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MASSACHUSETTS TO HOLD SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold a special general election for U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, December 10, to fill the seat vacated upon the election of former Representative Ed Markey to the U.S. Senate.

You can register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot by mail, email or fax using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online assistant at <http://www.fvap.gov/request/request-ma.html>. Do not forget to indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (by mail, email or fax).

Uniformed Services personnel, their eligible family members and U.S. citizens residing overseas must submit an FPCA to request an absentee ballot. **Please note you will not automatically receive a ballot, even if you voted in the November 6, 2012, General Election.**

Voted ballots returned from within the United States or by fax or email must be received **before 8 p.m. EDT on December 10, 2013**. Voted ballots returned from outside the United States must be postmarked by **December 10, 2013**, and received by the election authority by **December 20, 2013**.

If you are concerned about not receiving your ballot in time to vote, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB, SF-186). The online FWAB assistant is available at <http://www.fvap.gov/request/request-ma.html>. The FWAB is also available at military installations around the world.

Important Dates

FPCA request deadline	Before 12 p.m. EDT, December 9
Voted ballot received by election authority for ballots returned by fax or email	Before 8 p.m. EDT, December 10
Voted ballot received by election authority for ballots returned by mail from <i>within</i> the U.S.	Before 8 p.m. EDT, December 10
Voted ballot received by election authority for ballots returned by mail from <i>outside</i> the U.S.	Postmarked by: December 10 Received by: December 20

To determine the status of your absentee ballot request once submitted, contact your local election office. You can find contact information for your voting jurisdiction at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm>.

Go to [FVAP.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) to fill out and print your forms today! Additional information on the completion and submission of these forms is also available, as well as Massachusetts voter-



specific information. Find a list of municipal contact information at <https://www.fvap.gov/r3/jurisdictions/MA> or <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/electk/clkidx.htm>.

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For more information on FVAP or assistance with the absentee voting process, visit [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) for live chat assistance, call FVAP at 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS) or email vote@fvap.gov. Remember, you also can contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance during any step of the process.

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