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## 2024 MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE EAS OVERVIEW

### The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act Electronic Absentee System (EAS)

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

**UOCAVA** created special provisions to make registering to vote and obtaining, returning, and tracking absentee ballots easier for members of the armed forces, their families, and overseas U.S. citizens 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 prepare voter registration materials and mark their ballots seamlessly.

#### 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 Service 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 **45** days before the 2024 Federal Elections.

| Election | Election Day     | EAS Availability                    |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Primary  | June 4, 2024     | April 19, 2024-June 4, 2024         |
| General  | November 5, 2024 | September 20, 2024-November 5, 2024 |

#### DIRECTIONS

A step-by-step guide to filling out your UOCAVA ballot can be found [here](#). The basic steps are:

- Step 1: Fill out the [FPCA](#) form.
- Step 2: Request your ballot.
- Step 3: Mark your ballot selections.
- Step 4: Submit your ballot.

#### QUESTIONS?

For questions about the status of your ballot go to [My Voter Information](#).

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

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