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TEXAS PRIMARY AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Voters who claim residency in the State of Texas should visit the <u>FVAP.gov</u> web portal to register and request their absentee ballot.

Go to **<u>FVAP.gov</u>** and get started — it only takes a few minutes!

Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot Now

The Texas Presidential Preference and State Primary are scheduled for May 29 with the Runoff Election on July 31. This is a change and is the result of delays caused by redistricting litigation.

For the May 29 Primary, the last day to register to vote is April 30. Absentee ballot requests must be received no later than May 22.

For the July 31 Runoff Election, the registration deadline is July 2 and absentee ballot requests must be received no later than July 24.

Please note that if you check the box for "...U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S., and I do not intend to return," you will only be entitled to a ballot containing federal offices.

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents of Texas should submit an FPCA for these elections by going to <u>FVAP.gov</u> or by following the instructions in the <u>Voting Assistance Guide</u>, also available at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

Be sure you include a phone and/or fax number and an email address on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. Texas allows you to return your FPCA by mail, email, or fax.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <u>http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html</u>, or visit your State website.

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

The FWAB is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it, vote the FWAB! Go to <u>FVAP.gov</u> and get started! You may also submit the FWAB any time after submitting an FPCA. Ballots must be mailed. Texas allows you to return the voted ballot by fax only if you are an active-duty Armed Forces member or family member and you are casting the ballot from an area where you are eligible to receive hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay, or that has been designated a combat zone by the President.

Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. CDT on Election Day unless you are voting from an overseas location, then ballots must be received by 5th day after the election but must be postmarked by Election Day.

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Additional Information

Check your Texas's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election offices. Find your State's website at FVAP's web portal: <u>http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html</u>.

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If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to the <u>FVAP.gov</u> web portal or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584). Email <u>vote@fvap.gov</u> and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP</u> and follow <u>@FVAP</u> on Twitter for election updates throughout 2012.