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NEW JERSEY TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESS JUNE 5

New Jersey will hold a Special Primary Election in the 10th Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by the passing of Representative Donald Payne, Sr., on June 5, 2012. The 10th Congressional district consists of parts of Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

This Special Primary Election will be held concurrently with the regularly scheduled Primary Election on June 5. Voters will receive one ballot for both the Special Primary and regular Primary Elections. Voters who have already requested a ballot for the regular Primary Election do not need to take further action.

If you are not already registered to vote, you may do so by submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Your FPCA must be received by your County Clerk's office by May 15, 2012.

Go to FVAP.gov and get started! It only takes a few minutes! You may also obtain an FPCA from your unit or installation voting assistance officer and at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide; but you must follow the New Jersey instructions at FVAP.gov. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot, by mail, email, or fax. You **will not** receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the November 2, 2010 General Election.

If you are already registered to vote, the deadline for submitting an FPCA to request a ballot is May 29, 2012.

To find out the status of your registration, visit [New Jersey's voter registration verification website](#). You can find your absentee ballot request status by contacting your [local election office](#).

Send the FPCA by Email, Fax, or Mail

You can email, fax, or mail your FPCA. Send directly to your [county office in the 10th Congressional District](#). 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 the Voting Assistance Guide 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 here](#). Voter Alert Telephone: 703-588-1584 E-mail: vote@fvap.gov.

Receive Your Ballot

Ballots will be mailed, faxed, or emailed to you on **April 21, 2012**.

Vote Your Ballot

Your voted ballot must be **received by 8 p.m. EDT on June 5, 2012**, in order to be counted.

You may return the voted ballot by mail, email, or fax no later than 8 p.m. EDT on June 5th, 2012. You must also submit the original ballot by mail with certification.

Civilians residing outside the U.S.: Contact your closest U.S. Embassy or consulate for specific instructions on how voted ballots, with proper domestic postage attached, can be returned to the United States from any U.S. embassy or consulate. [Locate your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.](#)

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 ballot in time to vote and return it, vote the FWAB. Go to FVAP.gov and get started! The FWAB is also available in embassies, consulates, and military installations around the world.

Additional Information

State-specific information on precincts, candidates, elections, and voting is available at the [New Jersey elections website.](#)

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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 FVAP.gov web portal or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584). Email vote@fvap.gov and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter for election updates throughout 2012.