

Upcoming elections for federal office from FVAP.gov:

The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

S- State Primary; R- State Runoff (if necessary) **Dates subject to change.*

January 2026:

January 31st: Texas (Special Runoff)

February 2026 – 30 Day Notice:

February 5th: New Jersey CD 11 (Special Primary)

March 2026 – 60 Day Notice:

March 3rd:

Arkansas (S)

North Carolina (S)

Texas (S)

March 10th: Mississippi (S)

March 17th: Illinois (S)

March 31st: Arkansas (R)

April 2026 – 90 Day Notice:

April 7th: Mississippi (R)

April 16th: New Jersey CD 11 (Special General)

April 18th: Louisiana (S)

2026 State Primary Elections: To register and request an absentee ballot use FVAP's easy online assistant at www.fvap.gov/FPCA to walk you through state-specific form completion. Once you complete the FPCA, print, sign, and send it to your election office. Most states accept the FPCA by email or fax while some require it by mail. Check your state-specific guidelines at FVAP.gov.

Once you receive your requested absentee ballot, vote and return it as soon as you get it. Remember to carefully follow the instructions, especially using a "security envelope" if required, and sign the package as indicated when returning it. To save time, send voted ballots electronically if allowed by state law. Voters can check if their state accepts completed absentee ballots by email, fax, or via an online portal at FVAP.gov/guide. If a requested ballot has not arrived, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately at www.fvap.gov/FWAB. It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, complete and send in the official ballot, too. Only one will be counted. To make sure the voted ballot is received by your state. Go to FVAP.gov, click on your state and then the "check the status of your voted ballot" button.

To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices, visit FVAP.gov and select your state from the dropdown menu. You can also reach out directly to your [election office](#) for status updates on your registration and absentee ballot.

Texas Special Runoff Election in U.S. Congressional District 18: The State of Texas will conduct a special general runoff election on Saturday, January 31st, to fill a vacancy for the 18th Congressional District, which includes part of Harris County. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can request an absentee ballot until January 20th, 2026. Texas voters in the 18th Congressional District must return their voted absentee ballot by mail (with a postmark) so it is received by February 6th, 2026, or fax (voted ballots may only be faxed from hostile fire areas). Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at ([Texas](https://www.fvap.gov)) [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov). Voters can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their [election office](#) directly.

New Jersey Special Election for U.S. Congressional District 11: Special Primary Election: The State of New Jersey will conduct a U.S. Congressional District 11 special primary election on Tuesday, February 5th, 2026, which includes parts of Essex, Morris and Passaic Counties. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can register to vote until January 15th, 2026, request an absentee ballot by mail until January 29, 2026, and by email or fax by February 1st, 2026. New Jersey voters in the 11th Congressional District must return their voted absentee ballot so it is received by February 5th, 2026 and can be emailed (must almost be mailed), mailed (with a postmark) or faxed (must also be mailed).

Special General Election: The State of New Jersey will conduct a U.S. Congressional District 11 special general election on Thursday, April 16th, 2026. Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens can register to vote until March 26th, 2026 and request an absentee ballot by mail until April 9th, 2026 or by email or fax by April 12th, 2026. Ballots must be returned by so it is received by April 16th, 2026 and can be emailed (must almost be mailed), mailed (with a postmark) or faxed (must also be mailed). Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at ([New Jersey](https://www.fvap.gov)) [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov). Voters can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their [election office](#) directly.

The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of January 6th, 2026. As updates may occur, please check the election calendars, and state guidelines at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) for real time information.

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If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov), call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or email (vote@fvap.gov).