

South Dakota

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary June 5, 2012	State Primary June 5, 2012	State Primary Runoff June 19, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	May 21, 2012	May 21, 2012	June 4, 2012	October 22, 2012
Ballot Request	3 pm, June 5, 2012	3 pm, June 5, 2012	3 pm, June 19, 2012	3 pm, November 6, 2012
Ballot Return	June 5, 2012	June 5, 2012	June 19, 2012	November 6, 2012

These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.

Information is current as of September 2011. Check www.fvap.gov for updates.

Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections for the calendar year in which it is submitted. Voters should submit a new application after January 1 of each year to qualify for all upcoming Federal elections.

Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

Block 1: Select the category that describes you.

Block 2: To vote in primary elections, you must enter your political party affiliation. If you want to change your political party affiliation, mail a completed FPCA indicating your new party preference to the local election official to be received no later than 15 days prior to the election. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

For Independent voters only, South Dakota allows a recognized political party to accept voters registered as Independent into that party's primary election. As a voter who registered as an Independent, you may have a choice of ballot types for this primary election, depending on the races in your precinct. You may choose a non-political ballot or a Democratic Ballot. Which ballot you vote is your choice. Indicate in Block 6 which ballot type you wish to vote.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

Your valid South Dakota Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not have a South Dakota Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, you must register at the County Auditor's office and sign a statement saying you do not have either number.

Block 5: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 6: South Dakota allows you to receive your blank ballot by mail or email. Your absentee ballot cannot be received by fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. If you choose to receive your blank ballot by email, you must provide your email address in Block 5. Please ensure that this email address does not block or filter emails forwarded from your county election official. In the event that your ballot cannot be delivered via email, your local election official will mail your ballot to the address in Block 8. If no address is provided, your ballot would then be sent to your voter registration address in South Dakota.

Block 7: Complete street address of your South Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 8: Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

Block 9: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

Affirmation: Sign and date.

Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families must provide a photocopy of one of the following:

- a South Dakota Drivers License or non-driver ID card
- a passport or other picture ID issued by the U.S. government
- a tribal photo ID
- a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution.

Should notarization of the Stateside military voter's signature be easier to obtain than a photocopy of the ID, a notarized absentee ballot application may be submitted. The notarization on the absentee ballot application can be administered by any commissioned officer in the military service of the United States.

Overseas Uniformed Service members, their families, and overseas citizens are not required to have a witness or notarization, nor are they required to include a photocopy of their identification.

How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

South Dakota allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax if you are already registered. If you are not registered, you must submit the form by mail.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the signed form as a scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at www.sdsos.gov.

If you choose to fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the signed form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at www.sdsos.gov. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration, contact your local election office or refer to South Dakota's voter registration verification website at: <https://www.vip.sd.gov/>.

In addition to your registration information, this site also provides you with tracking information regarding your voting materials — the date your absentee ballot application was received, the date the absentee ballot was sent to you either by mail or email, and the date your voted absentee ballot was received by your election official.

Your jurisdiction will contact you if your registration is denied.

Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots at least 46 days before primary and general elections.

Voted ballots must be received by the local election office by the close of the polls on Election Day.

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the "Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD". This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: www.sdsos.gov/deployed.

Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

- If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

South Dakota allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in primary, secondary, special, and general elections for Federal office. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:

Block 1: South Dakota allows you to use this form for registration.

Block 2: Select the category that describes you.

Block 3: Name (Last, First, Middle)

Block 4: Date of Birth

Block 5: Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

Block 7: Complete street address of your South Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

Block 8: Enter your current mailing address.

Block 9: Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application here.

Affirmation: Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

Vote Your FWAB:

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to www.sdsos.gov. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

The deadlines for submitting the FWAB are the same as for State absentee ballots. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your local election official. Contact information for your county auditor is available at www.sdsos.gov.

You may check the status of the absentee ballot process by referring to South Dakota's Voter Information Portal at www.vip.sd.gov. The site tracks the date your absentee ballot application was received, the date the absentee ballot was sent to you either by mail or email, and the date your voted absentee ballot was received by your election official.

Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Aurora	Aurora County Auditor PO Box 397 Plankinton, SD 57368-0397 Fax: (605) 942-7746 Email: susan.urban@state.sd.us
Beadle	Beadle County Auditor PO Box 845, Huron, SD 57350-0845 Fax: (605) 353-8402 Email: beadle@midco.net
Bennett	Bennett County Auditor PO Box 460 Martin, SD 57551-0460 Fax: (605)-685-6311 Email: susan.williams@state.sd.us
Bon Homme	Bon Homme County Auditor PO Box 605 Tyndall, SD 57066-0605 Fax: (605) 589-4202 Email: tamara.brunken@state.sd.us
Brookings	Brookings County Auditor 314 6th Avenue Brookings, SD 57006-2086 Fax: (605) 696-8211 Email: elections@brookingscountysd.gov
Brown	Brown County Auditor 25 Market Street, Suite 1 Aberdeen, SD 57401-4293 Fax: (605) 626-4010 Email: auditor@brown.sd.us
Brule	Brule County Auditor 300 S. Courtland, Suite 103 Chamberlain, SD 57325-1599 Fax: (605) 234-4430 Email: brulaud@midstatesd.net
Buffalo	Buffalo County Auditor PO Box 146 Gann Valley, SD 57341-0146 Fax: (605) 293-3240 Email: elaine.wulff@state.sd.us
Butte	Butte County Auditor 839 Fifth Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717-1719 Fax: (605) 892-4525 Email: elaine.jensen@state.sd.us

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Campbell	Campbell County Auditor PO Box 37 Mound City, SD 57646-0037 Fax: (605) 955-3308 Email: lisa.schaeftbauer@state.sd.us
Charles Mix	Charles Mix County Auditor PO Box 490 Lake Andes, SD 57356-0490 Fax: (605) 487-7221 Email: cmixaud@hcinet.net
Clark	Clark County Auditor PO Box 294 Clark, SD 57225-0294 Fax: (605) 532-5931 Email: nancy.worth@state.sd.us
Clay	Clay County Auditor 211 West Main, Suite 200 Vermillion, SD 57069-2039 Fax: (605) 677-7104 Email: ruth.bremer@claycountysd.org
Codington	Codington County Auditor 14 First Avenue, SE Watertown, SD 57201-3611 Fax: (605) 882-6288 Email: cbrugman@codington.org
Corson	Corson County Auditor PO Box 255, McIntosh, SD 57641-0255 Fax: (605) 273-4233 Email: corsonauditor@sdplains.com
Custer	Custer County Auditor 420 Mt. Rushmore Road Custer, SD 57730-1934 Fax: (605) 673-8150 Email: lnelson@custercountysd.com
Davison	Davison County Auditor 200 East 4th Avenue Mitchell, SD 57301-2692 Fax: (605) 995-8618 Email: auditor@davisoncounty.org
Day	Day County Auditor 711 West 1st Street Webster, SD 57274-1364 Fax: (605) 345-9515 Email: sandra.raap@state.sd.us
Deuel	Deuel County Auditor PO Box 616 Clear Lake, SD 57226-0616 Fax: (605) 874-1306 Email: pam.lynde@state.sd.us
Dewey	Dewey County Auditor PO Box 277 Timber Lake, SD 57656-0277 Fax: (605) 865-3691 Email: adele.enright@state.sd.us
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor PO Box 159 Armour, SD 57313-0159 Fax: (605) 724-2204 Email: gary.denke@state.sd.us
Edmunds	Edmunds County Auditor PO Box 97 Ipswich, SD 57451-0097 Fax: (605) 426-6164 Email: keith.schurr@state.sd.us
Fall River	Fall River County Auditor 906 North River Street Hot Springs, SD 57747-1398 Fax: (605) 745-6835 Email: sue.ganje@state.sd.us
Faulk	Faulk County Auditor PO Box 309 Faulkton, SD 57438-0309 Fax: (605) 598-6680 Email: daniel.swenson@state.sd.us
Grant	Grant County Auditor 210 East Fifth Avenue Milbank, SD 57252-2499 Fax: (605) 432-9004 Email: karen.layher@state.sd.us

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Gregory	Gregory County Auditor PO Box 437 Burke, SD 57523-0413 Fax: (605) 775-2596 Email: jim.waterbury@state.sd.us
Haakon	Haakon County Auditor PO Box 698 Philip, SD 57567-0698 Fax: (605) 859-2801 Email: haakon@gwtc.net
Hamlin	Hamlin County Auditor PO Box 237 Hayti, SD 57241-0237 Fax: (605) 783-3201 Email: dixie.opdahl@state.sd.us
Hand	Hand County Auditor 415 West First Avenue Miller, SD 57362-1346 Fax: (605) 853-2769 Email: auditor.handcoem@midconetwork.com
Hanson	Hanson County Auditor PO Box 500 Alexandria, SD 57311-0500 Fax: (605) 239-4296 Email: lesa.trabing@state.sd.us
Harding	Harding County Auditor PO Box 26 Buffalo, SD 57720-0026 Fax: (605) 375-3318 Email: kathy.glines@state.sd.us
Hughes	Hughes County Auditor 104 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-2591 Fax: (605) 773-7479 Email: shellie.baumgart@co.hughes.sd.us
Hutchinson	Hutchinson County Auditor 140 Euclid, Room 128 Olivet, SD 57052-0128 Fax: (605) 387-4209 Email: jeanie.simonsen@state.sd.us
Hyde	Hyde County Auditor PO Box 379 Highmore, SD 57345-0379 Fax: (605) 852-3178 Email: colleen.harris@state.sd.us
Jackson	Jackson County Auditor PO Box 280 Kadoka, SD 57543-0280 Fax: (605) 837-2447 Email: vicki.wilson@state.sd.us
Jerauld	Jerauld County Auditor PO Box 422 Wessington Springs, SD 57382-0422 Fax: (605) 539-9125 Email: cindy.peterson@state.sd.us
Jones	Jones County Auditor PO Box 307 Murdo, SD 57559-0307 Fax: (605) 669-7120 Email: john.brunskill@state.sd.us
Kingsbury	Kingsbury County Auditor PO Box 196 Desmet, SD 57231-0196 Fax: (605) 854-3833 Email: jennifer.albrecht@state.sd.us
Lake	Lake County Auditor 200 East Center Madison, SD 57042-2941 Fax: (605) 256-7622 Email: lakeauditor@lakecountysd.org
Lawrence	Lawrence County Auditor 90 Sherman Street Deadwood, SD 57732-0678 Fax: (605) 578-1065 Email: catkinso@lawrence.sd.us
Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor 104 North Main, Suite 110 Canton, SD 57013-1703 Fax: (605) 764-0134 Email: Auditor@lincolncountysd.org

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Lyman	Lyman County Auditor PO Box 38 Kennebec, SD 57544-0038 Fax: (605) 869-2203 Email: auditor@lymancounty.org
Marshall	Marshall County Auditor PO Box 130 Britton, SD 57430-0130 Fax: (605) 448-2116 Email: mcauditor@sbte.net
McCook	McCook County Auditor PO Box 190 Salem, SD 57058-0190 Fax: (605) 425-2534 Email: geraldyn.sherman@state.sd.us
McPherson	McPherson County Auditor PO Box 390 Leola, SD 57456-0448 Fax: (605) 493-3394 Email: mcphersonaud@valleytel.net
Meade	Meade County Auditor 1300 Sherman Street Sturgis, SD 57785-1452 Fax: (605) 347-5925 Email: auditor@meadecounty.org
Mellette	Mellette County Auditor PO Box C, White River, SD 57579-0403 Fax: (605) 259-3194 Email: jerry.schwarting@state.sd.us
Miner	Miner County Auditor 401 N. Main Howard, SD 57349-0086 Fax: (605) 772-4203 Email: minerauditor@minercountysd.org
Minnehaha	Minnehaha County Auditor 415 North Dakota Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2465 Fax: (605) 367-7409 Email: blitz@minnehahacounty.org
Moody	Moody County Auditor 101 E. Pipestone Avenue, Suite D Flandreau, SD 57028-1750 Fax: (605) 997-9996 Email: mcaud1@moodycounty.net
Pennington	Pennington County Auditor 315 St. Joseph Street Rapid City, SD 57701-2879 Fax: (605) 394-6840 Email: loriw@co.pennington.sd.us
Perkins	Perkins County Auditor PO Box 126 Bison, SD 57620-0126 Fax: (605) 244-7289 Email: sylvia.chapman@state.sd.us
Potter	Potter County Auditor 201 South Exene Gettysburg, SD 57442-1521 Fax: (605) 765-2836 Email: pcaudit@venturecomm.net
Roberts	Roberts County Auditor 411 2nd Avenue, E. Sisseton, SD 57262-1495 Fax: (605) 698-4277 Email: dawn.sattler@state.sd.us
Sanborn	Sanborn County Auditor PO Box 7 Woonsocket, SD 57385-0007 Fax: (605) 796-4509 Email: sancoaud@santel.net
Shannon	Shannon County Auditor 906 North River Street Hot Springs, SD 57747-1398 Fax: (605) 745-6835 Email: sue.ganje@state.sd.us
Spink	Spink County Auditor 210 East 7th Avenue Redfield, SD 57469-1266 Fax: (605) 472-4582 Email: theresa.hodges@state.sd.us

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Stanley	Stanley County Auditor PO Box 595 Fort Pierre, SD 57532-0595 Fax: (605) 223-7791 Email: scauditor@midconetwork.com
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Tripp	Tripp County Auditor 200 East 3rd Winner, SD 57580-1806 Fax: (605) 842-1116 Email: kathleen.flakus@state.sd.us
Turner	Turner County Auditor PO Box 370 Parker, SD 57053-0370 Fax: (605) 297-5556 Email: turcoaud@iw.net
Union	Union County Auditor 209 E. Main Street, Suite 200 Elk Point, SD 57025-2327 Fax: (605) 356-3047 Email: ucauditor@iw.net
Walworth	Walworth County Auditor PO Box 199 Selby, SD 57472-0199 Fax: (605) 649-7867 Email: auditor.walworthco@midconetwork.com
Yankton	Yankton County Auditor PO Box 137 Yankton, SD 57078-0137 Fax: (605) 260-4494 Email: paula@co.yankton.sd.us
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