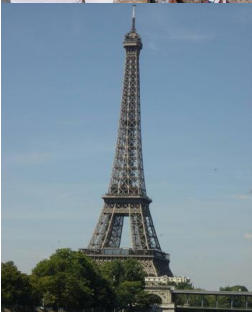




Fact Sheet: Military Families & Americans Living Abroad*

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Q. What address should I use to register to vote?

- A. Military - Register in the state you consider your home state of record.
Overseas Civilian - Use your last United States residential address, even though you no longer live there.

Q. How can I register or update my Washington voter registration record?

- A. With a current WA State ID/Driver License, you can do both online at vote.wa.gov. If not, contact us to send you a registration form. You can also call or email us address updates.

Q. I'm not registered to vote in Washington and the election is tomorrow! What can I do?

- A. Welcome to Washington! Since you are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (UOCAVA/MOVE Act), you are able to register any time through Election Day. Contact our office on how to register and get a ballot before (or on) Election Day. Otherwise, a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used to register and request a ballot and a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) may be used to vote.

Q. I'm registered in Thurston County, but I am deployed/overseas and may not receive my regular (paper) ballot on time. What can I do?

- A. Ballots for military/overseas civilian voters go out 45 days before Primary and General Elections and 30 days before Special Elections. If you have access to a computer and printer, you can access your ballot electronically. Please note, we always send a paper ballot.

Q. I'm worried my ballot won't make it to you by Election Day. How can I make sure it's counted?

- A. You can email, fax, or mail your ballot back to us. To be counted, your ballot must be signed and dated by Election Day and:
- If mailing your ballot, it must be received by the day before certification (21 days after the General Election, 14 days after the Primary Election, and 10 days after a Special Election).
 - If emailing/faxing your ballot, it must be in our office by 8pm (Pacific Time) on Election Day. You do not have to send the original ballot and materials.

*Those covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE).

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Forms and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWAB's) are valid in any U.S. state and may be obtained from your Unit Leader/US Embassy/Consulate. Federal ballots only include Federal races, but you may write-in votes for other offices. Your Federal ballot will be counted as a regular ballot for the election, provided it meets all the requirements of an emailed, faxed, or mailed ballot explained above.



Election Offices/Divisions

These numbers represent a place to start your elections inquiry for each state and U.S. territories.
You may be directed to contact a more local governing body.

Alabama Secretary of State 800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210	Louisiana Secretary of State 800-883-2805 or 225-922-0900	Oklahoma State Election Board 405-521-2391
Alaska Division of Elections 866-952-8683 or 907-465-4611	Maine Secretary of State 207-624-7736 or 207-624-7650	Oregon Secretary of State 503-986-1518
American Samoa Election Office 684-699-3570 or 684-699-3571	Maryland State Board of Elections 800-222-8683 or 410-269-2840	Pennsylvania Department of State 717-787-5280
Arizona Secretary of State 877-THE-VOTE or 602-542-8683	Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth 800-462-VOTE or 617-727-2828	Puerto Rico State Elections Commission 787-777-8682
Arkansas Secretary of State 800-482-1127 or 501-682-5070	Michigan Department of State 888-SOS-MICH or 800-292-5973 or 517-373-2540	Rhode Island State Board of Elections 401-222-2345
California Secretary of State 800-345-VOTE or 916-657-2166	Minnesota Secretary of State 877-600-VOTE or 651-215-1440	South Carolina State Elections Commission 803-734-9060
Colorado Secretary of State 855-428-3555 or 303-894-2200	Mississippi Secretary of State 800-829-6786 or 601-576-2550	South Dakota Secretary of State 605-773-3537
Connecticut Secretary of State 800-540-3764 or 860-509-6100	Missouri Secretary of State 800-NOW-VOTE or 573-751-2301	Tennessee Secretary of State 877-850-4959 or 615-741-7956
Delaware Election Commissioner 302-739-4277	Montana Secretary of State 888-884-VOTE or 406-444-4732	Texas Secretary of State 800-252-8683 or 512-463-5650
District of Columbia Board of Elections 866-DC-VOTES or 202-727-2525	Nebraska Secretary of State 402-471-2555	Utah Lt. Governor - Elections 800-995-VOTE or 801-538-1041
Florida Division of Elections 866-308-6739 or 850-245-6200	Nevada Secretary of State 775-684-5705	Vermont Secretary of State 802-828-2464
Georgia State Elections Division 404-656-2871	New Hampshire Secretary of State 603-271-3242	US Virgin Islands Election System 340-773-1021 or 340-774-3107 or 340-776-6535 or 877-773-1021
Guam Election Commission 671-477-9791	New Jersey Division of Elections 609-292-3760	Virginia State Board of Elections 800-552-9745 or 804-864-8901
Hawaii Office of Elections 808-453-VOTE	New Mexico Secretary of State 800-477-3632 or 505-827-3600	Washington Secretary of State 800-448-4881 or 360-902-4180
Idaho Secretary of State 208-334-2852	New York State Board of Elections 800-367-8683 or 518-473-5086	West Virginia Secretary of State 866-767-8683 or 304-558-6000
Illinois State Board of Elections 217-782-4141 or 312-814-6440	North Carolina State Board of Elections 866-522-4723 or 919-733-7173	Wisconsin Government Accountability Board 866-VOTE-WIS or 608-266-8005
Indiana Secretary of State 866-IN-1-VOTE or 317-232-3939	North Dakota Secretary of State 800-352-0867 or 701-328-4146	Wyoming Secretary of State 307-777-5860
Iowa Secretary of State 888-SOS-VOTE or 515-281-0145	Ohio Secretary of State 877-767-6446 x2 or 614-466-2585	
Kansas Secretary of State 800-262-VOTE or 785-296-4561		
Kentucky Secretary of State 502-564-3490		