

ALABAMA

Absentee Voting Guide

FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

Website: www.sos.state.al.us

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

Presidential Preference Primary Date: February 5, 2008

State Primary Date: June 3, 2008

State Runoff Primary Date: July 15, 2008

General Election Date: November 4, 2008

DEADLINES FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES*	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	General Election
Registration	January 25, 2008	May 23, 2008	July 3, 2008	October 24, 2008
Ballot Request	If registered: January 31, 2008 Not registered: January 25, 2008	If registered: May 29, 2008 Not registered: May 23, 2008	If registered: July 10, 2008 Not registered: July 3, 2008	If registered: October 30, 2008 Not registered: October 24, 2008
Ballot Return	February 5, 2008**	June 3, 2008**	July 22, 2008***	November 4, 2008**

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

**Postmarked by the day prior to election day and received by noon on election day.

***Postmarked by election day

State information is current as of June 2008. Check the state election website above, the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, or contact your Voting Assistance Officer for updates.

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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 M F **A** d. RACE _____ e. DATE OF BIRTH _____ f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER _____ **B**

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** c. COUNTY _____ d. STATE _____ e. ZIP CODE _____

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required) _____ **D**

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: **E** MAIL FAX EMAIL

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

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.)

 _____ **G**

7. AFFIRMATION (required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:
 1. 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
 2. 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
 3. 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
 4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
 5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
 6. 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: _____ **H** Date: _____ M M D D Y Y Y Y Signed: _____ Date: _____ M M D D Y Y Y Y (Witness/Notary and address (if required))

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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 2.d:** You are requested to fill out this box. This information is requested from some states by the Department of Justice in its enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: AI = American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP = Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B = Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H = Hispanic; M = Multi-racial; NH = Native Hawaiian; W = White, not of Hispanic Origin; O = Other.
- B Block 2.f and 2.g:** The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Alabama Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the state shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C Block 3.a through 3.e:** Provide the complete street address of your Alabama 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."
- D Block 4.a:** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address.
- E Block 4.c:** This form acts as a request for a mailed absentee ballot only. Alabama does not allow you to receive or return the absentee ballot electronically. See Section II.D. or III.D.
- F 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) or write "none" in Block 5 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.
- G 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.

- H 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 Alabama 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

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

To register and apply for an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA so that it arrives not later than ten days before the election.

If you are registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA so that it arrives not less than five days before the election.

B. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: An absentee ballot returned by mail must be **postmarked** no later than the day **prior to the election.** The absentee ballot must be **received by the absentee election manager by noon on election day** if the ballot is mailed.

Absentee ballots in the primary runoff may be postmarked up to election day. These ballots may be accepted up to seven days after the election.

Local absentee election managers begin mailing ballots 40 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

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Returning a Ballot: The absentee ballot return envelope contains an affidavit which must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, notary or other person authorized to administer oaths, or two witnesses (18 years or older).

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Alabama does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

E. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a disqualifying felony (unless civil rights restored), or judged mentally incompetent (unless disabilities removed) may not register or vote.

F. Cancellation of Registration

Persons may be stricken from the voter list if they no longer possess the qualifications for voting.

G. Action on Registration Requests

A registration certificate is sent.

H. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Alabama shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

III. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

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

- persons employed or studying outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- spouses and dependents of the above (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only)

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IV. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **Circuit Clerk** as listed below:

County	Mailing Address
Autauga	Autauga County Circuit Clerk PO Box 681450 Prattville, AL 36068
Baldwin	Absentee Election Manager 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 27 Bay Minette, AL 36507
Barbour	Barbour County Circuit Clerk PO Box 219 Clayton, AL 36016-0219
Bibb	Bibb County Circuit Clerk PO Box 185 Centreville, AL 35042
Blount	Blount County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 220 Second Avenue, E. Room 208 Oneonta, AL 35121
Bullock	Bullock County Circuit Clerk PO Box 230 Union Springs, AL 36089
Butler	Butler County Circuit Clerk PO Box 236 Greenville, AL 36037
Calhoun	Calhoun County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 25 W. 11th Street, Suite 300 Anniston, AL 36201
Chambers	Chambers County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 2 Lafayette Street South Lafayette, AL 36862
Cherokee	Cherokee County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 100 Main Street, Room 203 Centre, AL 35960
Chilton	Chilton County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1946 Clanton, AL 35046
Choctaw	Choctaw County Circuit Clerk PO Box 428 Butler, AL 36904
Clarke	Clarke County Circuit Clerk PO Box 921 Grove Hill, AL 36451
Clay	Clay County Circuit Clerk PO Box 816 Ashland, AL 36251
Cleburne	Cleburne County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse, Room 202 120 Vickery Street Heflin, AL 36264
Coffee	Coffee County Circuit Clerk 230 M Court Avenue Elba, AL 36323
Colbert	Colbert County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 201 N. Main St. Tuscumbia, AL 35674
Conecuh	Conecuh County Circuit Clerk 111 Court St., Room 203 Evergreen, AL 36401
Coosa	Coosa County Circuit Clerk PO Box 98 Rockford, AL 35136
Covington	Covington County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 1-K North Court Square Andalusia, AL 36420

County	Mailing Address
Crenshaw	Crenshaw County Circuit Clerk PO Box 167 Luverne, AL 36049
Cullman	Cullman County Circuit Clerk Courthouse Room 303 500 2nd Ave. SW Cullman, AL 35055
Dale	Dale County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1350 Ozark, AL 36361
Dallas	Dallas County Circuit Clerk PO Box 327 Selma, AL 36702
DeKalb	DeKalb County Circuit Clerk PO Box 681149 Fort Payne, AL 35968
Elmore	Elmore County Circuit Clerk PO Box 310 Wetumpka, AL 36092
Escambia	Escambia County Circuit Clerk PO Box 856 Brewton, AL 36427
Etowah	Etowah County Circuit Clerk Judicial Building, Suite 202 801 Forrest Avenue Gadsden, AL 35901
Fayette	Fayette County Circuit Clerk PO Box 906 Fayette, AL 35555
Franklin	Franklin County Circuit Clerk PO Box 160 Russellville, AL 35653
Geneva	Geneva County Circuit Clerk PO Box 86 Geneva, AL 36340
Greene	Greene County Circuit Clerk PO Box 307 Eutaw, AL 35462
Hale	Hale County Circuit Clerk PO Box 99 Greensboro, AL 36744
Henry	Henry County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 101 W. Court Square, Suite J Abbeville, AL 36310
Houston	Houston County Circuit Clerk PO Drawer 6406 Dothan, AL 36302
Jackson	Jackson County Circuit Clerk PO Box 459 Scottsboro, AL 35768
Jefferson - Bessemer	Jefferson County Circuit Clerk - Bessemer Division 606 Courthouse Annex 1801 3rd Ave. N Bessemer, AL 35020
Jefferson - Birmingham	Jefferson County Circuit Clerk - Birmingham Division Courthouse, Room 400 716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd., N. Birmingham, AL 35203
Lamar	Lamar County Circuit Clerk PO Box 434 Vernon, AL 35592
Lauderdale	Lauderdale County Circuit Clerk PO Box 795 Florence, AL 35631
Lawrence	Lawrence County Circuit Clerk PO Box 249 Moulton, AL 35650
Lee	Lee County Circuit Clerk Lee County Justice Center, Room 104 2311 Gateway Drive Opelika, AL 36801
Limestone	Limestone County Circuit Clerk 1st Floor Courthouse 200 Washington Street, W. Athens, AL 35611
Lowndes	Lowndes County Circuit Clerk PO Box 876 Hayneville, AL 36040

County	Mailing Address
Macon	Macon County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 101 E. Northside Street Tuskegee, AL 36083
Madison	Madison County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 100 Northside Square Huntsville, AL 35801
Marengo	Marengo County Circuit Clerk PO Box 480566 Linden, AL 36748
Marion	Marion County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1595 Hamilton, AL 35570
Marshall	Marshall County Circuit Clerk 424 Blount Avenue, Suite 201 Guntersville, AL 35976
Mobile	Mobile County Circuit Clerk 205 Government Plaza, Suite C-913 Mobile, AL 36644
Monroe	Monroe County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 65 N. Alabama Avenue Monroeville, AL 36460
Montgomery	Elections Director 125 Washington Ave. Montgomery, AL 36104
Morgan	Morgan County Circuit Clerk PO Box 668, 4th Floor Decatur, AL 35602
Perry	Perry County Circuit Clerk PO Box 505 Marion AL 36756
Pickens	Pickens County Circuit Clerk PO Box 418 Carrollton, AL 35447
Pike	Pike County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1147 Troy, AL 36081

County	Mailing Address
Randolph	Randolph County Circuit Clerk PO Box 328 Wedowee, AL 36278
Russell	Russell County Circuit Clerk PO Box 518 Phenix City, AL 36868
St. Clair	St. Clair County Circuit Clerk 100 6th Ave, Suite 400 Ashville, AL 35953
Shelby	Shelby County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1810 Columbiana, AL 35051
Sumter	Sumter County Circuit Clerk PO Box 936 Livingston, AL 35470
Talladega	Talladega County Circuit Clerk PO Box 6137 Talladega, AL 35161
Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa County Circuit Clerk County Courthouse 125 N. Broadnax Street, Room 132 Dadeville, AL 36853
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Circuit Clerk PO Box 038993 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
Walker	Walker County Circuit Clerk PO Box 1389 Jasper, AL 35502
Washington	Washington County Circuit Clerk PO Box 548 Chatom, AL 36518
Wilcox	Wilcox County Circuit Clerk PO Box 608 Camden, AL 36726
Winston	Winston County Circuit Clerk PO Box 309 Double Springs, AL 35553

Service to the nation includes your vote!

by Patrick David Masters, DAFC