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## VIRGINIA STATE & LOCAL PRIMARIES TO BE HELD AUGUST 23

On Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Virginia will hold their 2011 primaries for local and General Assembly offices. If you are a registered voter in Virginia or believe that you may be eligible to vote in Virginia and are a member of the uniformed service on active duty, a member of the Merchant Marines, a Virginia resident currently residing overseas, or a spouse of one of the above, you may be eligible to vote on August 23. Please review the following information to determine if you are eligible or **contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at their toll free # 1-800-552-9745 or your local registration office.**

District lines have been redrawn and recent changes might have changed what local, State Senate or House of Delegates district(s) in which you vote. To determine if you have been affected by redistricting please visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov), from the State Board of Elections website you can verify if you are eligible to vote in one of the upcoming primaries. UOCAVA voters may also be eligible to register for an absentee ballot for the Primary and future elections. **Please note that applications for absentee ballots and the Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) continue to be accepted for the Primary Election.** Also, if you are a Virginia resident and eligible for voter registration, you may be eligible to register to vote and request an absentee ballot simultaneously for any August 23, 2011 Primary races.

Finally, if you are a UOCAVA voter and have applied to receive an absentee ballot automatically for races in which you are an eligible voter, you should have received an absentee ballot by July 8 for your eligible Primary races (including political party primaries). You will receive your ballot by email or mail, depending on the option you originally selected for the ongoing absentee ballot. If you are unsure about your status as an ongoing absentee voter please email [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov) and a SBE staff member will assist you. Again, please note that absentee ballots will be available on July 8, 2011 and all eligible ongoing absentee voter ballots were sent on that date or before.

For a more detailed guide and additional information please see the Virginia State Board of Elections' release for Absentee Voting for Military Personnel, their families and Overseas Voters: [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee\\_Voting/Military\\_Overseas\\_Citizens/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/Military_Overseas_Citizens/Index.html)

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### Additional Information

FVAP can be contacted via 1-800-438-8683. Citizens may reach FVAP toll-free from 67 countries by using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website, [www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html](http://www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html). Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC, 20301-1155, [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov), and on the World Wide Web at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)