above organizations, will work with the EAC to improve the absentee voting process for *UOCAVA* citizens. The FVAP will also continue to utilize its website, newsletter and other publications, professional publications such as *Election Administration Reports*, and maintain daily contact with State and local election officials through the FVAP’s ombudsman service to ensure understanding of the *UOCAVA* requirements and processes by all election officials and *UOCAVA* citizens.

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD OATH FOR USE WITH MATERIALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.1973ff(b)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) prescribe a standard oath for use with any document under this title affirming that a material misstatement of fact in the completion of such a document may constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury.”.

(2) REQUIRING STATES TO USE STANDARD OATH.—Section 102(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1(b)), as amended by section 702, is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (3);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) if the State requires an oath or affirmation to accompany any document under this title, use the standard oath prescribed by the Presidential designee under section 101(b)(7).”.



(c) PROVIDING STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF VOTER PARTICIPATION FOR BOTH OVERSEAS VOTERS AND ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS.—Section 101(b)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff(b)(6)) is amended by striking “a general assessment” and inserting “a separate statistical analysis”.

**FVAP Interpretation:** The Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), acts for the Presidential designee for the administration of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986*. The FVAP has and will continue to provide a report to the President and Congress on the effectiveness of assistance under the *Act*, including a statistical analysis of voter participation and a description of State-Federal cooperation.

**SEC. 706. PROHIBITION OF REFUSAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS ON GROUNDS OF EARLY SUBMISSION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–3), as amended by section 1606(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 115 Stat. 1279), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) PROHIBITION OF REFUSAL OF APPLICATIONS ON GROUNDS OF EARLY SUBMISSION.—A State may not refuse to accept or process, with respect to any election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee ballot application (including the postcard form prescribed under section 101) submitted by an absent uniformed services voter during a year on the grounds that the voter submitted the application before the first date on which the State otherwise accepts or processes such applications for that year submitted by absentee voters who are not members of the uniformed services.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections for Federal office that occur after January 1, 2004.

**FVAP Interpretation:** The provisions of this section apply exclusively to members of the Uniformed Services that are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard), merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and family members of all of the above.

Example 1: Lt. Col. John Smith, stationed in Germany, submits an FPCA in January 2004 for the November 2004 election. State law says absentee ballot requests are not processed until 90 days before the election. The State must accept and process Lt. Col Smith’s application. It cannot be rejected on the grounds of early submission.

Example 2: Jane Smith, the spouse of Lt. Col. John Smith, resides in Germany where her husband is stationed. She submits an FPCA in January 2004 for the November 2004 election. State law says absentee ballot requests are not processed until 90 days before the election. The State must accept and process Mrs. Smith’s application. It cannot be rejected on the grounds of early submission.

Example 3: John Doe is a U.S. citizen working overseas with no official U.S. government affiliation. He submits an FPCA in January 2004 for the November 2004 election. State law says absentee ballot requests are not processed until 90 days before the election. FVAP recommends the State accept and process Mr. Doe’s application as soon as it arrives to avoid possible delays due to an incomplete form, no signature on the form, etc.

**SEC. 707. OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF OVERSEAS AND ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS.**

Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1), as amended by the preceding provisions of this title, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION.—With respect to each absent uniformed services voter and each overseas voter who submits a voter registration application or an absentee ballot request, if the State rejects the application or request, the State shall provide the voter with the reasons for the rejection.”.

**FVAP Interpretation:** States process voter registration applications and absentee ballot requests from Uniformed Services and overseas voters upon receipt. If the State rejects the application or ballot

request, the State should use the most expedient means available to notify the voter of the reasons for rejection. Such means may include postal mail (including the small postage paid return post card portion of the Federal Post Card Application), telephone, electronic mail, or facsimile. FVAP provides an electronic transmission service that state and local election officials may use to fax (toll free at 1-800-368-8683) absentee uniformed services and overseas voters. See [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

	45 Day Ballot Transit Time	State Write-in Absentee Ballots (30-180 days prior)	Mail Ballots 30 or more days prior to elections	Electronic Transmission of the FPCA	Permit Delivery of Blank Ballots to Voters by Facsimile	Permit Return of Voted Ballot by Facsimile <sup>2</sup>	Permit Delivery of Blank Ballots by E-Mail <sup>3</sup>
Alabama			X				
Alaska		X		X	X	X	
American Samoa				X			
Arizona		X	X	X	X	X	
Arkansas				X			
California		X		X	X		
Colorado		X	X	X	X	X	
Connecticut	X	X	X	X			
Delaware	X	X		X			
District of Columbia	X		X	X	X	X	
Florida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X			
Guam	X		X				
Hawaii			X	X	X	X	
Idaho	X		X	X	X		
Illinois	X		X	X			X
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Iowa	X	X	X	X			
Kansas	X		X	X	X	X	
Kentucky	X		X	X	X		
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maine	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maryland	X		X	X	X		
Massachusetts	X <sup>1</sup>			X			
Michigan	X		X	X			
Minnesota			X	X			
Mississippi	X		X	X	X	X	X
Missouri		X	X	X			
Montana			X	X	X	X	
Nebraska	X	X	X	X			
Nevada			X	X	X		
New Hampshire		X	X				
New Jersey			X	X	X	X	
New Mexico	X		X	X	X	X	
New York	X		X				
North Carolina	X		X	X	X	X	
North Dakota		X	X	X	X	X	
Ohio	X		X	X	X		
Oklahoma		X	X	X	X	X	
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X		
Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X		
Puerto Rico	X		X	X			
Rhode Island	X	X	X	X	X	X	
South Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	
South Dakota			X				
Tennessee	X	X	X	X			
Texas	X	X	X	X		X	
Utah		X	X	X	X	X	
Vermont			X	X	X		
Virginia	X	X	X	X			X
Virgin Islands			X	X	X	X	
Washington		X		X	X	X	X
West Virginia	X		X	X			
Wisconsin		X	X	X	X		
Wyoming			X				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Primary election

<sup>2</sup> See Voting Assistance Guide on-line at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

<sup>3</sup> Not all counties

## Exhibit 2





REMOVE TAPE ON REVERSE AND FOLD HERE TO SEAL

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

SECURITY ENVELOPE

(ONLY PUT VOTED BALLOT  
INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE)

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DETACH HERE, FOLD AND INSERT INTO SECURITY ENVELOPE

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR(S)\*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE\*\*/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER\*\*

\* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

\*\* Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may vote only for non-voting Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. *If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above*, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION

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Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot continued

# FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) SF 76, REVISED 1995

*(After completion, fold to the inside and seal before mailing)*

NSN 7640-00-634-9263

**WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.**

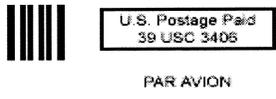
**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**  
**AUTHORITY:** 42 USC 1973ff, "Title 1 - Registration and Voting By Absent Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office."  
**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** Serves as an application for registration or request for absentee ballot for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.  
**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however, failure to provide the necessary information may keep the pertinent jurisdiction from processing this request and may prevent you from voting absentee.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Self-address small post card to your current address. Fold so that large post card is on outside; seal, complete "TO" and upper left corner on large post card, and mail. **DO NOT STAPLE OR APPLY TAPE TO SEAL.**  
 Type or legibly print all applicable information. Sign the form.  
**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION**  
 Complete the state, county, and city/township section at the top of the large postcard. Note that your state may require a separate FPCA for each election. Consult a Voting Assistance Officer or your state section in the Voting Assistance Guide for further information.

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(Rev. 10-95)

- 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION.** Item 1.c. This information is requested from some states for statistical purposes by the Department of Justice in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter information for 1.a. through 1.f. For block 1.f., provide identification form and number of that form. For example, passport 0300, State Department 0000, driver's license 0300, birth certificate 0000.
- 2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION.** Provide as much information as possible for the location where you last voted. This is not necessarily your last residence. Do not leave blank. Enter N/A if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- 3. VOTING RESIDENCE.** Provide address where you ACTUALLY LIVED. Your right to vote in your state and determination of voting precinct depend on your physical residence while you were within the state. If your voting residence address does not contain a street name, you may provide a Rural Route number and box number, but **DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER.** A Post Office Box is not a residence address. If using Rural Route number, include specific location of residence. Examples of voting residence: military home of record; permanent home address in U.S.; locality or state where you paid taxes, however long ago it may have been. It would be helpful if you list a name and telephone number of a local contact in the Remarks Section in the event the local election official has a question concerning the application.
- 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO.** Provide the complete mailing address where you wish to receive your absentee ballot. Be sure to include APO or FPO (if applicable) and ZIP Code. If you will have a new address by the time registration forms or the ballot will be sent to you, be sure to list the new address.
- 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER.** Your complete fax number (country and city code) is required if you or the local election official will be transmitting any of your election materials by fax. Members of the U.S. Military are requested to provide their commercial as well as DSN number (write "DSN" as a prefix if a DSN number is provided). Faxing is available in some states, for limited purposes only. If your state allows you to submit this form by fax (**IMPORTANT, CONSULT VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER OR VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE FOR FURTHER**)  
*(Specific instructions are continued on reverse.)*  
*(fold to inside)*

Election Official name and complete address  
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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST-CLASS MAIL**  
 NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAELS - DMM E080

Applicant name and complete address  
 TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

APPLICATION FOR STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_ §  
 I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

<p><b>1. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (See instructions 1.)</p> <p>a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX _____ c. RACE _____</p> <p>d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____</p> <p><b>2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION</b> (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)</p> <p>a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____</p> <p><b>3. VOTING RESIDENCE</b> (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)</p> <p>a. LAST DAY OF RESIDENCY _____</p> <p>b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____</p> <p>c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____</p> <p>e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known) _____</p> <p><b>4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:</b> (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)</p> <p>_____                  _____                  _____</p> <p><b>5. YOUR FAX NUMBER</b> (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b> (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>7. REMARKS</b> (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)</p> <p>_____                  _____                  _____</p> <p><b>8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT</b>                  (X only one: a, b, c or d)                  I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions)                  a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.                  b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.                  c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.                  d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.                  e. I am a U.S. Citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.                  f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.                  g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.                  h. The information on this form is true and complete.</p> <p>i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____</p> <p><b>9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE</b>                  (If required by state law)</p> <p>DATE SIGNED _____</p>
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**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** Serves as an application for registration or request for absentee ballot for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however, failure to provide the necessary information may keep the pertinent jurisdiction from processing this request and may prevent you from voting absentee.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Print the completed Federal Post Card Application Form (FPCA), sign and date, place the form in an envelope, affix proper postage and address to the local election official.

**SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION**

Complete the state, county, and city/township section at the top of the form. Note that your state may require a separate FPCA for each election. Consult a Voting Assistance Officer or your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* for further information.

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION.** Item 1c. This information is requested from some states for statistical purposes by the Department of Justice in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter information for 1.a. through 1.f. For block 1.f, provide identification form and number of that form. For example: passport 0000, State Department 0000, driver's license 0000, birth certificate 0000.

**2. ILAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION.** Provide as much information as possible for the location where you last voted. This is not necessarily your last residence. Do not leave blank. Enter N/A if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

**3. VOTING RESIDENCE.** Provide address where you ACTUALLY LIVED. Your right to vote in your state and determination of voting precinct depend on your physical residence while you were within the state. If your voting residence address does not contain a street name, you may provide a Rural Route number and box number, but DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER. A Post Office Box is not a residence address. If using Rural Route number, include specific location of residence. Examples of voting residences: military home of record; permanent home address in U.S.; locality or state where you paid taxes, however long ago it may have been. It would be helpful if you list a name and telephone number of a local contact in the Remarks Section in the event the local election official has a question concerning the application.

**4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO.** Provide the complete mailing address where you wish to receive your absentee ballot. Be sure to include APO or FPO (if applicable) and ZIP Code. If you will have a new address by the time registration forms or the ballot will be sent to you, be sure to list the new address.

**5. YOUR FAX NUMBER:** Your complete fax number (county and city code) is required if you or the local election official will be transmitting any of your election materials by

fax. Members of the U.S. Military are requested to provide their commercial as well as DSN number (write "DSN" as a prefix if a DSN number is provided). Faxing is available in some states, for limited purposes only. If your state allows you to submit this form by fax (IMPORTANT: CONSULT VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER OR *VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE* FOR FURTHER INFORMATION), you must fax this form ONLY to one of the following numbers: (800) 368-8683 or (703) 693-5527 or DSN (military) 223-5527. If your state does NOT allow you to submit the form by fax, DO NOT transmit this form by fax, as it will not be processed.

**6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION.** This information is required by most states in order to vote in primary elections. In most states, if you do not complete this section, you will not be sent a ballot for primary elections. Consult your individual state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* for more specific information regarding your state's policy. Political party affiliation is not required if you live in Alaska (unless you are voting in a Republican party primary), American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Vermont, Washington or Wisconsin in order to vote in a primary election. You need not complete this section if your voting residence is in those states. If you want to indicate no affiliation or enrollment in a political party, write "unaffiliated."

**7. REMARKS.** Provide any information which may assist local election officials in approving this application, such as maiden name, name and telephone number of a local contact person, etc. If you are requesting the special state write-in ballot, indicate here the reason you are requesting the special state write-in ballot, i.e. you are in an isolated area with sporadic mail service, submarine duty, etc. In Colorado, you must indicate if you are a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

**8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT.** Place an X in only one block: 8a., b., c. or d. In most states marking a, b. or c. will get you a full ballot. Marking b. or c. generally means that at some future time you intend to reside again in that state. Marking block d. generally means that you were a resident of the state before departing the U.S., and your intent to return at some time in the future is uncertain. Marking block d. applies for a Federal ballot only (if one is printed by the state). Federal law provides that no tax liability may be imposed based on exercising your right to vote in Federal elections. If you are a civilian citizen residing outside the U.S. and wish to avoid classifying yourself as a state resident for tax purposes, you should mark block 8d. If the state sends a full ballot because it does not print a separate Federal ballot, you may vote the full ballot.

Block 8f. In some states, a criminal conviction for a felony or certain misdemeanors, or an adjudication of mental incompetency disqualifies a person from voting, unless there has been a reinstatement of voting rights if required by state law.

Block 8i. Sign at the X. Provide the date you completed the form.

**9. WITNESS/NOTARY.** Not all states require completion of this item. Consult your state section of the *Voting Assistance Guide* or your Voting Assistance Officer for your state's requirements. If you require more space to complete this item, use Item 7, Remarks.

**SOURCES OF**

Assistance and information regarding the use and completion of this form, as well as specific state information may be obtained from military Unit Voting Assistance Officers, U.S. Embassy and Consular Voting Assistance Officers, or organizations of U.S. citizens overseas.

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)			
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____		COUNTY OF _____	
		CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.			
<b>1. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (See instruction 1.)			
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX	c. RACE
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
MM DD YYYY			
<b>2. ILAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION</b> (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)			
a. YEAR	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
YYYY			
<b>3. VOTING RESIDENCE</b> (For military, legal residence. For overseas dweller, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)			
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)		a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		MM DD YYYY	
d. STATE			
e. COUNTY OR PARISH		f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)	
<b>4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:</b> (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)			
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is taxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)			
<b>6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION</b> (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)		<b>7. REMARKS</b> (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
<b>8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT</b>			
X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions)			
<input type="radio"/> a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.			
<input type="radio"/> b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.			
<input type="radio"/> c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.			
<input type="radio"/> d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.			
e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.			
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.			
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.			
h. The information on this form is true and complete.			
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		j. DATE	
X		MM DD YYYY	
<b>9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE</b> (If required by state law)		DATE SIGNED	
		MM DD YYYY	

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Standard Form 76A (1-2000)

**On-Line Federal Post Card Application**



## FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

May 22, 2002

Ms. Alice P. Miller  
Executive Director  
Board of Elections and Ethics  
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 250N  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Miller,

In December 2001, the Congress amended the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* (42 U.S.C. 1973ff), and other federal statutes dealing with Uniformed Services voting. This legislation was enacted as Title XVI – Uniformed Services Voting of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (NDAA FY02), Public Law 107-107. The NDAA FY02 took effect when signed by President Bush on December 28, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of these federal statutory changes so that you can modify any affected State election administration procedures and amend your State legislation, if required.

By enacting this legislation, the Congress is re-emphasizing the importance of voting and, in particular, the need to facilitate the enfranchisement of our Uniformed Services voters. They encourage each person who is an administrator of a Federal, State or local election to: (1) be aware of the importance of the ability of each Uniformed Services voter to exercise the right to vote, and (2) perform their election administration duties with intent to ensure that: each Uniformed Services voter receives the utmost consideration and cooperation when voting; each valid ballot cast by such a voter is duly counted; and all eligible American voters, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, the language they speak, or the resources of the community in which they live, should have an equal opportunity to cast a vote and to have that vote counted.

Specific statutory changes are summarized below by topic:

Guarantee of Residency for Military Personnel. Section 1603 of the NDAA FY02 amends Article VII of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S.C. App. 590 et seq.) by adding Section 704. The new Section 704 provides that: "For purposes of voting for any Federal office...or a State or local office, a person who is absent from a State in compliance with military or naval orders shall not, solely by reason of that absence---

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- (1) be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in that State, without regard to whether or not the person intends to return to that State;
- (2) be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other State; or
- (3) be deemed to have become a resident in or a resident of any other State.”

“...In this section, the term ‘State’ includes a territory or possession of the United States, a political subdivision of a State, territory or possession, and the District of Columbia.”

In the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s (FVAP) view this section is intended to apply the same rules to residence or domicile for voting purposes that have long applied to residence or domicile for tax purposes. This is to ensure that absent military voters retain their residence or domicile for voting purposes as long as they remain absent and in service.

Governors’ Reports on Implementation of Recommendations for Changes in State Law Made Under the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Section 1605 requires the chief executive authority of each State to submit a report on the status of implementation of legislative recommendations received from FVAP. The report is required 90 days after receiving FVAP’s state legislative package. FVAP, in turn, is required to transmit these reports to the respective Congressional delegations from each State. This is a temporary reporting requirement that takes effect with dissemination of FVAP’s 2002 legislative initiatives and will continue through 2004.

FVAP is currently collecting information on the legislative schedules for each State to help us develop an appropriate procedure to implement this provision. We will also provide a suggested report format. We expect to provide guidance by July 2002.

Simplification of Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Application Procedures for Absent Uniformed Services and Overseas Voters. Section 1606 requires States to accept the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot application. It also requires the use of a single FPCA as an absentee ballot request for all subsequent elections for Federal office held in the State during that year. This section of the NDAA FY02 amends Sections 102 and 104 of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*.

Section 102 of the *UOCAVA* provides for the receipt of FPCAs by the appropriate State election official 30 days or more before the election. The federal statute is silent

regarding applications received less than 30 days before an election, thus leaving this matter to the discretion of the States. Therefore, FVAP recommends that any FPCAs received less than 30 days before an election be treated in a manner consistent with State law provisions.

Use of Certain Department of Defense (DoD) Facilities as Polling Places. Section 1607 amends Section 2670 of title 10 U.S.C. and makes the following provision for the use of DoD facilities as polling places for local, State or Federal elections:

(1) The Secretary of Defense or Secretary of a Military Department may not prohibit the designation of a qualifying facility as an official polling place if it was:

- a. Used as an official polling place since January 1, 1996 or
- b. Designated as an official polling place by a state or local election official as of December 31, 2000.

(2) The Secretary of Defense or Secretary of a Military Department may prohibit the designation or use of the facility based on local security conditions.

A qualifying facility is a DoD (i.e., federal) facility. State law governs the use of National Guard Armories.

In addition to those provisions that affect the States, the NDAA FY02 places new responsibilities on the DoD and Military Departments in carrying out and supporting the DoD Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Voting Assistance Programs. Section 1602 requires:

(1) The Services' Inspectors General (IG) to conduct annual effectiveness and compliance reviews of their voting assistance programs and submit a report of their review to the DoD IG. The DoD IG will submit an annual report to Congress not later than March 31, 2003.

(2) Commanders at all levels to ensure that unit voting assistance officers are appointed and trained to provide voting information and assistance to service members. Performance evaluation reports of Voting Assistance Officers will comment on that individual's performance as a Voting Assistance Officer.

(3) The DoD Military Postal Service to conduct regular surveys of specified locations, facilities, and vessels to ensure military postal authorities move voting materials expeditiously.

Electronic Voting Demonstration Project. Section 1604 directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a demonstration project to allow absentee uniformed services voters to vote through an electronic voting system in the November 2002 or 2004 general election. The project is required to have a sufficient number of participant voters to produce statistically relevant results. The Secretary of Defense will carry out the demonstration under cooperative agreements with States that agree to participate in the project.

FVAP will conduct the demonstration project for the November 2004 general election. FVAP released a Request For Proposal in April 2002 for contractor support. Demonstration sites will be selected in August 2002.

I appreciate your support in implementing these provisions of the NDAA FY02. I ask your assistance in notifying local election officials within your State about these changes. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me on 1.800.438.8683 or email at [brunellip@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:brunellip@fvap.ncr.gov).

Sincerely,



P. K. Brunelli  
Director



## FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

December 20, 2002

The Honorable Mike Huckabee  
Governor of Arkansas  
State Capitol, Room 250  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Huckabee:

In October 2002, the President signed the *Help America Vote Act (HAVA)*, Public Law 107-252, which, in part, amended the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* (42U.S.C. 1973ff), and other Federal statutes dealing with Uniformed Services and overseas citizen voting. The *HAVA* reinforces some of the provisions of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (NDAA FY02)*, Public Law 107-107, as they affected *UOCAVA* voters and legislated new requirements regarding these voters. The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of these Federal statutory changes, as they apply to Uniformed Services and overseas citizen voting, so that you can modify any affected State election administration procedures and amend your State laws, if required.

Congress again has emphasized the importance of voting and, in particular, the need to facilitate the enfranchisement of our Uniformed Services and overseas citizen voters. The following is a summary of the statutory changes affecting *UOCAVA* voters and the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) administration of the *Act*:

- The States shall designate a single office which shall be responsible for providing information regarding voter registration and absentee ballot procedures for *UOCAVA* voters. (*Help America Vote Act* §702)
- Each State will report to the Election Assistance Commission, created by the *HAVA*, not later than 90 days following a general election the number of absentee ballots sent to *UOCAVA* voters and the number of absentee ballots received back from *UOCAVA* voters. (§703)  
The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)(SF-76) shall be accepted by the States as a request for all absentee ballots through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. (§704)  
States may not refuse a request for voter registration or absentee ballots from a *UOCAVA* citizen based on grounds of early submission. (§706)
- States must inform a *UOCAVA* citizen if a voter registration request or absentee ballot application is rejected and the reason for the rejection. (§707)  
The Election Assistance Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, has been charged with studying and reporting best practices for facilitating voting by *UOCAVA* voters. (§242) These best practices are developed by local election officials as ways to improve the efficiency of their election processes—your assistance in identifying these practices will be needed. The areas to be studied include:
  - Residence rights of Uniformed Service voters
  - Registration & voting rights of *UOCAVA* voters
  - Early application for absentee ballots

- Appropriate pre-election deadline for states to mail absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* citizens
- Minimum period between mailing ballots to *UOCAVA* citizens and required receipt date
- Timely transmission of balloting materials to *UOCAVA* citizens
- Security & privacy concerns including fraud protection
- Use of single application for ballots for all Federal elections in a year
- Use of fax and electronic transmission of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* voters.

The Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, has been appointed as a member of the Election Assistance Commission's Board of Advisors to represent the needs of *UOCAVA* citizens in the election process. (§214) In this capacity, FVAP will bring voice to not only the needs of these voters but also to the challenges the States face in enfranchising these citizens.

The Secretary of Defense is required to develop a standard oath affirming that a material misstatement of fact in the completion of *UOCAVA* prescribed voting materials may constitute grounds for conviction for perjury. (§705) The States will be required to use this standard oath on their voting materials for *UOCAVA* citizens.

- The Services will require that a postmark or other official proof of mailing is affixed to each absentee ballot collected by the Department of Defense at overseas locations or vessels at sea. (§701) The Services will notify members of deadlines to mail absentee ballots for the general election from individual base locations.

I will send a follow-on letter to Arkansas's Chief Election Official providing an interpretive memo regarding the requirements contained in *HAVA*.

These requirements are in addition to other requirements enacted last year by the *NDAA FY02* that provides for the guarantee of residency for Uniformed Service personnel and the requirement for State Governors to report on the progress in implementing FVAP's legislative recommendations. Those provisions of the *NDAA FY02* were discussed in my letter dated May 22, 2002. Shortly, you will be receiving FVAP's 2003 legislative recommendations to bring uniformity and simplification to the absentee voting process for *UOCAVA* citizens.

I appreciate your support in implementing the provisions of the *Help America Vote Act* and the *NDAA FY02* as they apply to the *UOCAVA* process. I ask your assistance in notifying local election officials within your State about these changes. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or my deputy, J. Scott Wiedmann, on 1.800.438.8683 or e-mail at [brunellip@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:brunellip@fvap.ncr.gov) or [jswiedmann@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:jswiedmann@fvap.ncr.gov).

Sincerely,



P. K. Brunelli  
Director

**County Auditor Phone  
And Fax Numbers**

County	Phone Number	Fax Number
Aitkin	218-927-7354	218-927-7324
Anoka	763-433-5275	763-422-7526
Becker	218-846-7301	218-846-7257
Beltrami	218-759-6648	218-759-6138
Benton	320-968-5027	320-968-5337
Big Stone	320-839-2125	320-839-6253
Blue Earth	507-389-8341	507-389-8396
Brown	507-333-8813	507-359-1430
Carlton	218-884-9127	218-884-9116
Carver	952-361-1910	952-361-1919
Cass	218-547-7281	218-547-7278
Chippewa	320-269-7447	320-269-7412
Chicago	651-213-0424	651-213-0155
Clay	218-694-6320	218-684-6244
Clearwater	218-387-3000	218-387-3043
Cook	507-831-1905	507-831-4553
Cottonwood	218-824-1045	218-824-1046
Crow Wing	651-438-4380	651-438-8366
Dakota	507-635-6239	507-635-6265
Dodge	320-762-3881	320-762-3389
Douglas	507-526-6211	507-526-6290
Faribault	507-765-4701	507-765-4571
Fillmore	507-377-5121	507-377-5175
Freeborn	218-685-4220	218-685-4521
Goodhue	651-385-3032	651-385-3196
Graft	218-685-4220	218-685-4521
Hennepin	612-348-5151	612-348-9677
Houston	507-725-5803	507-725-2647
Hubbard	218-732-3196	218-732-3645
Isanti	763-689-1644	763-689-8210
Itasca	218-327-2860	218-327-7426
Jackson	507-847-2763	507-847-4718
Kandiyohi	320-679-6430	320-679-6431
Kandiyohi	320-231-6202	320-231-6263
Kinross	218-843-2655	218-843-2656
Koochiching	218-283-1101	218-283-1104
Lac qui Parle	320-598-7444	320-598-3125
Lake	218-834-8317	218-834-8358
Lake of the Woods	218-634-2836	218-634-2509
LeSueur	507-357-2251	507-357-6375
Lincold	507-694-1529	507-694-1198
Lyon	507-537-6727	507-537-6091
McLeod	320-864-1210	320-864-1295

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County	Phone Number	Fax Number
Mahnomen	218-935-5869	218-935-5946
Marshall	218-745-4851	218-745-5069
Martin	507-258-3211	507-258-3259
Meeker	320-693-5212	320-693-5444
Millie Lacs	320-983-8310	320-983-8336
Morrison	320-632-0132	320-632-0139
Mower	507-437-9235	507-437-9471
Murray	507-836-6148	507-836-8804
Nicollet	507-921-8800	507-921-8856
Nobles	507-372-8231	507-372-8390
Norman	218-784-5471	218-784-4531
Olmsted	507-287-2118	507-287-7186
Ontonagon	218-739-2271	218-739-3721
Pemungton	218-683-7000	218-683-7026
Pine	320-639-5639	320-639-5679
Pipestone	507-825-6740	507-825-6741
Polk	218-281-2554	218-281-3801
Pope	320-634-5705	320-634-3087
Ramsey	651-266-2171	651-266-2177
Red Lake	218-253-2598	218-253-4894
Redwood	507-637-4013	507-637-4072
Renville	320-523-3624	320-523-3679
Rice	507-322-6104	507-323-3754
Rock	507-283-5060	507-283-1343
Roseau	218-463-1282	218-463-4283
St Louis	218-726-2385	218-725-5060
Scott	952-496-8580	952-496-8174
Sherburne	763-241-2881	763-241-2869
Sibley	507-237-4070	507-237-4073
Stearns	320-656-3900	320-656-6621
Steele	507-444-7410	507-444-7470
Stevens	320-589-7469	320-589-2036
Swift	320-843-4069	320-843-2275
Todd	320-722-4487	320-732-4501
Traverse	320-565-4242	320-563-4424
Wabasha	651-565-2648	651-565-2774
Wadena	218-631-7650	218-631-7652
Waseca	507-835-0610	507-835-0633
Washington	651-430-6790	651-430-6178
Watonwan	507-375-1210	507-375-3547
Wilkin	218-643-7165	218-643-7169
Winona	507-457-6520	507-457-6454
Wright	763-682-7578	763-682-7873
Yellow Medicine	320-564-3132	320-564-3670

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**Minnesota Brochure  
Exhibit 6**

## Minnesota Military Absentee Voting

Dear Members of the Armed Forces,

On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I thank you for your service to Minnesota and the United States of America. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to vote, even as you are stationed away from home, and we will do everything we can to make sure your vote counts.

Mary Kiffmeyer  
Minnesota Secretary of State

**Note:** Your absentee ballot must be received in your precinct by Election Day when the polls close, or it will not be counted. So, apply for and send in your ballot early.

## Resources

Information on overseas voting is available from your Voting Assistance Officer or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is available online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is available online at:  
[www.fvap.gov/pub/onlinefzca.html](http://www.fvap.gov/pub/onlinefzca.html).

Through the Voting Information Center you can hear messages from Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer at 800-438-8683.

You can also get more information on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## Procedures

These procedures apply to persons who are members of the Uniformed Services and their dependents who are also U.S. citizens and residents of Minnesota. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, and commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Follow these steps:

1. Start by contacting your Unit/Organization Voting Assistance Officer for help in absentee registration and voting.
2. Obtain a FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) from your unit's Voting Assistance Officer or see [www.fvap.gov/pub/onlinefzca.pdf](http://www.fvap.gov/pub/onlinefzca.pdf) to download an online FPCA.
3. Carefully complete your application by following the instructions. When signing the application, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct. The application needs to be witnessed or notarized only if the military ID or passport number of the voter is not provided. This also applies for an authorized individual signing on the voter's behalf. Then fax or mail your application to your county auditor.
4. The ballot will be mailed to you 30 days before each election, or after receipt of your application, if less than 30 days.
5. Mail your completed ballot to the county auditor ASAP (ballots must be received before the polls close on Election Day, or they will not be counted).

## Tips to ensure that your vote gets counted:

- A. You must be a Minnesota resident, but you do not have to be a currently registered voter in Minnesota to apply.
- B. Mail or fax your FPCA to your auditor as soon as possible. The FPCA form is now valid for a span covering two general federal elections.
- C. Military spouses and dependents can use the same process to apply for absentee ballots.
- D. A member of your immediate family (spouse, parent, sister, brother, or child over 18 years of age) can complete and submit your application for you.
- E. Allow enough time to mail the ballot. Remember, the voted ballot must be received before the polls close on Election Day.
- F. Minnesota does not allow you to receive or return ballots by fax.
- G. If you are located outside the U.S., have applied for and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, request a **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot** from your Voting Assistance Officer.

The 2004 election dates in Minnesota are:  
State Primary: September 14, 2004  
State General Election: November 2, 2004

Minnesota Brochure continued

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## About the Elections Division

The Secretary of State is the chief election officer for the State of Texas. The Secretary of State's **Elections Division** provides assistance and advice to election officials on the proper conduct of elections. This includes hosting seminars and elections schools, providing calendars, ballot certification, primary election funding, and legal interpretations of election laws to election officials. We also provide assistance to the general public on voter registration and other election issues through our 1-800 toll-free number, 1-800-252-VOTE (8663), and via the internet at [elections@sos.state.tx.us](mailto:elections@sos.state.tx.us).

The Elections Division administers and maintains the Texas Voter Registration System, which is an online voter registration application designed for county officials to maintain accurate and efficient voter registration rolls. Currently, over 120 counties are online with TYRS. In addition, we maintain a statewide master file of all registered voters.

### Texas Voter Registration Application



Request a Voter Registration Application. Click on the link to fill out a simple form and request a postage-paid application.

**NEW** You may change your name or address online. Address changes must be within the same county you are currently registered in.



Solicite una Aplicación de Registro del Votante. Puede llenar la información en la pantalla e imprimir la aplicación informal (seleccionando el condado de su residencia abajo).

**NEW** Puede cambiar su nombre y dirección en línea. El cambio de dirección se podrá efectuar si se muda dentro del mismo condado en el que está actualmente registrado.

### Section Mailing Address

Elections Division  
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P.O. Box 12060  
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### Points of Interest

**NEW** Election Advisory No. 2004-5  
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**NEW** Election Advisory No. 2004-6  
- Please review recount deadlines for May 15, 2004 general election

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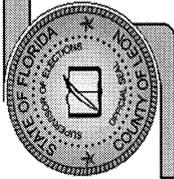
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### Early Voting Period

#### Early Voting:

- **Who can vote early?**

Any registered voter who is eligible to vote in an upcoming election may vote early if they are unable to vote at their precinct on election day.

- **How do I vote early?**

It is easy to vote early. One can request a mail ballot, or vote at the Leon County Courthouse.

A person can request a mail ballot for his or her own use, either:

In person, over the telephone, by mail or,

Use our online form or,

Print a form that you can complete and mail, fax, or deliver to our office

If you are requesting a mail ballot for yourself, we are required by Florida Statute to get

- YOUR NAME
- YOUR ADDRESS
- YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER

**Without this specific information, we are unable to process your mail ballot request.**

Also, your mail ballot may be picked up by any person (except a candidate for office)



**County/Mailing Address/Fax Number**

Adams/POB 2067 Hastings 68902/ 402-461-7185  
 Antelope/POB 26 Neligh 68756/ 402-887-4719  
 Arthur/POB 126 Arthur 69121/ 308-764-2216  
 Banner/POB 67 Harrisburg 69345/ 308-436-4180  
 Blaine/POB 136 Brewster 68821/ 308-547-2228  
 Boone/222 S 4<sup>th</sup> St Albion 68620/ 402-395-6592  
 Box Butte/POB 678 Alliance 69301/308-762-2867  
 Boyd/POB 26 Butte 68722/ 402-775-2146  
 Brown/148 W 4<sup>th</sup> Ainsworth 69210/ 402-387-0918  
 Buffalo/POB 1270 Kearney 68848/ 308-233-3649  
 Burl/POB 87 Tekamah 68061/ 402-374-2956  
 Butler/POB 289 David City 68632/ 402-567-3329  
 Cass/346 Main St Plattsmouth 68048/ 402-296-9360  
 Cedar/POB 47 Hartington 68739/ 402-254-7410  
 Chase/POB 1299 Imperial 69033/ 308-882-5390  
 Cherry/POB 120 Valentine 69201/ 402-376-3095  
 Cheyenne/POB 217 Sidney 69162/ 308-254-6943  
 Clay/POB 67 Clay Center 68933/ 402-762-3506  
 Colfax/411 E 11<sup>th</sup> Schuyler 68661/ 402-352-8515  
 Cuming/POB 290 West Point 68788/ 402-372-6013  
 Custer/431 S 10<sup>th</sup> Broken Bow 68822/ 308-872-2221  
 Dakota/POB 39 Dakota City 68731/ 402-494-9228  
 Dawes/451 Main Chadron 69337/ 308-432-5179  
 Dawson/POB 370 Lexington 68850/ 308-324-6106  
 Deuel/POB 327 Chappell 69129/ 308-874-3472  
 Dixon/POB 546 Ponca 68770/ 402-755-4276  
 Dodge/435 N 11<sup>th</sup> Park Fremont 68025/ 402-727-2764  
 Douglas/225 N 11<sup>th</sup> Omaha 68154/ 402-444-6456  
 Dundy/POB 506 Benkelman 69021/ 308-423-2325  
 Fillmore/POB 307 Geneva 68361/ 402-759-4307  
 Franklin/POB 146 Franklin 68939/ 308-425-6093  
 Frontier/POB 40 Stockville 69042/ 308-367-8730  
 Furnas/POB 387 Beaver City 68926/ 308-268-3205  
 Gage/POB 429 Beatrice 68310/ 402-223-1371  
 Garden/POB 486 Oshkosh 69154/ 308-772-0124  
 Garfield/POB 218 Burwell 68823/ 308-346-4651  
 Gosper/POB 136 Elwood 68937/ 308-785-2300  
 Grant/POB 139 Hyannis 69350/ 308-458-2780  
 Greeley/POB 287 Greeley 68842/ 308-428-3022  
 Hall/121 S Pine St Grand Island 68801/ 308-385-3071  
 Hamilton/1111 13<sup>th</sup> Ste 1 Aurora 68818/ 402-694-2396  
 Harlan/POB 698 Alma 68920/ 308-928-2592  
 Hayes/POB 370 Hayes Center 69032/ 308-286-3208  
 Hitchcock/POB 248 Trenton 69044/ 308-334-5398  
 Holt/POB 329 O'Neill 68763/ 402-336-1762  
 Hooker/POB 184 Mullen 69152/ 308-546-2490  
 Howard/POB 25 St Paul 68873/ 308-754-4125  
 Jefferson/411 4<sup>th</sup> Fairbury 68352/ 402-729-2016  
 Johnson/POB 416 Tecumseh 68450/ 402-335-6311

Kearney/POB 339 Minden 68959/ 308-832-2729  
 Keith/POB 149 Ogallala 69153/ 308-284-6277  
 Keya Paha/POB 349 Springview 68778/ 402-497-3799  
 Kimball/114 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Kimball 69145/ 308-235-3654  
 Knox/POB 166 Center 68724/ 402-288-5605  
 Lancaster/601 N 46<sup>th</sup> Lincoln 68303/ 402-441-8728  
 Lincoln/301 N Jeffers Rm 101 North Plate 69103/  
 308-535-3522  
 Logan/POB 8 Stapleton 69163/ 308-636-2333  
 Loup/POB 187 Taylor 68879/ 308-942-6015  
 Madison/POB 290 Madison 68748/ 402-454-6682  
 McPherson/POB 122 Tryon 69167/ 308-587-2363  
 Merrick/POB 27 Central City 68826/ 308-946-2332  
 Morrill/POB 610 Bridgeport 69336/ 308-262-1469  
 Nance/POB 338 Fullerton 68638/ 308-536-2742  
 Nemaha/1824 N St Auburn 68305/ 402-274-4389  
 Nuckolls/POB 366 Nelson 68961/ 402-225-4301  
 Otoe/POB 249 Nebraska City 68410/ 402-873-9506  
 Pawnee/POB 431 Pawnee City 68420/ 402-832-2963  
 Perkins/POB 156 Grant 69140/ 308-352-2455  
 Phelps/POB 404 Holdrege 68949/ 308-995-4368  
 Pierce/111 W Court Rm 1 Pierce 68767/ 402-329-6439  
 Platte/2610 14<sup>th</sup> Columbus 68601/ 402-564-7733  
 Polk/POB 276 Osceola 68651/ 402-747-2656  
 Red Willow/502 Norris Ave McCook 69001/ 308-  
 345-7307  
 Richardson/1700 Stone Falls City 68355/ 402-245-2946  
 Rock/POB 367 Bassett 68714/ 402-684-2471  
 Saline/POB 865 Wilber 68465/ 402-821-3381  
 Sarpy/1261 Golden Gate Dr Ste 6e Papillion  
 68046/ 402-593-5770  
 Saunders/POB 61 Wahoo 68066/ 402-443-5010  
 Scotts Bluff/1825 10<sup>th</sup> Gering 69341/308-436-3178  
 Seward/POB 190 Seward 68434/ 402-643-9243  
 Sheridan/POB 39 Rushville 69360/ 308-327-2712  
 Sherman/POB 456 Loop City 68853/ 308-745-0297  
 Sioux/POB 158 Harrison 69346/ 308-668-2443  
 Stanton/POB 347 Stanton 68779/ 402-459-2200  
 Thayer/POB 208 Hebron 68370/ 402-768-7232  
 Thomas/POB 226 Theford 69166/ 308-645-2623  
 Thurston/POB G Pender 68047/ 402-385-3544  
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 Washington/POB 466 Blair 68008/ 402-426-6825  
 Wayne/POB 248 Wayne 68787/ 402-375-2288  
 Webster/POB 250 Red Cloud 68970/ 402-746-2710  
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**Nebraska Brochure  
Exhibit 9**

Dear Members of the Armed Forces,

On behalf of the people of Nebraska, I would like to thank you for your service to our country and our state. We are grateful for the sacrifices that you make in order to preserve our democracy.

One of the greatest rights in our society is the right to vote. We want to ensure you the opportunity to cast your ballot during your overseas deployment. By following these procedures, you will be exercising your freedom.

As the chief election official in Nebraska, I want to encourage you to take the time to participate in this year's elections.

John A. Gale  
Nebraska Secretary of State

#### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To Vote in Nebraska, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old, or will be 18 on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November of this year
- A resident of Nebraska

The following will disqualify you from voting in Nebraska:

- Felony conviction, without restoration of civil rights
- Adjudicated non compos mentis (mentally incompetent)

#### OVERSEAS VOTING

You should send a FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) to your election official every year and whenever you change your mailing address. By using the FPCA, you are requesting to receive ballots for every election in which you are eligible to vote in the calendar year.

To register, your completed FPCA must be postmarked no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday before the election

If you are already registered and are requesting an absentee ballot, send your completed FPCA or a written request to the County Election Official so that it arrives no later than 4:00 pm on the Wednesday (6 days) before the election.

Nebraska law allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail. The deadline for faxed registration is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday before the election.

If your FPCA arrives before the deadlines, it will be processed and a ballot will be issued to you. Absentee ballots are mailed to persons outside the U.S. approximately 45 days before the election.

If you are a Nebraska resident residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S., you are eligible to request a state special write-in ballot. These ballots are available 57 days before the election. To make this request, use the FPCA and in item 7 either write or place a label stating, "I am outside the territorial limits of the U.S. I request a special write-in absentee ballot." This special write-in ballot is especially useful

for those who serve in areas without regular mail service.

Nebraska does not allow you to receive a blank ballot by fax. Nebraska also does not allow for voted ballots to be returned by fax.

Your voted ballot must arrive at your County Election Official's office before the close of the polls on Election Day.

#### RESOURCES

The FPCA is available on line at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefzca.html> information on overseas voting is available from your Voting Assistance Officer or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) <http://www.fvap.gov/>

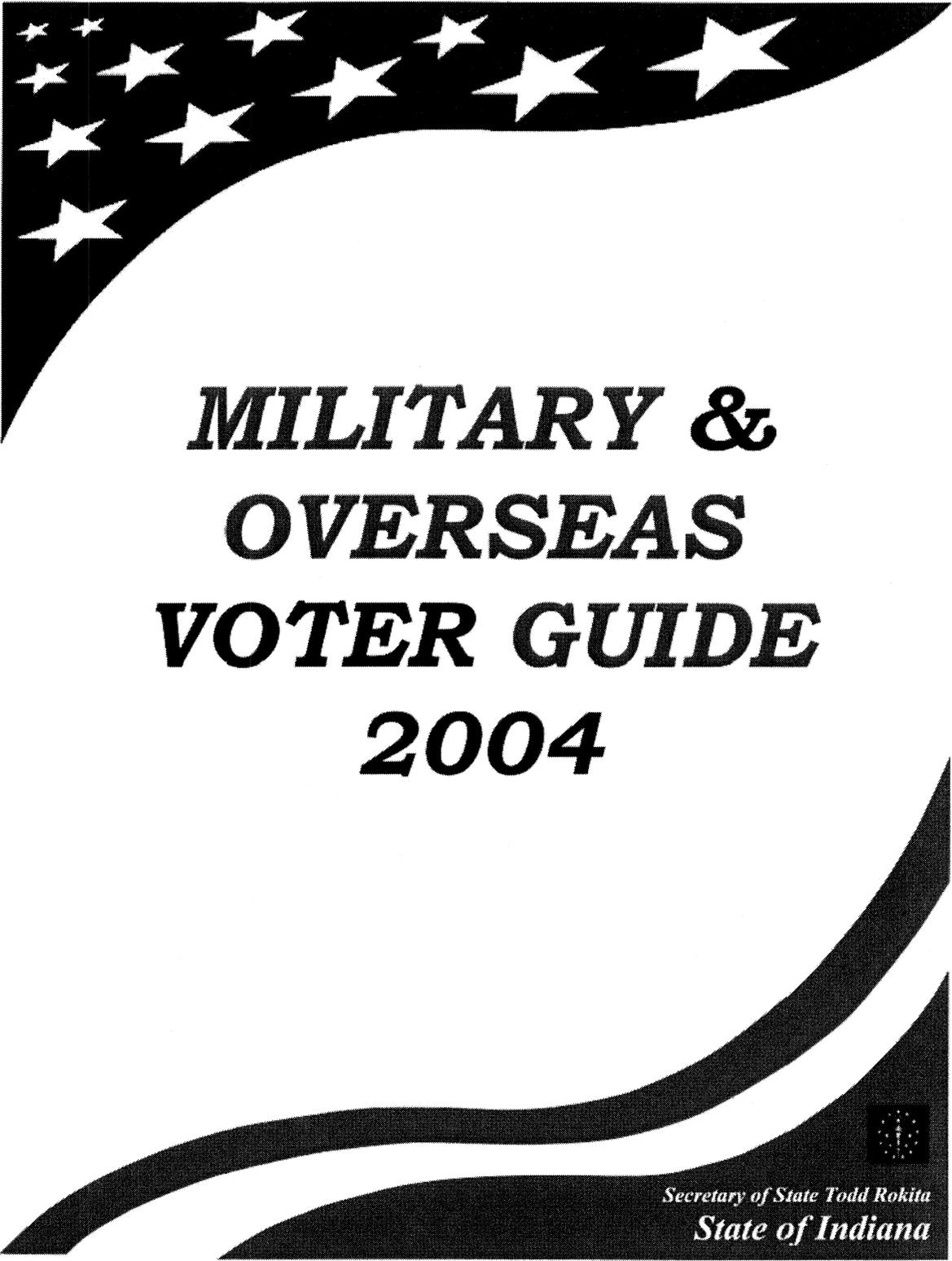
Through the Voting Information Center you can hear messages from Secretary Gale as well as the Nebraska Congressional delegation at 800-438-8683 or DSN 425-1584.

Additional information on elections is available on the Nebraska Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.ne.us>

If you are stationed in Nebraska, but not a Nebraska resident, please contact either your Voting Assistance Officer or the Secretary of State in your residential state.

The 2004 election dates in Nebraska are:  
Primary ~ May 11, 2004  
General ~ November 2, 2004.

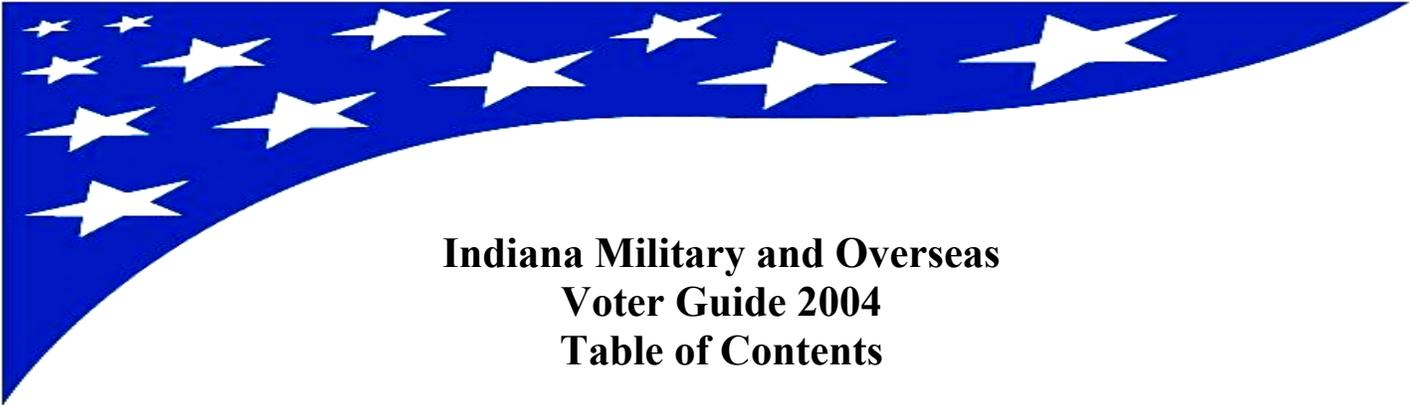
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***MILITARY &  
OVERSEAS  
VOTER GUIDE  
2004***

*Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
State of Indiana*

**Exhibit 10**  
***State of Indiana Military and Overseas Voter Guide 2004***



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Last Revised February 19, 2004



Dear Indiana Voter:

As Indiana's chief election officer it is my great pleasure to provide you with the 2004 Indiana Military and Overseas Voter Guide. Within this guide you will find the information and the application forms necessary for you to vote in Indiana elections.

My office, the federal government and your local election administrators want to provide you with every opportunity to cast your ballot regardless of where you are currently serving or living in the world.

In 2002, Congress passed and the President signed a significant piece of election reform legislation, the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Some of the most important measures included in the Help America Vote Act pertain to members of the military and/or U.S. residents living abroad.



Federal law now requires that Military Voting Assistance Officers be given the time and resources they need to help military personnel vote. Likewise, the Department of Defense must provide timely information about voting deadlines and make certain all military ballots are properly postmarked.

States may not refuse ballots for being submitted too early and if a state rejects an absentee ballot application from a military or overseas voter, the voter must be notified why the application was rejected.

The right of our citizens to popularly elect those who will represent us is among our most important freedoms and cherished civil liberties. This right does not end at Indiana's state line or our Nation's border. I hope you will find this information useful and in return will take the opportunity to cast your vote this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Rokita".

Todd Rokita  
Indiana Secretary of State

# MILITARY VOTERS

## Who is a military voter?

A military voter, otherwise known as an “absent uniformed services voter”, is an individual serving away from his/her place of permanent residence who is also:

- A member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, or other uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of active duty, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.
- A member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.
- A member of the Indiana National Guard deployed or on assignment outside Indiana.

**OR**

- A spouse or dependent of a military voter who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

(See Indiana Code 3-5-2-1.5 for definition of "absent uniformed services voter" and IC 3-5-2-49.3 for definition of “uniformed services.”)

## Who can vote?

**You have the right to vote in an Indiana election if you meet all of the following criteria:**

- You are a U.S. Citizen;
- You are a resident of Indiana;
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next general or municipal election;
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days before the election;
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; *and*
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- There is an extended Voter Registration Deadline for certain Military Voters (Please see page 4 for more details.)

## How do I cast my vote?

Voting is now easier for military voters. You can **vote in person, by mail, or by fax.**

- **Vote in person:** If your circumstances change and you can vote at the designated polling place for your permanent residence, then you should contact your county for instructions on how to proceed. County contact information is listed on pages 21-23 of this packet.
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- **Vote by fax:** When you fax your absentee ballot application to your county election office, you may request that an official election ballot be faxed back to you. Fill out the ballot according to the instructions and fax it back to the county. (Please see page 5 for more details.)

# MILITARY VOTERS

## EXTENDED VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MILITARY VOTERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### 1. I'm not registered to vote at my Indiana address. When is the deadline to register?

In most cases, your county voter registration office must receive your registration application by April 5, 2004, (which is 30 days before the Primary Election), or by October 4, 2004 (which is 30 days before the General Election). There are some exceptions to those deadlines to accommodate military voters. See below.

#### 2. Can I register after this deadline? What if I missed it?

You can return your registration application at any time. Usually, if your county voter registration office receives it after the deadline, your application will not be processed until after the election. The county voter registration office will then process your application so that you will be registered to vote for the following election.

#### 3. Are there any exceptions to missing this registration deadline?

Yes, certain military voters and their family members can still register after the deadline. If you are:

- A member of the Indiana National Guard deployed or on assignment outside of Indiana;
- A member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (or other uniformed service), absent from your residence due to active duty;
- A member of the Merchant Marine, absent from your residence; or
- The husband, wife, or dependent of one of those individuals;

then you may still be able to register to vote after the deadline.

#### To qualify for extended registration before the May 2004 primary, you must

- Meet the other qualifications to be a registered voter in Indiana (be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, and reside in an Indiana precinct, for example).
- Complete a voter registration application.
- Have been absent from Indiana from December 1, 2003 through April 5, 2004.
- Have returned to Indiana after April 5, 2004.
- Show your county voter registration office your discharge (dated on or after December 1, 2003) or a government movement order (with a reporting date on or after December 1, 2003).
- Not have already voted at any other precinct in the election.

If you meet all of these qualifications, you will be allowed to register and vote in the election.

#### To qualify for extended registration before the November 2004 general election, you must

- Meet the other qualifications to be a registered voter in Indiana (be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age; and reside in an Indiana precinct, for example).
- Complete a voter registration application.
- Have been absent from Indiana from May 18, 2004 through October 4, 2004.
- Have returned to Indiana after October 4, 2004.
- Show your county voter registration office your discharge (dated on or after May 18, 2004) or a government movement order (with a reporting date on or after May 18, 2004).
- Not have already voted at any other precinct in the election.

If you return to Indiana after April 5, 2004 (or October 4, 2004 for the general election) and before your county's voter list is printed (**no later than 10 days before the election**), then your name will be added to the voter list and will appear on that list along with the other voters of your precinct. You can vote in person at the poll (or by absentee ballot in the clerk's office).

If you return to Indiana after your county's voter list is printed and before noon on the primary election day (May 4, 2004) or general election day (November 2, 2004), then you can still register and vote, but you will need to vote by absentee ballot in the clerk's office. You will be asked to fill out a special affidavit so that when your absentee ballot is forwarded to your precinct, the precinct election officials can confirm that you are registered to vote.

# MILITARY VOTERS

## VOTE BY FAX

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **I will not be in Indiana on Election Day, and I do not have time to get my absentee ballot returned through the mail. What can I do?**

If you are a military voter or an overseas voter, you can fax your application for an absentee ballot to your county election office. You can also request that your absentee ballot be faxed to you. After you receive and mark your ballot, you can then fax your completed ballot back to your county election office.

2. **Who qualifies for these special procedures as a "military voter"?**

If you are:

- A member of the Indiana National Guard deployed or on assignment outside of Indiana;
- A member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (or other uniformed service), who is absent from your residence due to active duty;
- A Merchant Marine, who is absent from your residence; or
- The husband, wife, or dependent of one of those individuals;

then you can qualify to vote by FAX.

3. **How can I apply for my absentee ballot using these special procedures?**

There is a special form (ABS-12) which is available via the Secretary of State's web page ([www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections)) and from your county election office. You can download this application form from the Election Division website and fill it out. You can then fax the application form directly to your county election office. County fax numbers and other contact information can be found with the form on our web page.

4. **What happens after I fax in my absentee ballot application?**

Your county election office (usually the circuit court clerk) will review your application. If it is complete and you are otherwise qualified, the clerk will fax a blank ballot back to the fax number on your application. In some counties your ballot may have to be "homemade" by the clerk since your mark on a fax could not be read if you used the ordinary ballot given to voters at the polls. Even if your ballot looks a little different than the ballot you used in other elections, it will still be cast and counted if you complete and return it properly.

5. **How can my ballot be secret if I fax it back?**

In return for the convenience of faxing back your completed ballot, you will have to sacrifice some secrecy. Your county election office will send you a cover sheet to fax back along with your completed ballot (Form ABS-9). On the cover sheet, you will be asked to sign a "Voluntary Waiver of Secret Ballot" which recognizes this fact.

Once your faxed ballot is received, your county election office will take every possible precaution to preserve your ballot's secrecy. Your faxed ballot will be counted with other absentee ballots.

6. **What is the deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by FAX?**

Your application must be received by your county election office by midnight (local prevailing Indiana time) on **Monday, April 26, 2004 for the primary election and Monday, October 25, 2004 for the general election**. Legislation will also be considered in 2004 to extend those deadlines further, so contact the Election Division for more information next year.

7. **What is the deadline for returning my faxed ballot?**

Your ballot must be received in time for the ballot to be delivered to your polling place before the polls close (6 pm local time). We recommend that you fax your ballot back **BEFORE** election day if possible. Since Election Day is a legal holiday, most other county offices are closed. Your county election office may not have access to a fax that is located in another county office.

8. **What if I have more questions?**

Please feel free to contact the Election Division by email ([elections@iec.state.in.us](mailto:elections@iec.state.in.us)) or by fax ([317-233-6793](tel:317-233-6793)) or Secretary of State Todd Rokita by email ([aa@sos.state.in.us](mailto:aa@sos.state.in.us)) or by fax ([317-233-3283](tel:317-233-3283)). They will do their best to help in any way, and can work with your county election office to make this process go as smoothly as possible for you.

THANK YOU FOR THE SACRIFICES YOU MAKE EVERY DAY FOR FREEDOM, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

# FAMILIES OF MILITARY VOTERS

## Who is a family member of a military voter?

A family member of a military voter, otherwise known as an “absent uniformed services voter” or “military voter,” is a spouse or dependent of military personnel who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote. A military voter is defined as

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## Who can register to vote and request an absentee ballot?

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# OVERSEAS VOTERS

## Who is an overseas voter?

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(See Indiana Code 3-5-2-34.5 for the definition of “overseas voter”)

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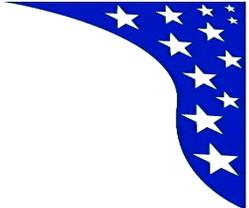
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# **How To Find Information About Elections & Candidates**

## ***Elections:***

Information about elections can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [www.in.gov/sos](http://www.in.gov/sos) under the Indiana Election Division page. New information is also posted on a regular basis under the "What's New" section. Secretary Rokita and the Election Division have developed an Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights, which is a plain language document about accessibility and accountability; it provides accessibility for all Hoosiers by letting them clearly know their rights and accountability for criminals who would commit fraud and deny Hoosier voters their rights.

Some Indiana counties have websites that include election information at the local level. See [www.in.gov/sos/elections/voters/usefullinks.html](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voters/usefullinks.html).

## ***Candidates:***

Your county circuit court clerk is a good source to contact to request additional information about the voting equipment used in your county and about candidates for local office.

You may also wish to contact the political parties listed on page 16 of this packet for information about their platforms and candidates.





# 2004 Indiana Election Calendar

*Please Note: This calendar reflects Indiana law as of November 2003. Election dates are subject to change by the 2004 session of the Indiana General Assembly. This condensed version of the official 2004 election calendar is intended for the use of the general public. Where your legal rights are involved, do not rely only on this calendar.*

## **Wednesday, February 4, 2004**

First day the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters.

## **Thursday, March 25, 2004**

DEADLINE for the county election board (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have already filed applications with the circuit court clerk or the board of elections and registration.

## **Monday, April 5, 2004**

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk (or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration).

**VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS:** DEADLINE for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

## **Saturday, April 24, 2004**

Office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) must be open for at least seven hours for absentee voting. In a county with a population of less than 20,000, the absentee voter board, with the approval of the county election board, may reduce hours to a minimum of four on this date.

## **Monday, April 26, 2004**

**DEADLINE, by midnight** (local prevailing Indiana time), **for the circuit court clerk** (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) **to receive mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications.**

## **Saturday, May 1, 2004**

Office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) must be open for at least seven hours to permit absentee voting. In a county with a population of less than 20,000, the absentee voter board, with the approval of the county election board, may reduce hours to a minimum of four on this date.

## **Monday, May 3, 2004**

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration).

**Tuesday, May 4, 2004**

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004**

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

**Wednesday, August 4, 2004**

First day the circuit court clerk (or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters.

**Thursday, September 30, 2004**

DEADLINE for the county election board (or the Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) to mail general election absentee ballots to voters who have already filed applications with the circuit court clerk (or the boards of elections and registration).

**Monday, October 4, 2004**

First day that a voter may vote an absentee general election ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration).

**VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS:** DEADLINE for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

**Saturday, October 23, 2004**

Office of circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) must be open at least seven hours to permit absentee voting. In a county with a population of less than 20,000, the absentee voter board, with the approval of the county election board, may reduce hours to a minimum of four on this date.

**Monday, October 25, 2004**

**DEADLINE, by midnight** (local prevailing Indiana time), **for the circuit court clerk** (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) **to receive mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications.**

**Saturday, October 30, 2004**

Office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) must be open for at least seven hours to permit absentee voting. In a county with a population of less than 20,000, the absentee voter board, with the approval of the county election board, may reduce hours to a minimum of four on this date.

**Monday, November 1, 2004**

DEADLINE, by noon (local prevailing Indiana time), for all other circuit court clerks (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration) to receive mailed or hand-delivered absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon (local prevailing Indiana time), for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk (or Lake and Tippecanoe County boards of elections and registration).

**Tuesday, November 2, 2004**

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

**Wednesday, December 1, 2004**

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS



**COVER SHEET AND AFFIDAVIT FOR  
ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICE AND OVERSEAS VOTER  
State Form 51259 (3-03)  
Indiana Election Commission (IC 3-11-4-6; IC 3-11-4-21; IC 3-11-10-1)**

**(ABS-9)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form, along with an absentee ballot, is sent by fax to an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter whose application to vote absentee by fax has been approved. The voter must complete this form and sign both the affidavit and the voluntary waiver of the right to a secret ballot. The voter then sends this form with the voted absentee ballots by fax to the county election board. The individual designated to receive absentee ballots transmitted by fax shall: 1) Note the receipt of the absentee ballot in the records of the circuit court clerk as other absentee ballots received by the circuit court clerk are noted. 2) Fold each ballot received from the voter separately so as to conceal the marking. 3) Enclose each ballot in a blank absentee ballot envelope. 4) Securely seal the envelope. 5) Mark on the envelope: "Absentee Ballot Received by Fax". and 6) Securely attach to the envelope the faxed affidavit received with the voter's absentee ballots.

**COVER SHEET**

**To be completed by the county election board:**

To: county election board of \_\_\_\_\_ County

Fax number of county election board: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the voter:**

Voter's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter's telephone number (if available): ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Voter's fax number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Voter's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

(Note: Providing a fax number, email address, or mailing address will allow the county election board to send the voter confirmation that the county election board received the voter's absentee ballot.)

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, (Attach voter address label here or print voter name and address below)

**Affirm under the penalties of perjury that all of the following are true:**

**I reside at the above address and am entitled to vote in the above precinct/ward/township or I am entitled to vote an absentee ballot in the precinct where I formerly resided under IC 3-10-10, 3-10-11, OR 3-10-12 in the above precinct/ward/township in the state of Indiana (and the required VRG-4/12 form is attached) at the**

PRIMARY  GENERAL  MUNICIPAL  SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on:

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Insert date of election)*

**I have personally marked the enclosed ballot.**

<b>Signature of voter</b>	<b>Date signed (mm/dd/yy)</b> _____/_____/_____
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**VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF SECRET BALLOT**

I understand that by faxing my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot.

Signature of Voter: \_\_\_\_\_





**UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

**(ABS-11)**

State Form 51261(3-03)

Indiana Election Commission (IC 3-7-36-14)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** An absent uniformed services voter may register after registration closes and after the poll lists have been prepared if the voter meets the qualifications and provides the documents set forth in IC 3-7-36-14. The voter may then vote in this election by absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk. The circuit court clerk then issues this certificate certifying that the voter registered under this procedure and attaches this certificate to the voter's absentee ballot envelope. The ballot envelope with attached certificate shall be forwarded to the precinct where the voter is registered. The inspector shall remove this certificate when processing this absentee ballot and shall attach this certificate to the poll list in the presence of the poll clerks and the poll clerks shall sign a statement indicating that the inspector did so.

STATE OF INDIANA ) TOWNSHIP OR WARD \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS: )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_ )

**ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER CERTIFICATE**

To the inspector of this precinct: This certifies that

Name of Voter	Voter's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____/_____/_____	Voter Identification Number	
Voter's Registration Address	City	Zip Code	

registered to vote under IC 3-7-36-14 in the precinct where the person resides and for which you serve as inspector. Under IC 3-7-36-14, this voter is entitled to vote in this election by absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk. This certificate is attached to the absentee ballot of a voter who registered to vote, and voted, pursuant to IC 3-7-36-14.

SO CERTIFIED THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Circuit Court Clerk Signature
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THE POLL CLERKS ACKNOWLEDGE BY THEIR SIGNATURE BELOW THAT THE INSPECTOR ATTACHED THIS

**CERTIFICATE TO THE POLL LIST IN THE PRESENCE OF THE POLL CLERKS.**

Poll Clerk Signature	Poll Clerk Signature
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**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION  
FOR ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER  
OR OVERSEAS VOTER TO VOTE BY FAX**

**(ABS-12)**

State Form 51262 (3-03)  
Indiana Election Commission (IC 3-11-4-6; 3-11-4-7)

**To the county election board:**

**I affirm that I am a registered voter at the address indicated below, and I am either an absent uniformed service voter or an overseas voter who was otherwise qualified to vote in the precinct where I resided before I left the United States, and I request an absentee ballot to be sent to me by facsimile (FAX) and returned by me to the county election board by FAX.**

(NOTE: If you vote by FAX, you will be required to sign a statement on the FAX cover sheet acknowledging your understanding that you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot.)

<p>If this application is for a <b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>, check the political party ballot that you are requesting:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEMOCRATIC</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>REPUBLICAN</b></p> <p><b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check School Board Only <b>AND/OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Question Only <i>(these options may not be available in all precincts).</i></p>
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Name of Voter		Voter's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	
		_____/_____/_____	
Voter Identification Number <i>(optional)</i> (Indiana issued driver's license number or state identification card number, OR if voter does not possess driver's license or state ID card, provide last 4 digits of social security number)			
Voter's Registration Address		City	Zip Code
Voter's Telephone Number	Voter's FAX Number	Voter's e-mail address	
(_____)	(_____)		
Voter's Mailing Address (if different from registration address)		City	Zip Code

Voter's Signature	Date (mm/dd/yy)
	_____/_____/_____

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		
Date (mm/dd/yy)    ____/____/____		
Precinct:		





**AFFIDAVIT FOR LATE VOTER REGISTRATION BY  
 ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER**  
 State Form 51263 (3-03)  
 Indiana Election Commission (IC 3-7-36-11; 3-7-36-12)

**(ABS-13)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This affidavit is used only for an absent uniformed services voter (or the voter's spouse or dependent) who is otherwise entitled to vote in Indiana if the voter was absent from Indiana during the previous registration period. This voter may apply to register to vote after the close of registration and after the poll list is printed until noon election day if the voter: 1) returned to Indiana after the poll list is prepared, but before noon election day; 2) shows the county registration office a discharge dated on or after the beginning of the preceding registration period or a government movement order with a reporting date on or after the beginning of the preceding registration period; 3) completes a registration application; and 4) signs an affidavit that the voter has not voted at any other precinct in the election. A voter who registers under this procedure is entitled to vote in the upcoming election by absentee ballot at the office of the circuit court clerk any time after the voter registers and until noon election day.

STATE OF INDIANA )

) SS:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

**I affirm each of the following:**

1. I am either: (a) A member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of active duty, was absent from the place of my residence where I am otherwise qualified to vote; (b) A member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, was absent from the place of residence where I am otherwise qualified to vote; (c) A member of the Indiana national guard deployed or on assignment outside Indiana; or (d) A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in (a), (b) or (c) above who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.
2. I have been absent from Indiana by reason of my service (or I am the spouse or dependent of a member described in paragraph 1(a), (b) or (c)) and have been absent from Indiana by reason of that member's service) as indicated in paragraph 1 since December 1, 2002 through April 7, 2003.
3. I returned to Indiana on or after preparation of the poll list for my precinct, but before noon election day).
4. I (or my spouse or dependent) have shown the county registration official a discharge dated on or after December 1, 2002 or a government movement order with a reporting date on or after December 1, 2002.
5. I have completed a registration application.
6. I have completed an absentee ballot application.
7. I have not voted at any other precinct in this election.

Name of Voter

Printed Name of Voter

**FRONT**



**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION (ABS-14)  
BY MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER**

Indiana Election Commission  
State Form 51624 (2-04) (IC 3-11-4-17.5)

**From the \_\_\_\_\_ County Election Board**

*This office has received your application for an absentee ballot in the next election.*

*The box checked below applies to your application.*

Your application has been received after the deadline for this election. However, your application has been approved and you will be able to vote by absentee ballot in the **NEXT** election and in any election held until the second general election following the date your application was approved.

We have processed your absentee ballot application. However, we have determined that you are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_

The following information was incomplete or missing from your application:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please contact this office to supply this missing information.*

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, YOU MAY TELEPHONE THE  
COUNTY ELECTION BOARD AT:**

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**BACK**

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<b>POSTMASTER: Return Service Requested</b>



# MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

# (ABS-15)

For Election to be held: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

State Form 51623 (2-04)

Indiana Election Commission (IC 3-11-4-5.1)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application is for an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter. The voter (or the voter's power of attorney) must **SIGN** the application below. If you are applying for a voter as the voter's attorney in fact, a copy of the power of attorney must be attached. Complete and return this application to your county election board, so that the application is received at least 8 days before the election. You can return this application by FAX. If approved, this application is valid for any election held between the date the application is approved and the second general election after that date.

Return by mail to this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### TO THE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

### FOR COUNTY ELECTION BOARD USE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION

Name (please print)		Township/Ward
Registration Address (Number and Street)	Telephone Number (Day)	Precinct
City/Town, State, Zip Code	Telephone Number (Evening)	City/Town Description
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____	Voter Identification Number <i>(Indiana issued driver's license number or state identification card number, OR if voter does not possess driver's license or state ID card, provide last 4 digits of social security number)</i>  <i>(optional)</i>	Council District
		Application <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date Application Expires <i>(insert day following second general election)</i> _____

### MAILING ADDRESS *(If different than registration address)*

### If application is denied, reason for denial:

Mailing Address (Number and Street)	_____
City/Town, State, Zip Code	_____

### FOR PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY

In Indiana, you must request a major political party ballot to vote in the primary election. However, you may vote for school board offices or on referenda held at the same time as the primary without voting a political party ballot.

I apply for the ballots of the *(check one box)*  Democratic Party **OR**  Republican Party, a majority of whose candidates I expect to vote for in the general or municipal election; **OR**  School Board Offices Only **AND/OR**  Public Question Only

### FOR GENERAL ELECTION ONLY

I apply for the ballots of  Entire Ballot **OR**  School Board Offices Only **AND/OR**  Public Question Only

### Voting by Mail

*(Application due by \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_)*

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that I am:

1. A member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty; or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member; or, A U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.; or Other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.; and
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; and
3. I have not been convicted of a felony and imprisoned following conviction, or other disqualifying offense, or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under State or Federal law. I have not been influenced.

My signature and date below indicated when I completed this document.

The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury.

Signature of voter	Date signed (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____
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## FEDERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) operates within the Department of Defense. Ms. Polli Brunelli is the Director of FVAP. The State of Indiana Liaison is Mr. John B. Godley.

Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Washington Headquarters Services  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1155  
1.800.438.8683 (Toll free)  
703.588.1584  
703.588.0108 (Fax)  
[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)  
[vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov)

Please note that the  
**Standard Form 76** can  
also be found courtesy  
of the FVAP at:

[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

## STATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Secretary of State  
The Honorable Todd Rokita  
201 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317.232.6531 (General Information)  
317.232.6536 (Secretary of State Rokita)  
317.233.3283 (Fax)  
[aa@sos.state.in.us](mailto:aa@sos.state.in.us)  
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302 West Washington; Room E204  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317.232.3939  
317.232.6793 (Fax)  
[www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections)

# STATE POLITICAL PARTIES

## ***Constitution***

Indiana Constitution Party  
[www.sensiblepc.com/constitutionalpartyofindiana](http://www.sensiblepc.com/constitutionalpartyofindiana)

## ***Democrat***

Indiana Democratic Party  
One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
1.800.223.3387 / 317.231.7100  
[www.indems.org](http://www.indems.org)

## ***Green***

Indiana Green Party  
P.O. Box 441105  
Indianapolis, IN 46244  
[Mail@indianagreenparty.org](mailto:Mail@indianagreenparty.org)  
[www.indianagreenparty.org](http://www.indianagreenparty.org)

## ***Libertarian***

Libertarian Party of Indiana State Central Committee  
156 E. Market Street  
Suite 405  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
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[www.lpin.org](http://www.lpin.org)

## ***Natural Law***

Natural Law Party of Indiana  
P.O. Box 3541  
Carmel, IN 46082  
[NLPIndiana@earthlink.net](mailto:NLPIndiana@earthlink.net)  
[www.nlp-indiana.org](http://www.nlp-indiana.org)

## ***Republican***

Indiana Republican State Central Committee  
47 S. Meridian Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317.635.7561  
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[www.indgop.org](http://www.indgop.org)

# COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>County</b>	<b>Clerk's UPS address</b>	<b>Clerk's Phone # / Fax #</b>
Adams	112 S. 2nd St. 112 S. 2nd St.; Decatur, IN 46733	260-724-5300 X2101 / 260-724-5313
Allen	Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun, #200A; Ft. Wayne, IN 46802	260-449-7424 / 260-449-7658
Bartholomew	Courthouse, 234 Washington St.; Columbus, IN 47201	812-379-5363 / 812-379-1675
Benton	Courthouse, 706 E. 5th St., #37; Fowler, IN 47944	765-884-0930 / 765-884-0322
Blackford	Courthouse, 110 W. Washington St.; Hartford City, IN 47348	765-348-1130 / 765-348-7234
Boone	Courthouse Square, Rm 212; Lebanon, IN 46052	765-482-3510 / 765-485-0150
Brown	Courthouse, 20 E. Main; Nashville, IN 47448	812-988-5512 / 812-988-5562
Carroll	Courthouse, 101 W. Main St.; Delphi, IN 46923	765-564-4485 / 765-564-1835
Cass	200 Court Park, Govt. Bldg. Rm 105; Logansport, IN 46947	574-753-7742 / 574-722-1556
Clark	C/C Bldg. 501 E. Court Ave., Rm 137; Jeffersonville, IN 47130	812-285-6244 / 812-280-5652
Clay	609 E. National Ave., Rm 213; Brazil, IN 47834	812-448-9024 / 812-446-9602
Clinton	Courthouse, 265 Courthouse Square; Frankfort, IN 46041	765-659-6335 / 765-659-6347
Crawford	Courthouse, South Court; English, IN 47118	812-338-2565 / 812-338-2507
Daviess	200 E. Walnut St.; Washington, IN 47501	812-254-8690 / 812-254-8698
Dearborn	Courthouse, 215 W. High St.; St. Lawrenceburg, IN 47025	812-537-8867 / 812-532-2021
Decatur	Courthouse, 150 Courthouse Sq #244; Greensburg, IN 47240	812-663-8223 / 812-663-8642
Dekalb	100 S. Main St.; Auburn, IN 46706	260-925-0912 or 927-4725 / 260-925-5126
Delaware	Courthouse, 100 W. Main St.; Muncie, IN 47305	765-747-7726 / 765-751-3335
Dubois	1 Courthouse Square; Jasper, IN 47546	812-481-7035 / 812-481-7044
Elkhart	101 N. Main Room 204; Goshen, IN 46526	574-535-6430 / 574-535-6471
Fayette	Courthouse, 401 Central; Connorsville, IN 47331	765-825-1813 / 765-827-4902
Floyd	311 W. 1st St. Rm 235; New Albany, IN 47150	812-948-5415 / 812-948-4711
Fountain	Courthouse, 301 4th St.; Covington, IN 47932	765-793-2192 / 765-793-5002
Franklin	Courthouse, 459 Main St.; Brookville, IN 47012	765-647-5111 / 765-647-3224
Fulton	815 Main St.; Rochester, IN 46975	574-223-4824 / 574-223-8304
Gibson	101 N. Main St.; Princeton, IN 47670	812-385-2541 / 812-385-5025
Grant	Courthouse, 101 E. 4th St.; Marion, IN 46952	765-668-8121 / 765-668-6541
Greene	Courthouse, Washington/Main St.; Bloomfield, IN 47424	812-384-2014 / 812-384-8458
Hamilton	One Hamilton County Square #106; Noblesville, IN 46060	317-776-9631 / 317-776-9664
Hancock	Courthouse, 9 E. Main St.; Greenfield, IN 46140	317-462-1109 / 317-477-1163
Harrison	Courthouse, 300 N. Capitol Ave. Rm 203; Corydon, IN 47112	812-738-4289 / 812-738-1153

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Hendricks	Courthouse, 355 S. Washington St.; Danville, IN 46122	317-745-9388 / 317-718-8364
Henry	1215 Race St. # 120; New Castle, IN 47362	765-529-6401 ext 100 / 765-521-7046
Howard	Courthouse, 104 N. Buckeye St.; Kokomo, IN 46901	765-456-2204 / 765-456-2267
Huntington	Courthouse, 201 N. Jefferson, Rm 201; Huntington, IN 46750	260-358-4817 / 260-358-4880
Jackson	111 S. Main Street; Brownstown, IN 47220	812-358-6116 / 812-358-6187
Jasper	115 W. Washington St.; Rensselaer, IN 47978	219-866-4926 / 219-866-4940
Jay	Courthouse, 120 Court St.; Portland, IN 47371	260-726-4951 / 260-726-6922
Jefferson	300 E. Main St. Rm 203; Madison, IN 47250	812-265-8924 / 812-265-8950
Jennings	Courthouse, 25 Pike St.; Vernon, IN 47282	812-352-3070 / 812-352-3076
Johnson	5 E Jefferson St.; Franklin, IN 46131	317-736-3708 / 317-736-3749
Knox	Courthouse, 101 N. 7th St.; Vincennes, IN 47591	812-895-4927 / 812-895-4929
Kosciusko	121 N. Lake St.; Warsaw, IN 46580	574-372-2334 / 574-372-2338
LaGrange	Courthouse, 105 N. Detroit St.; LaGrange, IN 46761	260-499-6371 / 260-463-2187
Lake	2293 N. Main St.; Crown Point, IN 46307	219-755-3817 / 219-755-3520
LaPorte	Courthouse, 813 Llincolnway, #105; LaPorte, IN 46350	219-326-6808 X465 / 219-326-6626
Lawrence	Courthouse, 916 15th St.; Bedford, IN 47421	812-275-7543 / 812-277-2024
Madison	Courthouse, 16 E. 9th St.; Anderson, IN 46016	765-641-9457 / 765-640-4203
Marion	C/C Bldg., 200 E. Washington St. # W-122; Indianapolis, IN 46204	317-327-4740 or 4734 / 317-327-3893
Marshall	211 W. Madison St.; Plymouth, IN 46563	574-936-8922 / 574-936-8893
Martin	111 Main St.; Shoals, IN 47581	812-247-3651 / 812-247-2791
Miami	Courthouse, Main/Broadway; Peru, IN 46970	765-472-3901 X 256 / 765-472-1778
Monroe	Justice Center, 301 N. College, Rm 201; Bloomington, IN 47402	812-349-2600 / 812-349-2610
Montgomery	100 E. Main St., Rm 203; Crawfordsville, IN 47933	765-364-6430 / 765-364-6355
Morgan	Courthouse Martinsville IN 46151	765-342-1025 / 765-342-1111
Newton	Courthouse, 201 N. 3rd St.; Kentland, IN 47951	219-474-6081 / 219-474-5749
Noble	101 N. Orange St.; Albion, IN 46701	260-636-2736 / 260-636-4000
Ohio	Courthouse, 314 Main St.; Rising Sun, IN 47040	812-438-2610 / 812-438-4950
Orange	Courthouse, 1 Court St.; Paoli, IN 47454	812-723-2649 / 812-723-0239
Owen	Courthouse, 60 S. Main; Spencer, IN 47460	812-829-5015 / 812-829-5147
Parke	116 W. High St, Rm 204; Rockville, IN 47872	765-569-5132 or 4001 / 765-569-4222
Perry	2219 Payne St.; Tell City, IN 47586	812-547-3741 / 812-547-9782

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Pike	801 Main St.; Petersburg, IN 47567	812-354-6025 / 812-354-6369
Posey	Courthouse, 300 Main St.; Mt. Vernon, IN 47620	812-838-1306 / 812-838-1307
Porter	16 E. Lincolnway, Rm 209; Porter, IN 46383	219-465-3450 / 219-465-3847
Pulaski	Courthouse, 112 E. Main St., Rm 230; Winamac, IN 46996	574-946-6038 / 574-946-4953
Putnam	Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Sq.; Greencastle, IN 46135	765-653-2648 / 765-653-8405
Randolph	Courthouse, 100 S. Main St.; Winchester, IN 47394	765-584-4214 / 765-584-2958
Ripley	Courthouse, 115 N. Main St.; Versailles, IN 47042	812-689-6115 / 812-689-6000
Rush	101 E. 2nd St.; Rushville, IN 46173	765-932-2086 / 765-932-4165
Scott	1 E. McClain Ave. #120; Scottsburg, IN 47170	812-752-8420 / 812-752-5459
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