



**Board of
Elections**

2018 Federal Elections

State Board of Elections

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Reform Party Primaries

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- State Party rules state:

“In addition to registered members of The Reform Party, voters who are registered to vote but not currently enrolled in a political party... shall be eligible to vote in all Reform Party Primary elections for public office.”

- This would include the following types of voters:
 - Voters enrolled in the Reform Party
 - Voters who have chosen not to enroll in any political party
 - Voters who have registered and chosen to enroll in an “Other” party.

Reminder about Active UOCAVA Voters

New Regulations for Voters Who “Intend to Return”

1. Who are you? Pick one.

I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND:

- I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine **-OR-** I am an eligible spouse or dependent.
- I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my return is uncertain.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

New Regulations for Voters Who “Intend to Return”

- On both the FPCA and FWAB, the applicant needs to select which category best describes them. Although the language has changed through the years, there has always been a category for which the guidance from the State Board was to treat the applicant as if they had filled out a regular absentee ballot application, and would be eligible to receive a full ballot, by mail only, and in the same timeframe as other non-UOCAVA voters.
- This largely came from the language in EL § 11-200 which stated that in order to meet the qualifications to be a Special Federal voter, “...such citizen does not now maintain a place of abode or domicile in the state of New York...”

New Regulations for Voters Who “Intend to Return”

- However, the original Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) does not make a distinction between a U.S. citizen overseas on the basis of maintenance of a place of abode or domicile. If you are a U.S. citizen and are living overseas, then that is enough to qualify you for the protections and benefits that a Special Federal voter receives, at least for federal offices.
- According to state law, such voters are still entitled to cast a ballot for state and local offices.

New Regulations for Voters Who “Intend to Return”

- Therefore, to address the protections afforded to these voters under both federal and state law, the State Board drafted a new regulation: *“Part 6219 - Certain Special Federal Voters Also Entitled to State and Local Ballots”*
- This basically creates a new category of UOCAVA voters, in addition to the Active Military and Active Special Federal categories already in use.
- These voters should be handled in a similar fashion as Military voters are, whereas they are entitled to receive a ballot for federal offices no later than 45 days before an election and can subsequently receive a separate ballot for state and local offices. These voters also have the ability to have such ballots transmitted to them via mail, email or fax.

Military & Overseas Voting in 2018 Elections

Elections and eligible UOCAVA voters

➤ Federal Elections

➤ **General Election – 11/6/2018**

- All eligible Military, Active UOCAVA and Special Federal voters

➤ **Any Special Elections for Federal Office**

- All eligible Military, Active UOCAVA and Special Federal voters

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➤ State and Local Elections

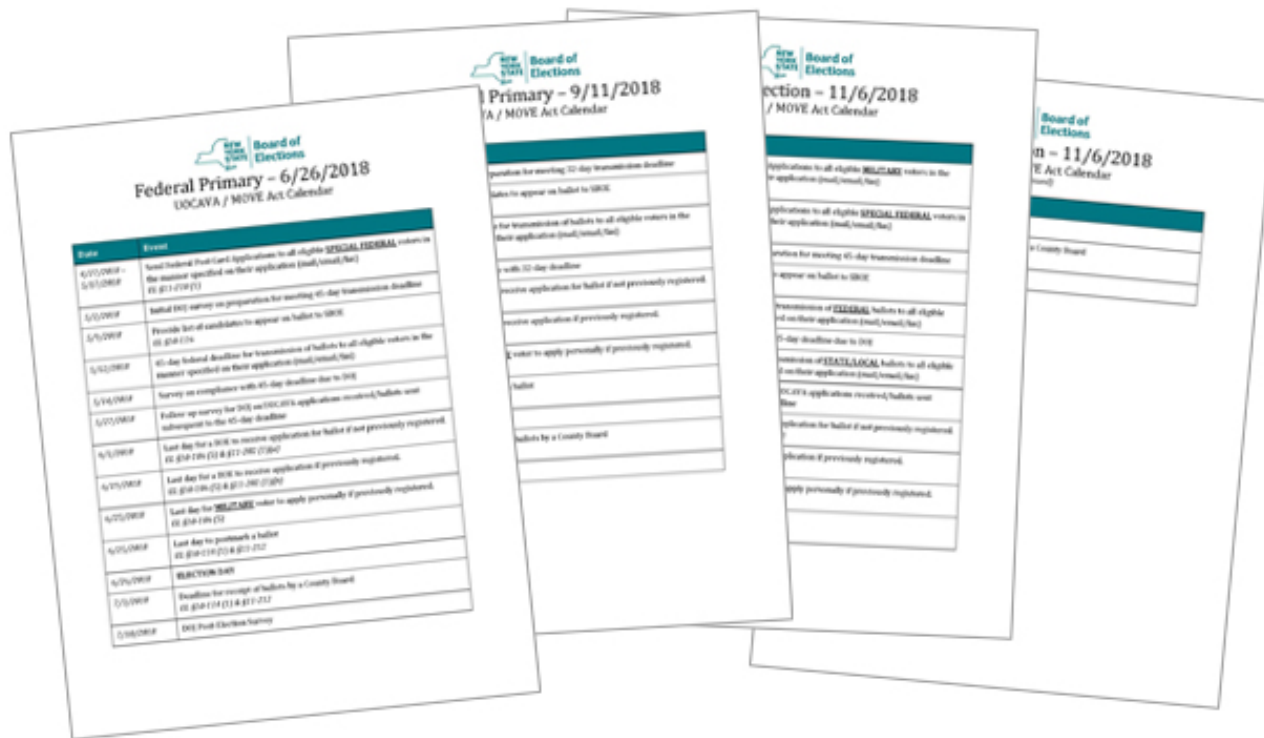
- **Village elections run by the County Board**
 - All eligible Military and Active UOCAVA voters
- **Special Elections for State or Local Office**
 - All eligible Military and Active UOCAVA voters
- **State Primary – 9/13/2018**
 - Military and Active UOCAVA voters, enrolled in a party with a primary
- **General Election – 11/6/2018**
 - All eligible and Active UOCAVA Military voters

Multiple Ballots for General Election 2018

- As in 2014 and 2016, for the General Election it will be necessary to send Military and Active UOCAVA voters two ballots, one for Federal offices which will need to be transmitted by the 45-Day deadline, and one for State/Local offices to be transmitted by the 32-Day deadline.
- Special Federal voters will only receive the ballot for Federal offices.

Deadlines to Remember

UOCAVA Calendars for 2018 Elections



Sending out Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs)

- **Military**: 70-90 days before each General Election they are eligible to vote in
- **Special Federal**: 40-60 days before each election they are eligible to vote in

The above must be done in the manner specified (Mail / Email / Fax) on the voter's application

Transmission Deadlines

- **Federal Elections**: 45 Days before Election Day
- **State/Local Elections**: 32 Days before Election Day

By the above deadline, every UOCAVA voter should have been transmitted at least one ballot in the manner specified (Mail / Email / Fax) on their application, regardless if ballot(s) were sent by any other means.

Surveys

➤ Pre-Election

- Initial Preparation to Meet Deadline for Transmission of Ballots
- Compliance with Deadline for Transmission
- Follow Up on Applications/Transmittals

Surveys

➤ Post-Election

- Survey on ballots returned, including details on ballots counted, rejected and reasons for rejection.
- Survey on Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs) returned.

Additional notes on surveys

- Deadlines for surveys are set by Court Order, not the State Board
- The data is helpful in determining where improvements can be made
- Also is necessary for completing the federal Election Administration & Voting Survey (EAVS)

New EAVS Survey

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- The federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) recently released a revised EAVS survey instrument.
- We will be distributing it to all county boards so that you can be aware of the data being requested. This data is normally culled from the year-end surveys you complete for the State Board.
- We will be comparing the two survey instruments to figure out how better to collect the necessary information for you in as efficient and clearly explained way as possible.

New Forms

New forms for use by UOCAVA voters

➤ In preparation for the 2018 election cycle, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) updated the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request
Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

This form is for absent Uniformed Services members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States. It is used to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and update your contact information. See your state's instructions at FVAP.gov.

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

1. Who are you? Pick one.

I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND:

- I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine -OR- I am an eligible spouse or dependent.
- I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my return is uncertain.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

Sex: Female Male

Last name: _____ Previous names (if applicable): _____
 First name: _____ Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
 Middle name: _____ Driver's license or State ID #: _____
 Social Security Number: _____

2. What is your address in the U.S. State or territory where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot?
Your voting materials will not be sent to this address. See instructions on other side of form.

Street address: _____ Apt # _____
 City, town, village: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Country: _____

3. Where are you now? You must give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.
Your mailing address. (Different from above) _____ Your mail forwarding address. (If applicable) _____

4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.
Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____ Alternate email: _____

5. What is your voting preference? Select One.

How do you want to receive voting materials from your election official? Mail Email or online Fax

What is your political party for primary elections? _____

6. What additional information must you provide?
The following need more information: Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Vermont, and Virginia. (Ex. Proof of residency, employer, etc.) You may also use this space to clarify your voter information. See the Voting Assistance Guide at FVAP.gov.

7. You must read and sign this statement.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years of age by the day of the election, eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and not presently disqualified by law from voting.
- I am not disqualified by law from voting due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Sign here X _____

Official Backup Ballot
Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Vote by writing this NAME or PARTY of the candidate you choose. To find out about specific candidates and races go to FVAP.gov.

Have you already registered and requested an absentee ballot? Yes No
Some States allow you to use this form to register and request ballots for future elections. Visit FVAP.gov for more details.

Voter Information
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Do you want to register and request a ballot for all elections from your election official? Yes No

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Questions?