

ARKANSAS

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sosweb.state.ar.us

Link to state election website is also available through FVAP website at www.fvap.gov

Presidential Primary Date: February 5, 2008

State Primary Date: May 20, 2008

State Runoff Primary Date: June 10, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary	General Election
Registration	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Ballot Request	January 29, 2008	May 13, 2008	June 3, 2008	October 28, 2008
Ballot Return	Signed, dated and postmarked by: February 5, 2008 Received by: February 15, 2008	May 20, 2008	June 10, 2008	November 14, 2008

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Note: Election dates and information are current as of July 2007. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

*Special conditions may apply; check the following pages for details.

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Circled letters on the form below correspond to the instructions on the following page. You must complete all shaded areas.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)				SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
c. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y Y Y		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		
h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)				i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			
j. EMAIL ADDRESS							

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (For military, use legal residence. For overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.) (Required)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)							
b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			c. COUNTY		d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE	

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)				b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (Complete 4.b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.a.)			
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	<input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL	

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots — see instructions for Block 6 paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

7. AFFIRMATION (required)

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

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
- 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 have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or 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 U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- The information on this form is true 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.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Witness/Notary and address (if required))

SAMPLE FORM

I. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FPCA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.** Circled letters correspond to the circled letters on the sample form on the preceding page.

- A Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Arkansas voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 6. For example: “on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station.” This address must be different from the one provided in Block 4 and must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.
- B Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Block 3.
- C Block 4.c:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. Arkansas does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. See Section II.D. or III.D.
- D Block 5: If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican). Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. State your political party preference each time you request an absentee ballot for a primary election.
- E Block 6:** Submission of this form serves as a request to receive ballots for all Federal elections held through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If you do not wish to receive ballots for that length of time, you may request a ballot for each election for Federal office held in the next election year OR a ballot for only the next scheduled election for Federal office by noting your choice here.
- F Block 7:** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

II. UNIFORMED SERVICES

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Arkansas and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine,

commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

Registration is waived.

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter Two).

To request an absentee ballot, mail or fax a completed FPCA to the local election official so that it arrives not later than 7 days before the election. You may also use a letter or postcard which contains substantially the same information as the FPCA. If application is delivered by designated bearer, it must be received by close of business on the day before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Your ballot must be executed not later than the date of the election and returned to the local election official so that it arrives by **5:00 p.m ten calendar days after the election.**

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 25 days before an election.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.** See instructions in Chapter Two.

C. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Arkansas allows you to send the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Arkansas does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Arkansas does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix B for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

(from U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands only)

International toll-free fax numbers

(See inside back cover)

E. Special State Write-In Absentee Ballot

Arkansas provides a “Special Runoff Ballot” for primary and general elections only. The Special Runoff Ballot allows the voter to vote in a runoff at the same time the voter votes in the primary or general election by ranking candidates by preference. The “Special Runoff Ballot” shall be sent along with the regular ballot to active duty military personnel stationed overseas and other overseas citizens who apply for an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application or the Arkansas application for absentee ballot provided by county clerks. The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot may also be used, but should be marked to indicate “Special Runoff Ballot.”

F. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of crimes of felonies, unless the sentence has been pardoned or discharged; persons having been adjudged mentally incompetent specifically as to the right to vote by a court of competent jurisdiction; persons who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years of age on or before election day, may not register or vote.

G. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled when a voter fails to vote in two (2) consecutive Federal elections and fails to respond to a notice of cancellation. However, registration is waived for citizens defined in Sections II & III.

H. Action If Registration or Absentee Ballot Request Is Denied

A registration notice is sent. If Arkansas rejects your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Arkansas shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Arkansas and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Arkansas.

- citizens of the U.S. temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
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Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk** in the county of your legal voting residence, as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Arkansas	Arkansas County Clerk 101 Court Square Dewitt, AR 72042-2050
Ashley	Ashley County Clerk 215 East Jefferson Street Hamburg, AR 71646-3007
Baxter	Baxter County Clerk #1 E. Seventh Street Mountain Home, AR 72653-4468
Benton	Benton County Clerk 215 East Central Bentonville, AR 72712-5373
Boone	Boone County Clerk 100 North Main Street Harrison, AR 72601-4228
Bradley	Bradley County Clerk 101 East Cedar Street Warren, AR 71671-2744
Calhoun	Calhoun County Clerk PO Box 1175 Hampton, AR 71744-1175
Carroll	Carroll County Clerk 210 West Church Street Berryville, AR 72616-4222
Chicot	Chicot County Clerk 108 Main Street Lake Village, AR 71653-1965
Clark	Clark County Clerk 401 Clay Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923-6100
Clay	Clay County Clerk 151 South Second Avenue Piggot, AR 72454-2618
Cleburne	Cleburne County Clerk 301 West Main Street Heber Springs, AR 72543-3016
Cleveland	Cleveland County Clerk PO Box 368 Rison, AR 71665-0368
Columbia	Columbia County Clerk 1 Court Square Magnolia, AR 71753-3599
Conway	Conway County Clerk 117 South Moose Street Morrilton, AR 72110-3400
Craighead	Craighead County Clerk 511 South Main Street Jonesboro, AR 72491-2849

County	Mailing Address
Crawford	Crawford County Clerk 300 Main Street Van Buren, AR 72965-5765
Crittenden	Crittenden County Clerk 100 Court Square Marion, AR 72364-1850
Cross	Cross County Clerk 705 East Union Street Wynne, AR 72396-3039
Dallas	Dallas County Clerk 206 West Third Street Fordyce, AR 71742-3250
Desha	Desha County Clerk PO Box 218 Arkansas City, AR 71630-0218
Drew	Drew County Clerk 210 South Main Street Monticello, AR 71655-4731
Faulkner	Faulkner County Clerk 801 Locust Street Conway, AR 72034-5358
Franklin	Franklin County Clerk 211 West Commerical Ozark, AR 72949-3213
Fulton	Fulton County Clerk PO Box 485 Salem, AR 72576-9473
Garland	Garland County Clerk 501 Ouachita Street Hot Springs, AR 71901-5161
Grant	Grant County Clerk 103 West Center Street Sheridan, AR 72150-2493
Greene	Greene County Clerk 320 West Court Street Paragould, AR 72450-4300
Hempstead	Hempstead County Clerk 400 South Washington Street Hope, AR 71801-5045
Hot Spring	Hot Spring County Clerk 210 Locust Streets Malvern, AR 72104-3791
Howard	Howard County Clerk 421 North Main Street Nashville, AR 71852-2008
Independence	Independence County Clerk 192 East Main Street Batesville, AR 72501-5510
Izard	Izard County Clerk PO Box 95 Melbourne, AR 72556-0095
Jackson	Jackson County Clerk 208 Main Street Newport, AR 72112-3329
Jefferson	Jefferson County Clerk 100 East Barraque Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601-4318
Johnson	Johnson County Clerk 215 West Main Street Clarksville, AR 72830-3009
Lafayette	Lafayette County Clerk 3rd and Spruce Streets Lewisville, AR 71845-8801
Lawrence	Lawrence County Clerk 315 West Main Walnut Ridge, AR 72476-1937
Lee	Lee County Clerk 15 East Chestnut Street Marianna, AR 72360-2342
Lincoln	Lincoln County Clerk 300 South Drew Street Star City, AR 71667-5104
Little River	Little River County Clerk 351 North Second Ashdown, AR 71822-2747
Logan	Logan County Clerk 25 West Walnut Street Paris, AR 72855-3239

County	Mailing Address
Lonoke	Lonoke County Clerk 301 North Center Street Lonoke, AR 72086-2890
Madison	Madison County Clerk PO Box 37 Huntsville, AR 72740-0037
Marion	Marion County Clerk PO Box 385 Yellville, AR 72687-0385
Miller	Miller County Clerk 400 Laural Street Texarkana, AR 71854-5249
Mississippi	Mississippi County Clerk 200 West Walnut Street Blytheville, AR 72315-2831
Monroe	Monroe County Clerk 123 Madison Clarendon, AR 72029-2742
Montgomery	Montgomery County Clerk PO Box 369 Mount Ida, AR 71957-0369
Nevada	Nevada County Clerk 215 East 2nd Street, South Prescott, AR 71857-2136
Newton	Newton County Clerk PO Box 410 Jasper, AR 72641-0410
Ouachita	Ouachita County Clerk 145 Jefferson Street Camden, AR 71701-3994
Perry	Perry County Clerk 310 West Main Street Perryville, AR 72126
Phillips	Phillips County Clerk 620 Cherry Street Helena, AR 72342-3306
Pike	Pike County Clerk PO Box 219 Murfreesboro, AR 71958-0219
Poinsett	Poinsett County Clerk 401 Market Street Harrisburg, AR 72432-1900
Polk	Polk County Clerk 507 Church Avenue, Mena, AR 71953-3258
Pope	Pope County Clerk 100 West Main Street Russellville, AR 72801-3723
Prairie	Prairie County Clerk PO Box 1011 Des Arc, AR 72040-1011

County	Mailing Address
Pulaski	Pulaski County Clerk 201 South Broadway Little Rock, AR 72201
Randolph	Randolph County Clerk 107 West Broadway Pocahontas, AR 72455-3412
Saint Francis	Saint Francis County Clerk 313 South IZard Street Forest City, AR 72335-3856
Saline	Saline County Clerk 200 North Main Street Benton, AR 72015-3781
Scott	Scott County Clerk 100 West First Street Waldron, AR 72958-7103
Searcy	Searcy County Clerk PO Box 998 Marshall, AR 72650-0998
Sebastian	Sebastian County Clerk 35 South Sixth Street Fort Smith, AR 72901-2442
Sevier	Sevier County Clerk 115 North Third Street De Queen, AR 71832-2852
Sharp	Sharp County Clerk 718 Ash Flat Drive Ash Flat, AR 72513-9103
Stone	Stone County Clerk 107 West Main Street Mountain View, AR 72560-9610
Union	Union County Clerk 101 N. Washington Street El Dorado, AR 71730-5661
Van Buren	Van Buren County Clerk 451 Main Street Clinton, AR 72031-6905
Washington	Washington County Clerk 280 North College Avenue Fayetteville, AR 72701-4279
White	White County Clerk 300 North Spruce Searcy, AR 72143-7720
Woodruff	Woodruff County Clerk 500 North Third Street Augusta, AR 72006-2020
Yell	Yell County Clerk PO Box 219 Danville, AR 72833-0219

Participate in 2008!

by Anna Saucier