



## 2018 Montana Secretary of State EAS Overview

### THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) created special provisions to make registering to vote, obtaining, returning, and tracking absentee ballots easier for members of the armed forces, their families and overseas U.S. citizens who are absent from their Montana voting residence.

### ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM (EAS)

The EAS provides Montana voters covered under UOCAVA with a one-stop online service to seamlessly prepare voter registration materials and mark their ballot.

### UOCAVA Voters

Montana residents covered under UOCAVA are most commonly identified as one of the following who are absent from their place of residence:

- Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty
- Spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty
- U.S. citizen residing outside the United States

### AVAILABILITY

Montana residents covered under UOCAVA can access the EAS beginning 46 days before the 2018 Federal Elections.

Election	Election Day	EAS Availability
Primary	June 5, 2018	April 20, 2018 – June 5, 2018
General	November 6, 2018	September 21, 2018 – November 6, 2018

### DIRECTIONS

#### **Step 1: Request Ballot**

- Access the EAS from either:
  - The Secretary of State’s website: [sosmt.gov/Elections/Military\\_Overseas](http://sosmt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas)
  - The EAS website: <https://www.vote4montana.us/>
- Complete the affirmation and user information.
- Follow the instructions for each step of the online service.

#### **Step 2: Mark Ballot**

- Mark your ballot selections.
- Review and confirm your ballot selections.

#### **Step 3: Submit Ballot**

- Select your ballot submission method:



- Depending on the return method you selected, save or print your marked ballot and related materials.
- If returning by **email**, you must first save as a PDF, then attach to an email. Ensure your identification number (MT driver’s license number OR last four of social security number) are included on the cover sheet.
- If returning by **fax** or **mail**, ensure that your cover sheet includes your signature.
- Return your ballot and supporting documents to your [Montana county election office](#).
- Track your ballot online at [My Voter Page](#) or contact your [Montana county election office](#).



### QUESTIONS?

For questions about your absentee ballot contact your [Montana county election office](#).

For questions about the EAS contact the Secretary of State at [soselections@mt.gov](mailto:soselections@mt.gov) or toll free at (888)884-8683.