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ALABAMA BALLOT DEADLINE EXTENDED BY FEDERAL JUDGE

Deadline for military and overseas voters extended to March 31

March 7, 2012 — Arlington, Va. – Military and overseas voters from Alabama will have until March 31, 2012 to have their ballots received by their election official for the March 13 primary election, a federal district court judge ruled today. Judge Myron Thompson ordered Secretary of State Beth Chapman to extend the deadline since a number of Alabama counties failed to send ballots out on time. Ballots will still have to be completed, signed, and postmarked by Election Day, March 13, but can be received by local election officials until March 31 to be counted.

If a voter has not received their ballot from their local election official, they can use a printed Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) or the online FWAB at FVAP.gov.

The judge also ordered Alabama to send a FWAB, candidate list, and instructions to all military and overseas voters for the April 24 primary run-off election 45 days in advance, March 10.

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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.