## U.S. Embassy Prague American Citizen Services Voting Information Newsletter - September 2011



## **ELECTION NEWS**

Special Elections in Oregon & West Virginia

## West Virginia To Hold Special Election For Governor - October 4, 2011

On **Tuesday, October 4, 2011**, West Virginia will hold a statewide, special general election for Governor, to fill the vacancy created when former Gov. Joe Manchin won election to the United States Senate. The elected candidate will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, through January 13, 2013.

To vote in this election you must **register** by submitting a post-marked Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or a West Virginia Voter Registration Application. West Virginia allows you to email or fax the FPCA, but if this is your first time registering to vote in a particular West Virginia county, you must mail the original FPCA. Election registrations must be postmarked and sent to the local county clerk by **September 13, 2011**.

If you are already registered to vote, the deadline for submitting an FPCA to request a ballot is **September 28, 2011**. You **will not** receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the November 2, 2010 general election! Use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot by going to <u>FVAP.gov</u> and follow the instructions provided for West Virginia. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot: by mail, email, or fax.

You may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax. Your voted ballot must be postmarked by **October 4, 2011** and must be received by **October 11, 2011**, in order to be counted. To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to West Virginia's website at: <u>https://apps.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter/track-my-ballot.aspx</u>

Oregon to Hold Special Election for Congress – November 8, 2011

On **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**, Oregon will hold a special primary election for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, to fill the seat vacated by Representative David Wu. In Oregon, the 1st District includes Clatsop County, Columbia County, Washington County, Yamhill County and part of Multnomah County which includes some of the Portland metropolitan area. State specific information on precincts, candidates, elections, and voting is available at the Oregon Elections Division website at: http://www.oregonvotes.org.

This is a Special Primary election applicable only to those registered with the Democratic and Republican Parties. The General election will be held on **January 31, 2012**. If you are not already registered to vote, you may do so online at <u>oregonvotes.org</u>, or by submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Your FPCA must be received by your local Oregon Elections Office by **October 18, 2011**. To find out the status of your registration, or your absentee ballot request you can refer to Oregon's elections website at: <u>www.oregonvotes.org</u> and go to MyVote.

To register to vote or request an absentee ballot visit <u>FVAP.gov</u> and get started! It only takes a few minutes!