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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALABAMA MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

October 19, 2012 — Alexandria, Va. — Military and overseas voters in 22 Alabama counties will have additional time to submit voted ballots in the 2012 General Election for Federal and State offices. Due to delays in transmitting ballots to military and overseas voters in some Alabama counties, Secretary of State Beth Chapman has extended the time for receiving and counting absentee ballots by ten days in those counties, to **noon Friday, November 16, 2012.**

NOTE: Your voted ballot still must be postmarked or tendered to a commercial ground or air carrier on or before Monday, November 5, 2012.

This time extension to receive voted ballots applies to military and overseas voters who are residents of the following 22 Alabama counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Chilton, Elmore, Greene, Houston, Lee, Limestone, Marengo, Marion, Morgan, Pickens, Pike, St. Clair, Talladega, and Tallapoosa. Ballots from voters in all other Alabama counties must be postmarked no later than November 5, 2012 and must be received by noon on November 6, 2012.

Secretary Chapman urges voters not to delay in returning voted ballots. Voters must complete and sign the absentee ballot affidavit that accompanies the absentee ballot and have it witnessed by two witnesses before mailing or returning the voted ballot to the county absentee election manager.

If you have any questions, please locate and contact your county absentee election manager using the following link: <http://www.sos.state.al.us/vb/election/borjop1.aspx>

Alternatively, you can call the Elections Division of the Alabama Secretary of State's office at 800-274-8683 or 334-242-7200.

If you have already registered but have not received a State ballot for the November 6th General Election go to FVAP.gov and use the back-up, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). For each office listed, select or write-in either a candidate's name or their party designation. If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the State ballot as well. You will only receive one vote as the State will only count your FWAB if the State ballot is not received by the deadline. If your State ballot is received, by the deadline, your State ballot will be counted and the FWAB will be disregarded.

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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 visit 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. 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.