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ELECTRONIC OPTIONS MOVE THE VOTE

All voters have at least one option for getting a blank ballot electronically

Voting for military members, their families and overseas citizens is easier now than ever before. More than half the States post absentee ballots online for military and overseas voters. Additionally, voters from all 55 states and territories can use the FVAP online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot automated assistant to vote for at least all federal candidates. For specifics of what each of these states has available including links to the state specific sites, see the attached Electronic Voting Systems Fact Sheet.

In 2009, President Obama signed the Military and Overseas Voters Empowerment Act (MOVE Act) into law. MOVE Act requires all states to provide blank absentee ballots in at least one electronic format – email, an online ballot delivery system or fax – at least 45 days before an election.

To jump-start the electronic voting support process for military and overseas voters, FVAP offered the federally funded Electronic Voting Support Wizard (EVSZ). This system develops State-designed and operated absentee ballot delivery websites, accessible through FVAP.gov, that allow voters to mark their precinct-specific absentee ballots, and then print, sign and submit by the methods allowed (mail, email, fax or online delivery system). In addition to EVSZ, other States produced their own online ballot marking systems. As these systems vary by state, refer to the Electronic Voting Systems Fact Sheet for specifics.

Finally, FVAP produced the online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot automated assistant which allows voters to access and mark an online ballot for federal elections. This is a back-up ballot if the voter does not get their regular State absentee ballot, where the voter can select their candidates online, print the ballot with the choices printed out on the ballot, sign the oath and return the ballot package by whatever means is allowed by the state (mail, email, fax or online system). The automated assistant provides voters a complete federal ballot specific by Congressional district with all instructions necessary to return the ballot to the election office.

In the end, the voter gets more time to review, mark, and return their ballot by the State deadlines. Being stationed or living away from home means it takes longer for ballots to get to and from voters. Past research shows late delivery of ballots is a top reason why absentee ballots from military and overseas voters are not counted. The combination of these systems and early ballot availability means that voters can have their ballot in hand to vote and return 45 days or longer before an election.

Additional information For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We want your feedback! If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html.

With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Electronic Voting Systems Fact Sheet

The following state websites allow voters to either mark their state ballot online or print a blank ballot for marking. These sites are accessible through FVAP.gov where the voter is directed to the options available to them based on their voting residence zip code.

- Alabama
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Alabama offers a state system which facilitates the use of the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/AL_login.action
 - Voters must return the ballot by mail

- Arizona
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Arizona offers a state system which allows ballot delivery to the voter and return of the voted ballot to the election official
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link: <https://www.azsos.gov/election/military/default.aspx>
 - Voters are allowed to return voted ballots to local election officials via mail, email, fax or uploaded through the state system

- Colorado
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, 4 counties (and expanding) have a site which allow voters to access the ballot for marking and printing. It is accessible through

- FVAP.gov, and the state-specific link for Gilpen, Morgan, Park and Weld Counties: <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>
- Accessible through FVAP.gov, county-specific link for El Paso County: <https://elpasocounty2010general.com>
 - Military and dependent voters are allowed to return voted ballots to local election officials via email, fax and mail.
 - All other voters are allowed to return voted ballots to local election officials by mail or fax.
- Delaware
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link: <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot via mail, email or fax
 - Georgia
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Georgia offers registered voters who requested electronic delivery of the ballot a system to access the ballot online
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link: <http://www.sos.georgia.gov/MVP/Login.aspx>
 - Voted ballots must be returned by mail.
 - Idaho
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link: <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>
 - In certain emergency situations, Idaho may allow you to return your voted ballot by email or fax. All other voted ballots must be returned by mail.
 - Illinois
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Illinois offers voters an online system for accessing the ballot
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link: <https://move.elections.il.gov>
 - Voted ballots must be returned by mail.
 - Indiana
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/IN_login.action
 - Voters may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.
 - Kentucky
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Kentucky offers voters an online system for accessing the ballot

- Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific website – <https://kentucky.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>
- Voted ballots must be returned by mail.
- Maine
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Maine allows voters to access the ballot online
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific website - <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
 - In certain emergency or combat situations, voter may submit the voted ballot by fax or as an attachment by email. All other voters must return the voted ballot by mail.
- Maryland
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Maryland offers registered voters who requested electronic delivery of the ballot a system to access the ballot
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific website - <http://www.mdelections.org/>
 - Voters must return ballots by mail.
- Minnesota
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Minnesota offers voters a system to access the ballot online
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific website – <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>
 - Voters must return voted ballots by mail.
- Mississippi
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – www.secureballotusa.com
 - Voters may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.
- Missouri
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, one county, Boone is participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/MO_login.action
 - Most voters are required to return their physical ballot by mail. If you are a military voter serving in a hostile fire area such as Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kosovo, you may return your voted ballot by mail, email or fax.
- Montana
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – <https://vote4montana.us/Register.aspx>
 - Voters may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

- Nebraska
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/NE_login.action
 - Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

- New Mexico
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, two counties: Curry and Travis are participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/NM_login.action
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

- Nevada
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, 11 counties are participating.
 - 10 counties: Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – vote4nevada.us
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

- New York
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, all counties are participating
 - state-specific link – https://secureballotusa.com/diaspora_ny/NY_login.action
 - Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

- Pennsylvania
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Pennsylvania offers a state system which allows voters to access the blank and return ballot online
 - state specific link: <https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/Login.aspx>
 - Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

- Rhode Island
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Rhode Island offers voters a system to access the ballot online
 - state-specific website – <http://www.sos.ri.gov/vic>
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax

- Texas
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, Texas offers a state system which allows online ballot marking and printing by the voter
 - state specific link: <https://texas.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>
 - The site only covers federal elections
 - Completed ballots must be returned by mail

- Utah
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, 11 counties are participating.
 - 11 counties: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Kane, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Summit, Tooele, Washington, and Weber
 - state-specific link – <https://utah.everyonecounts.com>
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax

- Washington
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, one county, Yakima is participating.
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, state-specific link – www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/WA_login.action
 - Completed ballots must be returned by mail.

- West Virginia
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, West Virginia offers a state system to 8 counties which allows ballot delivery to the voter and return of the voted ballot to the election official online
 - 8 counties: Jackson, Kanawha, Marshall, Mason, Monongalia, Monroe, Putnam, Wood
 - state-specific link - <http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter-information-center/Pages/WVUniformedServicesandOverseasCitizensOnlineVotingPilotProject.aspx>
 - Accessible through FVAP.gov, 45 counties are participating, the state-specific link - <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>
 - Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot via mail, email, and fax