

### **Voting Assistance**

Voting Assistance Officers at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong are available to answer questions about absentee voting. Contact information for the Voting Assistance Office is:

**Tel: 2841-2462**

**Fax: 2845-4845**

[acshk@state.gov](mailto:acshk@state.gov)

For further information you can also contact the FVAP **toll free** from Hong Kong:

**Tel: 800-962191**

**Fax: 800-968820**

[vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov)

Staff can be reached from 8:30am-5:00pm Eastern United States Time, Monday-Friday. Messages can be left 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Additional websites:

[www.democratsabroad.org](http://www.democratsabroad.org)

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

[www.overseasvotefoundation.org](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org)

[www.republicansabroad.org](http://www.republicansabroad.org)

[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

[www.votefromabroad.org](http://www.votefromabroad.org)

### **Want to Get More Involved?**

#### **Democrats Abroad Hong Kong**

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#### **League of Women Voters Hong Kong**

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#### **Republicans Abroad Hong Kong**

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U.S. Consulate General

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## *Information for U.S. Citizens Abroad*

# Absentee Voting



## Absentee Voting Information for U.S. Citizens

Overseas citizens are eligible to participate in presidential and state primary elections, run-off elections and special elections that occur throughout the year, as well as the general elections. You are strongly encouraged to update your mailing address, register to vote and request your absentee ballot early!

## Important Information About Voting Abroad

The official U.S. Government website for overseas absentee voting assistance is the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). It has a wealth of information about absentee voting including: downloadable absentee ballot applications and write-in ballots, state-specific instructions for completing the form, links to state and local officials, and a downloadable emergency ballot to use when requested materials fail to arrive in time.



## Basic Absentee Voting Process

- \* Complete an application form and send it to local election officials in the U.S.
- \* The local official approves your request or contacts you for further information
- \* The local official sends you an absentee ballot
- \* You vote the ballot and send it back in time to meet your state's deadline

## Register to Vote and Request an Absentee Ballot

You may fill out the paper form available at American Citizen Services (ACS), or download the Federal Post Card Application at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). Fill it out and send it in, following the guidelines for your state. Drop your completed voter registration form off at the Consulate and we will mail it for you or use international postal rates and mail it via Hong Kong or Macau Post.

## Never Resided in the U.S.?

In some states U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who were born abroad but have never resided in the United States are eligible to vote absentee. For further information got to: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/nvr-res.html>

## What is my "legal state of residence"?

Your "legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This applies to overseas citizens even though you may not have property or other ties in your last state of residence and your intent to return to that state may be uncertain.

## What about my state's requirements?

Each state establishes voting procedures, and so requirements across the country vary. It is important to be aware of your state's **deadlines for registration**. Specific information about your state's procedures is available by clicking on the link to your state or territory's. <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>

## Check your registration status online

Some states and territories allow you to check your voter registration status online: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>

