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### Message for U.S. Citizens: Alabama to Conduct Pilot Project for Overseas Voters

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The State of Alabama in cooperation with the City of Montgomery will conduct a pilot project during the August 25, 2015, municipal election allowing overseas voters to receive and return their absentee ballot electronically.

The pilot system will provide Montgomery municipal voters who are living overseas an opportunity to have instantaneous participation and access to the voting process as established by Alabama law. Voters in the August election will be able to choose between the electronic option or traditional mail for receiving and returning their absentee ballot.

To participate in the City of Montgomery's municipal election by electronic ballot, voters from the City of Montgomery who are residing overseas must complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and mail it to: Absentee Election Manager, City of Montgomery, P.O. Box 1111, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-1111.

When completing the FPCA, the overseas voter should designate in box 6 that "email/online" is the preferred method for receiving the ballot. The overseas voter should also complete box 8 with his or her overseas address as evidence that he or she is residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

The Alabama pilot project is a step toward planning full implementation of the electronic balloting system for all of Alabama's military and civilian voters who are outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Overseas voters from the City of Montgomery who have questions should contact Brenda Blalock, Municipal Clerk, at 334-625-2096 or [bblalock@montgomeryal.gov](mailto:bblalock@montgomeryal.gov) or Ed Packard, Director of Elections, State of Alabama, at 334-242-4845 or [ed.packard@sos.alabama.gov](mailto:ed.packard@sos.alabama.gov).

For more information about the services provided by the Alabama Secretary of State's Office, visit <http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=www.sos.alabama.gov>.

For more information on FVAP or assistance with the absentee voting process, visit [FVAP.gov](http://fvap.gov), call FVAP at 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov).

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