2016 Montana Election Administrator Certification Training



ASSISTING UOCAVA VOTERS

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UOCAVA & MOVE Act

- The <u>Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting</u> <u>Act</u> is commonly referred to as **UOCAVA**. UOCAVA provides the legal basis for qualified citizens' absentee voting requirements for federal offices.
- The <u>Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act</u> (MOVE) amended UOCAVA and other statutes by providing greater protections for Service Members, their eligible family members, and other overseas citizens.
 - Among other provisions, the MOVE Act requires States to send absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters at least 45 days before federal elections.

UOCAVA Voters: Uniformed-Service Members

- An individual who is a member of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard who is **on active duty**;
- A member of the Merchant Marine, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA);
- A member of the National Guard in **activated status**.
- The spouses and dependents of individuals referred to above.

UOCAVA Voters: Overseas Citizens

- <u>13-21-102(6), MCA</u>: "Overseas voter" means a United States citizen who resides outside the United States who would otherwise be qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States.
 - An overseas voter who is **registered to vote in Montana**.
 - An overseas voter who, before leaving the United States, was last eligible to vote in Montana and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies Montana's voter eligibility requirements.
 - An overseas voter who, before leaving the United States, would have been last eligible to vote in Montana had the voter then been of voting age and, except for a state residency requirement, otherwise satisfies Montana's voter eligibility requirements.
- "Overseas" includes Canada and Mexico.

Federal Post Card Application

• FPCA

- Two pages.
- Must be accepted until close of polls on election day.
- Generated by Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP).
- Also generated by the Electronic Absentee System (EAS).

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

For any questions about this form, consult the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on FVAP.gov or your Voting Assistance Officer.

For absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the U.S. Please print in black ink.					
Classification Make only 1 selection. (In most States, you must be absent from your voting district to use this form).	1	Irequest an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND: I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty OR I am an eligible spouse or dependent. I am an activated National Guard member on State orders. I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and I intend to return. I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States, and my return is not certain. I am a U.S. citizen and have never resided in the United States.			
Political party	2	Your State may require you to specify a political party to vote in primary elections:			
Legal name	3	Last name First name Previous name (if applicable)	Suffix		
Identification Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov.	4	State Driver's License or ID	Race See instructions		
Contact information Include international prefixes. No DSN numbers.	5	Telephone Image: Constraint of the second			

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Ballot receipt	6	I prefer to receive my ballot, as permitted by my State,		Email/Online	Mail	Fax	
Voting residence address Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.	7	Street Address (not P.O. Box) City/Town/Village County	State	Zip Code		Apt.#	
Where to send my ballot This is your current mailing address and should be different from above. If required, place a forwarding address in Box 9.	8						
Additional requirements for your State Such as: mail forwarding address, additional email address/phone number, or other State required information. See Voting Assistance Guide.	9						
Assistance Guide. Affirmation (REQUIRED): 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 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and I am not 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.

This information is for official use only. Any unauthorized release may be punishable by law.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE.

Date

Standard Form 76 (Rev. 08-2013), OMB No. 0704-0503

FPCA Signature Requirements

- Acceptable signatures on FPCAs
 - Hard copy mail/fax:
 - Signature (original or copy)
 - Electronically email/EAS:
 - Electronic Signature; or
 - MT Driver's License Number; or
 - Last four digits of SSN
- Required information need only appear on the document.
 - MT DLN/Last 4 SSN <u>does not need to be in the</u> <u>signature block</u>.
 - EAS does not generate data into signature block.

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

• FWAB

- Four pages.
 - Incorporates an FPCA.
 - Allows voter registration and voting a generic ballot.
 - Used only if regular ballot is not able to be sent back to EA in time.
- Must be accepted in place of regular ballot, unless regular ballot is received in time.

Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

Vote by writing the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Some States allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide to determine your State's policy.

President/Vice President:

U.S. Senator*:

U.S. Representative/Delegate**/Resident Commissioner**:

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

Addendum

If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices other than those listed above or for ballot initiatives, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.). You may also indicate the ballot initiative and your vote for the initiative.

Office / Ballot Initiative

Candidate Name, Party Affiliation, or Initiative Vote





Federal Voting Assistance Program

- FVAP
- Works to ensure service members, their eligible dependents, and overseas citizens have the resources to vote from anywhere in the world.
- Assists states in complying with UOCAVA and MOVE.
- Agency that provides grant funding for the Electronic Absentee System (EAS).
 - Grant requires reporting.
 - Tracking Log is our reporting tool.

Electronic Absentee System (EAS)

- Federal elections only.
- Can be accessed beginning 45 days prior to election.
- Allows qualified voters to register to vote, as well as request, mark, and email a ballot electronically.

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OR Last 4 Digits of SSN: (required if no MT DL#)

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The 2013 Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. C-45 would amend Montana's Constitution to change the name of the office of state auditor to the commissioner of securities and insurance (CSI). The office's current duties of regulating the securities and insurance industries would not change.

 YES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT C-45
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 126

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AN ACT PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF MONTANA ELECTIONS BY ENDING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND ELIMINATING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION; ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2014; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-301, 13-2-304, 13-19-207, AND 61-5-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The 2013 Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-126 changes the deadline for late voter registration from the close of polls on election day to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election. LR-126 also moves the deadline for changes to an elector's voter registration information from the close of polls on election day to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election. Act referenced in the title of LR-126 does not require elimination of election-day registration, and does not require moving the deadline for changes to an elector's voter registration.

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	Shall Justice of the Peace MIKE SWINGLEY of the Justice Court of the County of Lewis and Clark be retained in office for another term?
	Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.
	YES
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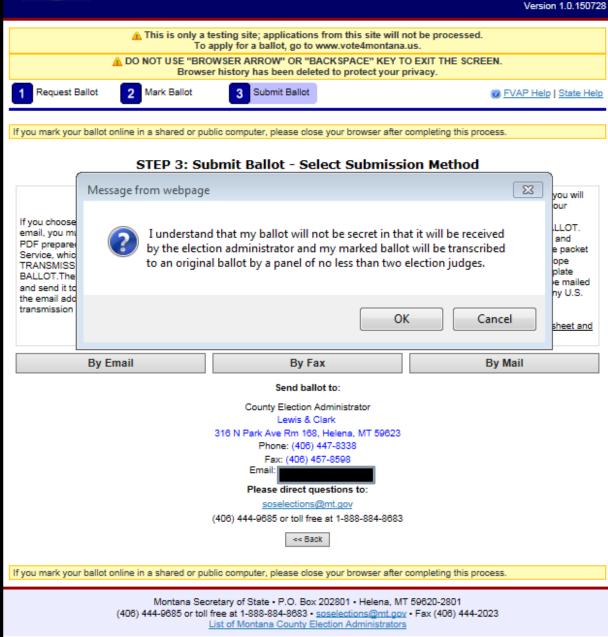


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If you choose to submit your ballot by email, you must save to your computer the PDF prepared by the Electronic Absentee Service, which includes your TRANSMISSION SHEET, FPCA, and BALLOT. Then, attach the PDF to an email and send it to your county election office at the email address listed below and on your transmission sheet.	If you choose to submit your ballot by facsimile, you will print the packet, sign the affirmation on the Transmission Sheet, and then fax the entire packet, which includes your BALLOT and signed TRANSMISSION SHEET, to the county election administrator at the fax number provided below and on the transmission sheet. <u>You must sign the affirmation on the transmission sheet before faxing.</u>	If you choose to mail your ballot, you will print the packet, which includes your TRANSMISSION SHEET, FPCA, ENVELOPE TEMPLATE, and BALLOT. Sign the affirmation on the FPCA and Transmission Sheet, then mail the packet to the address listed on the envelope template. Using the envelope template ensures that your materials can be mailed postage free when mailed from any U.S. Postal Service facility. <u>You must sign the transmission sheet and FPCA before mailing.</u>			
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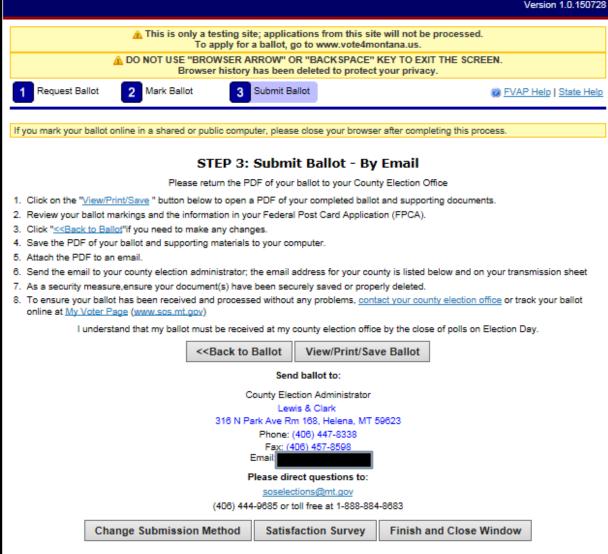
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Official Election Materials - Transmission Sheet



This transmission sheet must be faxed with your ballot

To:						
Date	December 16, 2015					
County	Lewis & Clark County Election Office					
Contact	Paulette DeHart County Election Administrator					
Address	316 N Park Ave Rm 168					
Fax Number	(406) 457-8598					
Phone	(406) 447-8338					
Email Address						
From:						
Last Name						
First Name						
Middle Name						
Telephone Number						
Fax Number						
Email Address						
Date of Birth						
Drivers License#						
Last four of SSN#						
Updated Mailing Address (if applicable)						

I, Casey Hayes affirm the following:

1. I am qualified to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

2. I am registered to vote in Montana or am entitled to vote in this election because of special provisions;

3. I have not voted another ballot for this election;

4. I understand that attempting to vote more than once is a violation of Montana election laws;

5. I understand that failure to complete the required information below will invalidate my ballot;

6. I understand that by choosing to mark my ballot via Montana's Electronic Absentee System, my ballot will not be secret in that it will be received by the election administrator and transcribed to an original ballot by a panel of no less than two election judges.

Signature of elector (must be signed)

Date

Instructions:

Fax this cover sheet, your FPCA, and your marked ballot to the fax number provided above for your county election office.
 Track your ballot online at My Voter Page (www.sos.mt.gov) to ensure your ballot has been received and processed.
 Contact your county election office with any questions using the contact information provided above.

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, MT

November 04, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

 TO VOTE, BLACKEN (
) THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or on the ballot issue.

2. To write in a name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the

blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote

3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

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AMANDA CURTIS (DEMOCRAT)

STEVE DAINES (REPUBLICAN)
 ROGER ROOTS (LIBERTARIAN)

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)

MIKE FELLOWS (LIBERTARIAN)

JOHN LEWIS (DEMOCRAT)

RYAN ZINKE (REPUBLICAN)

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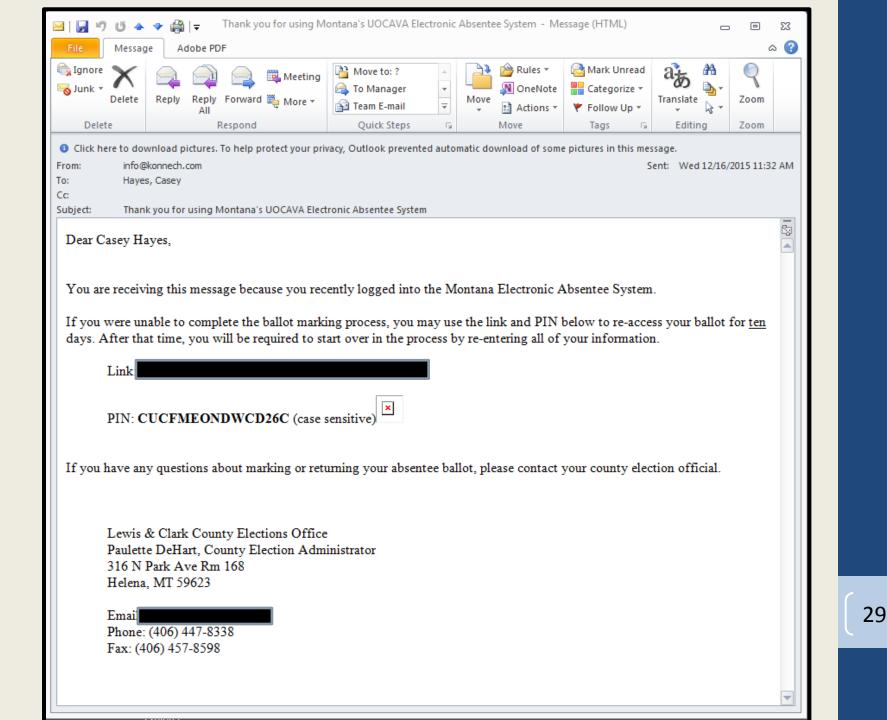
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UOCAVA & MT Votes

- How are UOCAVA voters identified in MT Votes?
 - Absentee Type:
 - Military Overseas
 - Military Domestic
 - Civilian Overseas

Adding UOCAVA Absentee Status in MT Votes

In order to add an Absentee Request for UOCAVA voters, you must choose an **Absentee Status** (a).

After you choose a Status, you can click the **Add** button (b).

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Adding UOCAVA Absentee Type in MT Votes

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Tracking Log & Reporting

- Tips and Tricks:
 - Review the log prior to the 45th day to become familiar with what needs to be tracked.
 - Fill in UOCAVA log as you receive and send, rather than just after the election.
 - Use MT Votes reports as much as possible.
 - EX-E01 or E-001
 - Receipt ballots into MT Votes as soon as they are received.
 - Keep all of your records/correspondence relating to UOCAVA.
- Reporting due to SOS
 - In 2016, reporting is due on June 20th and November 21st.
 - The accuracy of these logs ensures the accuracy of the Federal Report.

Voter FAQs

- Q: Can someone who is not registered to vote use the EAS?
- A: Yes. The EAS allows any person who affirms qualifications and eligibility under UOCAVA to access a ballot (provided that person's residence address can be matched with a ballot type).
- Q: The system is unable to identify a ballot style for the voter's residence. What should they do?
- A: In a few rare cases, the EAS cannot match a voter's residence to the correct ballot style. Check that the voter has entered the residence information in correctly. If they still have problems, contact the Montana Secretary of State's Office.
- Q: How do voters sign their ballot if they are returning their materials by email?
- A: Voters submitting their materials via email can sign their coversheet electronically with their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Voter FAQs (Cont.)

- Q: How will voters know the ballot has been received?
- A: Voters can track their ballot online at My Voter Page, or contact their county election administrator.
- Q: When do voters have to submit their ballot?
- A: Their ballot must be submitted to their county election office by the close of polls on election day (8:00 pm Mountain Time).
- Q: Who should voters contact with additional questions or concerns about the EAS?
- A: Contact the Secretary of State's Office (406) 444-7911, toll free 888-884-8683, or <u>soselections@mt.gov</u>.

Election Administrator FAQs

- Can a voter cast a ballot in-person where he/she is stationed?
 - Military members may vote in the U.S. State or territory where they are stationed if they change their voting residence to that State or territory, even if they live on a military installation.
- What if a UOCAVA covered voter from another State wants to apply for a ballot using an FPCA through our office?
 - If a UOCAVA voter whose voting residence is in another State wants to apply for an FPCA through your office, you can provide the voter with a blank form <u>but should clarify that he/she will</u> <u>need to submit the form and cast a ballot in the voter's home</u> <u>State of residence.</u>

Election Administrator FAQs (Cont.)

- What is a "voting residence"?
 - For voting purposes, "voting residence" can be the State or territory where the voter last resided prior to entering military service OR the State or territory that the voter has since registered to vote in.
 - Even though the voter may no longer maintain formal ties to a residence, the address determines the voter's proper voting jurisdiction. Military personnel and their eligible family members may change their voting residence when they change their permanent duty stations, or they may retain their voting residence without change. This may mean that the family's Uniformed Service member has a different voting residence than his/her family members.

Election Administrator FAQs (Cont.)

- Should I accept FPCAs received after the MOVE Act's 45-day deadline for sending ballots?
 - Yes. You should accept all FPCAs submitted before your State's absentee ballot request deadline for *UOCAVA* voters and send out a ballot as quickly as possible.
- Which should I count if a voter submitted both a State absentee ballot and a FWAB?
 - When both a State absentee ballot and a FWAB are submitted prior to the State ballot-receipt deadline, the State absentee ballot should be counted.
- Can the MOVE Act's 45-day deadline be moved from Saturday to Monday?
 - No. The 45-day deadline for a Tuesday election will fall on a Saturday; there is no provision in federal law for that deadline to slip to the next business day. In fact, it moves to Friday.

Outreach

Federal Voting Assistance Program

- https://www.fvap.gov/
- FVAP offers electronic Voter Alerts timely emails that keep voters informed about election dates, important deadlines throughout the absentee voting process, changes to State laws that affect how voters may request and cast their ballots, and other crucial absentee voting information.

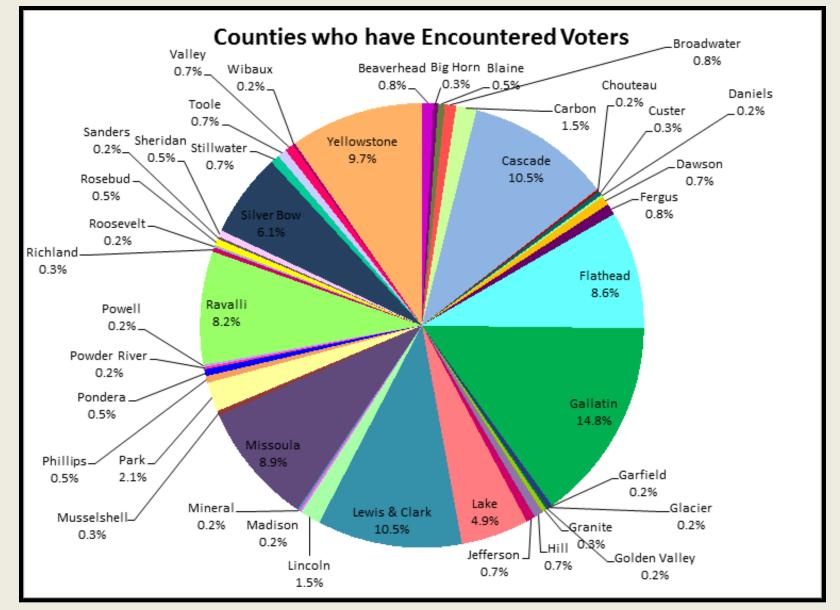
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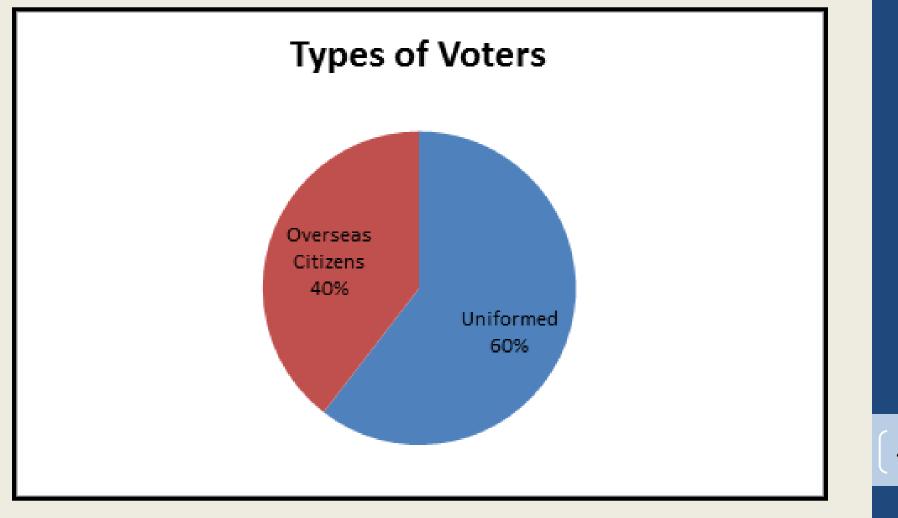
- <u>http://sosmt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas/index.asp</u>
- Links to EAS and MVP sites
- Voter FAQs

Best Practices

- Assign a UOCAVA specialist in your office.
 - Duties might include:
 - Receipt in ballots
 - Remember: UOCAVA Voters must be able to track ballot status on My Voter page.
 - Regularly log into the EAS and fix any issues that might come up for your county
 - Report tracking
 - Reach out to UOCAVA voters
- Update UOCAVA information as it comes in.
 - Receipt in ballots
 - Input data into tracking log

- 607 voters logged onto the EAS in 2014.
 - 575 voters generated a ballot.
- The last week leading up to the 2014 general election, 238 voters used the EAS.
- In 2014, Blaine, Chouteau, Daniels, Garfield, Glacier, Granite, Powder River, Powell, Roosevelt and Sanders encountered their first EAS users.





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• **Statement:** *Please tell us what you like about obtaining your ballot online.*

Responses:

- "I don't have to mail it, and I can just do it online."
- "Very easy to complete from an overseas location!"
- "Makes it easy, giving me more time to research my position on the issues instead of struggling to figure out how to cast my votes."
- "It is so very easy and convenient."
- "Very easy to do, I am very busy, being military and away from home, and voting would be very difficult otherwise."
- "Could do it at work with military."
- "I am in the military. The first time I voted by e-mail from Afghanistan. This time I voted from Texas. Thanks for making it easier for me to stay connected and vote in my state of residence."
- "I'm serving in the Army overseas so this method is just easier than a mail in ballot."
- "I did have to call in to figure out the system but it worked pretty well."
- "This allowed me to vote easily even though I am deployed overseas."

Statement: Please tell us how the State should improve this method of delivering ballots on-line.

Responses:

- "Maintain voting secrecy. I don't want election officials to know who I voted for. Also, make submitting ballots more convenient. I don't want to download, then email my ballot, and then have to call them again to check."
- "This was simple to understand and complete, no issues."
- "I can't think of anything. You guys did a really great job! I am especially proud to be a Montanan today."
- "Nothing comes to mind right now."
- "Not sure how to confirm."
- "Provide links to be able to research the candidates so the voters can be better informed."
- "Extend the 60 minute time-out..."

Montana Voters Accessed EAS in 57 Countries in 2014

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Czech
 Republic
- Denmark
- Dominica
- Ecuador

- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Glialia
- Guam
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- India
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Korea
- Kyrgyzstan

- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Portugal
- Romania
- Rwanda
- Serbia
- Singapore
- Spain

- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

Important Dates to Remember

- April 22, 2016
 - Send ballots to UOCAVA voters for primary election.
- April 25, 2016
 - Last day to certify with SOS that UOCAVA ballots were sent.
- June 13, 2016
 - Deadline to receive electronically submitted ballots and FWABs that were sent by 8:00 pm on election day.
- June 20, 2016
 - Completed UOCAVA tracking log due to SOS.
- September 23, 2016
 - Send ballots to UOCAVA voters for primary election.
- September 26, 2016
 - Last day to certify with SOS that UOCAVA ballots were sent.
- November 14, 2016
 - Deadline to receive electronically submitted ballots and FWABs that were sent by 8:00 pm on election day.
- November 21, 2016
 - Completed UOCAVA tracking log due to SOS.

QUESTIONS?