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## American Citizen Services Voting Information Newsletter - October 2011



In 2009, Congress passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment or MOVE Act to simplify the absentee registration and voting process and increase access to voting materials electronically via the internet and email.

We encourage you to use the Federal Voting Assistance Program website, <u>www.fvap.gov</u> which has the forms and information most overseas voters need.

Overseas voters are eligible to vote in presidential primary elections and in state primary elections for federal offices (Senator, Representative), as well as the general elections in November 2012. Some states allow overseas voters to vote in state and local elections. The online tool available through <a href="https://www.fvap.gov">www.fvap.gov</a> will let you know in which state and local elections you may vote.

# Attention Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Virginia

**Voters! Submit Your Ballot Request NOW for the November 2011 General Statewide Elections!** 

These are non-federal elections ranging from offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State legislators and other State and local offices and issues. If you are eligible and want to vote in statewide elections you should send your voter registration/ballot request form now. Please check your State's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, voting, contact information and a link to your local election offices. Links to all state election websites may be found at <a href="FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a>

To submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or a State Voter Registration Application. **Go to** FVAP.gov and get started! It only takes a few minutes!

Questions?
Comments?
ACSPRG@state.gov!



Contact American Citizen Services http://prague.usembassy.gov
ACSPRG@state.gov 420-257-022-000
Open 8:30AM -12:00 PM Monday through Friday

By appointment only (except for emergencies)

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# Election, registration, ballot request, return deadline and State Election websites are as follows:

**Arkansas:** 

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/11/2011 Request ballot by: 11/01/2011 Return ballot by: 11/18/2011

Mississippi:

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/29/2011

Request ballot by: 5pm 11/07/2011 Return ballot by: 5pm 11/07/2011

**New Jersey:** 

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/18/2011 Request ballot by: 11/01/2011 Return ballot by mail by: 11/08/2011 **Kentucky:** 

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/11/2011 Request ballot by: 11/01/2011 Return ballot by: 6pm 11/8/2011

Ohio:

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/11/2011 Request ballot by: 11/05/2011 Return ballot by: 11/18/2011

New York:

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/28/2011 Request ballot by: 11/01/2011\* Return ballot by: 11/21/2011 Louisiana:

General Election: 11/19/2011 Register by: 10/19/2011 Request ballot by: 11/18/2011 Return ballot by: 11/19/2011

Virginia:

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 10/17/2011

Request ballot by: 5pm 11/01/2011 Return ballot by: 7pm 11/08/2011

Maine:

General Election: 11/08/2011 Register by: 8pm 11/08/2011 Request ballot by: 8pm 11/08/2011 Return ballot by: 8pm 11/08/2011

Arkansas: <a href="http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx</a>

Kentucky: http://elect.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx

Louisiana: <a href="http://www.sos.la.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx">http://www.sos.la.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx</a>

Maine: http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/2011/nov11citizensguide.pdf

Mississippi: <a href="http://www.sos.ms.gov/elections.aspx">http://www.sos.ms.gov/elections.aspx</a>

New Jersey: http://www.nielections.org/vote\_overseas.html

New York: <a href="http://www.elections.state.ny.us/">http://www.elections.state.ny.us/</a>

Ohio: http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/voterInformation/uniformOverseasCitizens.aspx

Virginia: http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <a href="http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html">http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html</a>, or visit your State's election's website available at <a href="FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a>.

**Please Note:** Be sure you include a phone and/or fax number and an email address on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. And, remember, depending on what State you are from, you may return your form by email, fax, or mail. Go to FVAP.gov or your State's election website to see how you can return your form.

Important for 2012: Make sure you resubmit a ballot request form in January 2012 to ensure you receive your ballots for the 2012 elections.